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## AGENDA

**WORKING GROUP**  
**Tuesday, September 6, 2022**  
**2:30 p.m.**

### **Remote Meeting**

DRCOG is hosting this meeting remotely (no in-person option).

Please register and join the meeting using this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join-link>

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Election of Vice-Chair**
- 3. Informational Briefings**
  - Colorado EV Equity Study and Tools*  
Zahra Al-Saloom, Associate Program Manager, Colorado Energy Office
  - Montbello Connector Microtransit Pilot*  
Lily Lizarraga, Senior City Planner, City and County of Denver  
Stephen Rijo, Principal City Planner, City and County of Denver
- 4. USDOT Funding Opportunity Coordination:**  
*Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program*  
Group Discussion
- 5. Partner Agency Updates and Other Matters**
- 6. Next Meeting: October 4**

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**WORKING GROUP**  
**Tuesday, August 2, 2022**  
**2:30 p.m.**

**Denver Regional Council of Governments**  
**held remotely via Zoom**

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**Attendees**

Clara Bechtel, RTD  
Steve Cook, DRCOG  
Jay Decker, City and County of Denver  
Matt Duncan, City of Lakewood  
Ellen Eberst, Maxx Impact Group  
Jim Fox, Arapahoe County  
Andy Geleske, CDOT  
Ben Gellman, CDOT  
Jason Green, Northern Colorado Clean  
Cities  
William Haas, FHWA  
Kristin Kenyon, FTA  
Michael King, CDOT  
Alex Larson, Olsson  
Emily Lindsey, DRCOG  
Greg MacKinnon, DRCOG  
Carly Macias, HDR

Aditi Misra, University of Colorado, Denver  
Lisa Nguyen, Denver International Airport  
Carson Priest, Smart Commute Metro North  
Chris Primus, HDR  
Flo Raitano, DRCOG  
Josh Schwenk, DRCOG  
Josh Sperling, NREL  
Robert Spotts, DRCOG  
Karl Packer, Arapahoe County  
Jeffrey Prillwitz, CDOT  
Lisa Streisfeld, CDOT  
Tyler Svitak, Colorado Smart City Alliance  
Kellee Van Bruggen, City of Arvada  
Melanie Ward, City of Centennial  
Brian Welch, RTD  
Tom Worker-Braddock, City of Aurora  
Sina Zhen, CDOT

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Emily Lindsey, Chair, welcomed attendees to the Advanced Mobility Partnership (AMP) Working Group.

**2. Informational Briefings**

*Colorado National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Plan*

Mike King, CDOT, gave an update on CDOT's NEVI Plan.<sup>1</sup> The NEVI program, created as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), includes \$5 billion in formula funds for Level 3 or Direct Current Fast Chargers to build long-distance travel corridors across the country. Colorado is slated to receive \$8,368,277 in 2023 as part of the program. States were required to submit an electric vehicle (EV) Infrastructure Deployment Plan by August 1, 2022. Colorado's plan was submitted on time and is currently under review.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.codot.gov/programs/innovativemobility/electrification/nevi-plan>



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Under NEVI, chargers must be located within 1 mile of federally-designated EV corridors, of which Colorado has 13, spaced no more than 50 miles apart, and provide a minimum of 150kW charging for 4 vehicles simultaneously. Priority goes to rural areas and disproportionately impacted communities, as well as to freight movement. Colorado's NEVI plan looks to fill gaps along the EV corridors, upgrade existing stations to meet NEVI standards, creating additional stations in denser areas, and building charging infrastructure for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles.

Next steps include an interagency agreement with the Colorado Energy Office (CEO) allowing CEO to manage the grants on CDOT's behalf. Staff will begin engaging with stakeholders and communities to determine how to determine benefits and identify sites. CDOT anticipates the first request for applications for NEVI funding in late 2022 or early 2023. The plan is anticipated to be updated annually to take into account changes in the market, technologies, and stakeholder input.

#### *CDOT Pegasus Service*

Ben Gellman, CDOT, gave an overview of CDOT's new Bustang Pegasus<sup>2</sup> service. Pegasus was approved by the Transportation Commission in April 2021, with service launching Memorial Day weekend 2022 as a weekend express service, and supplements the Bustang West Line which has very high ridership. Ridership has continued to increase approximately 50% each week exceeding 600 riders 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, and eight additional vehicles are anticipated to be added this fiscal year. This fall, service will be expanded to daily trips, including 5 roundtrips each weekday and 12 roundtrips on weekends.

