

AGENDA
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGING
Friday, March 19, 2021
11:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Via Webinar

- 1 11:00 Call to Order and Introductions
- 2 11:05 Public Comment
Up to 45 minutes is allocated now for public comment and each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes. If there are additional requests from the public to address the Committee, time will be allocated at the end of the meeting to complete public comment.
- 3 11:20 Report of the Chair
- 4 11:30 Report of the AAA Director

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5 11:45 Move to Approve Consent Agenda
 - Minutes of February 19, 2021
(Attachment A-B)

Action Items

- 6 11:50 Approval of AAA Contractor Allocations for FY2021-2022
(Attachment C)

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFINGS

- 7 12:15 Wellness Fund Update
(Attachment D)
- 8 12:30 Legislative Update
(Attachment E)
- 9 12:45 Ombudsman Update
(Attachment F)



10 1:00 County Reports

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

11 **Next Meeting – April 16, 2021**

12 Other Matters by Members

13 1:15 Adjourn

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AAA Acronym Quick List

ACL/AOA	Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging
ACO	Accountable Care Organization
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
ADRC	Aging and Disability Resource Center
AHC	Accountable Health Communities
CAC	Citizens Advisory Committee
CASOA	Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults
CCT	Colorado Choice Transitions
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
COA	Council on Aging
DCOA	Denver Commission on Aging
DORA	Department of Regulatory Agencies
DOLA	Department of Local Affairs
DRMAC	Denver Regional Mobility and Access Council
ETS	Extended Transitions Services
F&B	Finance and Budget Committee
GIS	Geographic Information System
HB	House Bill
HCPF	Health Care Policy and Financing
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
I & A	Information and Assistance
JBC	Joint Budget Committee
LTC	Long Term Care
MIPPA	Medicare Improvement for Patient and Providers Act
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NASUAD	National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities
OAA	Older Americans Act
PACE	Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly
PHI	Personal Health Information
RFP	Request for Proposal
RFQ	Request for Qualifications
ROD	Record of Decision
RTC	Regional Transitions Committee (Aging)
RTC	Regional Transportation Committee*(Transportation)
SAPGA	Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging
SHIP	State Health Insurance Assistance Program
SMP	Senior Medicare Patrol
SRC	Seniors' Resource Center
SUA	State Unit on Aging
VDC	Veterans Directed Care
VOA	Volunteers of America

ATTACH A

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGING
MEETING SUMMARY
Friday, February 19, 2021**

Members Present

Anne Gross	Arapahoe County
Bob Brocker	At Large Denver
Bob Davis	City and County of Broomfield
Cary Johnson	Jefferson County
Cathy Noon	Arapahoe County
Chris Lynn	Jefferson County
Dawn Perez	Adams County
Donna Mullins	Jefferson County
Houston "Tex" Elam	At Large Arapahoe County
Jim Dale	DRCOG Board - Golden
Joan Peck	DRCOG Board - Longmont
Perla Gheiler	City and County of Denver
Phil Cernanec	At Large Arapahoe County
Sean Wood	Clear Creek
Wynne Shaw	DRCOG Board - Lone Tree

Guests Present

Debbi Haynie, Director Castle Rock Senior Center, Kristine Burrows, Jewish Family Services, Mary Thuyente, Valerie Robson, Douglas County

DRCOG Staff Present

AJ Diamontopoulos, AHC Manager, Alejandra Lerma, Case Manager, Alvin-Bidal Sanchez, Planner, Amy Pulley ADRC Manager, Ana Lilia Lahowetz, Case Manager, Annie Rice, Research Assistant, Ashly Johnson, Transitions Program Manager, Caitlin Phillips, Ombudsman, Cassie Scott, I&A Manager, Cindy Grainger, ADRC Administrative Assistant, Douglas Rex, Executive Director, Gina Gentili, Lead Options Counselor, Ines Rosas, Veterans Direct Program Manager, Jacob Rigor, Manager Long Range Transportation Planning, Jayla Sanchez-Warren, AAA Division Director, Jennifer Reeves, Veterans/Transitions Manager, Kelly Roberts, Community Resource Specialist, Lisa Houde, Lydia Dumam, Options Counselor, Mindy Patton, AAA Division Assistant, Rich Mauro, Senior Policy and Legislative Analyst, Sara Beth Ford, Refugee Program Coordinator, Sharon Day, Manager AAA Business Operations,

Cathy Noon, Committee Chair – Called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

Public Comment Period (Non-ACA Members)

There was no Public Comment.

Report of the Chair

- Cathy sat in on the Funding Subcommittee RFP review.