### **3. USDOT Funding Opportunity Coordination**

#### *Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program*

Josh Schwenk, DRCOG, gave an overview of a federal discretionary grant program through the US Department of Transportation focused on demonstration projects for smart city technologies that improve transportation efficiency and safety. The SMART<sup>3</sup> Notice of Funding Opportunity is anticipated in September, with an expected due date in November, and \$100 million is available for the first round, entirely devoted to planning & prototyping activities. Future rounds will include both planning and implementation. Agencies are encouraged to begin considering problem statements, technology solutions, and partnerships now so that they are prepared once the NOFO is released. Anyone with questions or ideas for regional partnerships are encouraged to contact Ms. Lindsey for further discussions prior to the release of the NOFO.

<sup>2</sup> <https://ridebustang.com/pegasus/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SMART>





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#### 4. Partner Agency Updates and Other Matters

Greg MacKinnon, DRCOG, gave an update on the Regional Transportation Operations and Technology Strategic Plan which is expected to be released for review soon. Brian Welch, RTD, announced that the Reimagine RTD<sup>4</sup> System Optimization Plan was recently adopted by the RTD Board of Directors and that deliverables from the Mobility Plan for the Future should be released shortly. Lisa Streisfeld, CDOT, announced that a preferred vendor has been selected for the Chatfield State Park ebike program and the program is anticipated to launch this fall.

#### 5. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Ms. Lindsey thanked everyone for participating in the meeting. The next is September 6, 2022.

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.rtd-denver.com/reimagine>



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**DATE:** September 6, 2022  
**TO:** AMP Working Group  
**FROM:** Emily Lindsey, Active and Emerging Mobility Program Manager, DRCOG  
**SUBJECT:** Election of Vice Chair  
**ACTION:** Approve

### SUMMARY

At the March meeting of the AMP Working Group, partner agencies elected Emily Lindsey to serve as Chair for the 2022 calendar year. There were no candidates for vice chair at the meeting. The AMP Working Group has revisited this at several prior meetings and will again revisit this at their September meeting in hopes of filling the position for the remainder of the 2022 calendar year. The Vice Chair must be held by primary or alternate members from AMP partner agencies.

### ACTION

Move to elect the Vice Chair of the AMP Working Group for calendar year 2022.

### ATTACHMENTS

N/A

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information, please contact Emily Lindsey, DRCOG at [elindsey@drcog.org](mailto:elindsey@drcog.org).



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**DATE:** September 6, 2022  
**TO:** AMP Working Group  
**FROM:** Emily Lindsey, Active and Emerging Mobility Program Manager, DRCOG  
**SUBJECT:** Informational Briefings  
**ACTION:** Information

### SUMMARY

The AMP Working Group will have two informational briefings at the September meeting:

#### *Colorado Electric Vehicle Equity Tools*

Zahra Al-Saloom, Associate Program Manager at the Colorado Energy Office, will present on recently released Colorado EV Equity Tools.<sup>1</sup>

#### *Montbello Connector Microtransit Pilot*

Lily Lizarraga, Senior City Planner, and Stephen Rijo, Principal City Planner, both with the City and County of Denver, will present on the Montbello Connector a microtransit pilot.<sup>2</sup>

### ATTACHMENT(S)

N/A

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information please contact Emily Lindsey, Active and Emerging Mobility Program Manager, DRCOG at [elindsey@drcoq.org](mailto:elindsey@drcoq.org).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://energyoffice.colorado.gov/zero-emission-vehicles/ev-equity-dashboard>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Department-of-Transportation-and-Infrastructure/Programs-Services/Transit/Montbello-Connector>





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**DATE:** September 6, 2022  
**TO:** AMP Working Group  
**FROM:** Emily Lindsey, Active and Emerging Mobility Program Manager, DRCOG  
**SUBJECT:** USDOT Funding Opportunity Coordination  
**ACTION:** Discussion

### SUMMARY

The AMP Working Group will discuss an upcoming USDOT funding opportunity and regional coordination ahead of the anticipated release of the Notice of Funding Opportunity in September. The USDOT Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) grants program was established in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and includes \$100 million appropriated annually for fiscal years 2022-2026.

The focus of the SMART grants program is to “provide grants to eligible public sector agencies to conduct demonstration projects focused on advanced smart community technologies and systems in order to improve transportation efficiency and safety.”<sup>1</sup> AMP Working Group partners will discuss any potential collaborative project proposals and any potential agency-specific proposals to gain a better understanding of applications from the Denver region.

USDOT recently released a competitive grant program matrix which outlines many of the forthcoming funding opportunities.<sup>2</sup>

### ATTACHMENTS

N/A

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SMART>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/grant\\_programs.cfm](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/grant_programs.cfm)



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