Report of the AAA Director

- Jayla did several media interviews and presentations

- Colorado Public Radio, Colorado Matters, PBS, and channel 8 show with Mayor Hancock, Channel 9, and Channel 4.
- Presentation to Colorado Healthcare Strategy and Management group, Audio Information Network annual meeting.
- Governor's Lifelong Initiative has laid low for a while but with Jarrett Hughes now working at the Governor's office it has been reborn. This brings attention to the aging population, makes people more aware at the state and local level which helps with funding.
- Vaccines
 - More vaccines getting out to the public, now able to vaccinate the 65+ population.
 - Participated in the SCL event on February 6th, provided transportation to participants through Hop Skip Drive and Via.
 - There are many more hospitals, and other companies that would like to have DRCOG provide transportation.
 - Jayla explained to these organizations that this was a finite resource and is limited.
 - The healthcare organizations are having events at the same times and dates complicating the issue.
 - Additionally, for every vaccine given they receive more vaccine and are receiving money from both the federal government and insurance companies.
 - Jayla, AJ, and Travis met with the DRCOG transportation providers to see how these events could be handled. These rides would be in addition to the normal services they provide. They worked out a different rate for the providers since they need to stay with the client rather than just dropping them off.
 - There will be another large SCL event on March 6th.

Phil Cernanec mentioned that the rotary volunteers are helping with transportation to vaccinations, he will send Jayla the information.

Move to approve consent agenda

Items on the consent agenda included: Summary of the January 15, 2021 meeting.

Cathy asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, Bob Davis made the motion, Dawn Perez seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval of the consent agenda with one change on page 3, the number of seniors should be 300,000.

- Agendas and summaries are posted on the DRCOG website located at <https://drcog.org/calendar> from there choose the month and date of the meeting, click on the event. Once clicked you will find the link to the meeting for that month.

Informational Briefings

Transportation Committee

ACA formed a Transportation Subcommittee to look at long term sustainability of transportation services as it considers preparing for a growing population, funding sources, and partnering with others

- The subcommittee will decide the makeup of the committee members looking for diverse contributors

Discussion

Doug responded that he would like to have the subcommittee provide innovative solutions, lower the cost per ride,

Sean Wood asked about autonomous vehicles in DRCOG future. Doug said it was on the front burner for DRCOG. Cathy stated that we will still need to address the most vulnerable population who need help getting in and out of a vehicle and may not be for this new technology.

Tex suggested that there be a core committee that would address some of the things that need to be accomplished.

- The core group from ACA who will participate:

Doug Rex
Rich Mauro
Karie Erickson
Jayla Sanchez-Warren
Jim Dale
Tex Houston
Cathy Noon

Regional Transportation Plan

Lisa Houde and Jacob Rigor from the DRCOG Transportation Division presented the 2050 DRCOG Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan

- The Plan is through 2050, DRCOG updates the plan every 4 years.
- Lisa Houde provided an introduction video and can be viewed using this link <https://youtu.be/r802cmpCvig>
- The presentation slides are attached and include some of the survey responses asked during the meeting
- Other helpful links
 - 2050 Plan https://drcog.org/sites/default/files/resources/2050_RTP.pdf.
 - Surveys and discussion boards <https://drcog.mysocialpinpoint.com/2050-rtp>
- There are 6 project and program investment priorities
 - Multimodal mobility – which will provide more ways to travel by car, bus, bicycle, and foot.
 - Freight – maintains efficient movement of goods within & beyond the region.
 - Active transportation – expands travel options for vulnerable and underserved transportation users.
 - Safety – will increase the safety for all users of the transportation system.
 - Air quality – improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
 - Regional transit – expands the region's rapid transit network.

- The Plan will be out for a 30-day comment period and a public hearing will be held at the DRCOG Board meetings on March 17th.

Nymbl Science Update and Demonstration

Nathan Estrada from Nymbl Sciences told the group that they have partnered with DRCOG in offering a free at-home balance program.

- The program offers:
 - A smartphone app to accommodate an individual's unique balance needs that will improve balance and provide the freedom to maintain their lifestyle and balance.
 - Users of the app are less worried about falling because they are more confident while walking and have better balance.
 - Can be done at home without having to attend an in-person balance class and engages those who are unwilling or unable to attend traditional balance classes
- People can enroll in the pilot which will end in June.
- Nymbl would like to get 5,000 participants registered by the end of pilot and hope to become a partner with DRCOG beginning July 1st.
- A toolkit has been designed and is available to promote the program.
- Links to the smartphone app and toolkit
 - Smartphone application: <https://co.fallsfree.com/>
 - Toolkit: <http://bit.ly/cofallsfree>

During the Nymbl presentation Cathy received an email from the City of Centennial advertising the DRCOG partnership with Nymbl.

- Nathan will report back to the group about how people got to Nymbl, what risk factors affect our population to be able to assess the need, balance improvement.

County Reports

Jefferson County – Cary Johnson

The county had their annual meeting with Commissioners. It was a very encouraging meeting with two new Commissioners who were former Representatives participating and were very interested in helping the older population.

Other Matters by Members

Phil Cernanec

Colorado Senior Lobby (CSL) is having a new membership campaign, looking for ACA, County Councils and, providers to spread the word. CSL would like to get items in front of the legislation that were not included in the Governor's State of the State message regarding older Coloradans.

Next meeting – **March 19, 2021**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

ATTACH B

2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGING MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2021

Lisa Houde | Jacob Riger | Alvan-Bidal Sanchez



BACKGROUND

2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan

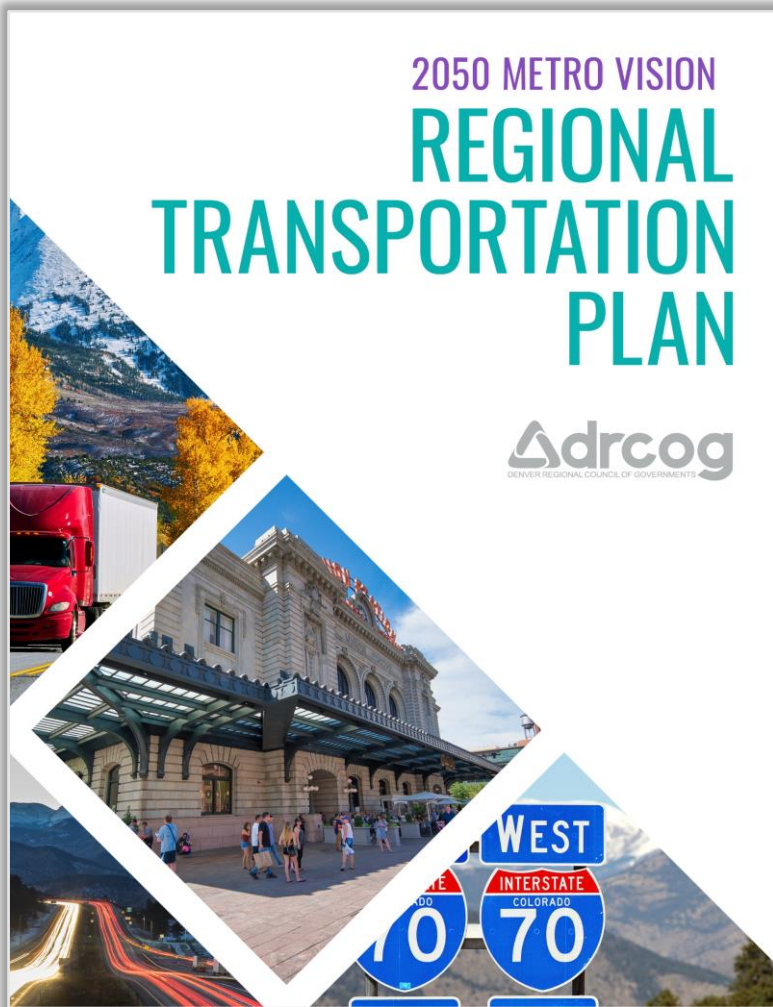


bit.ly/mvrtp-video



THE 2050 MVRTP

Why do we have an RTP?



Implements
Metro Vision



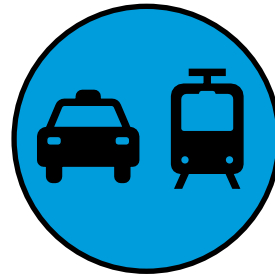
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(what's feasible)



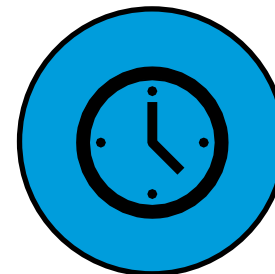
Region's multimodal
vision



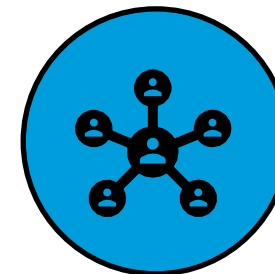
TIP funding for road
& transit projects



Updated frequently
(every 4 years)



Developed with
partners



Federally required
(MPO function)



What we heard: themes of public engagement



- Invest in transit, sidewalks/bike paths, safety
- Less interest in funding new roads/highways
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions/vehicle miles traveled



survey



pop-up
events



scenario
budget
activity



advisory
groups



photo
contest



virtual open
houses

+ more

Stakeholder engagement



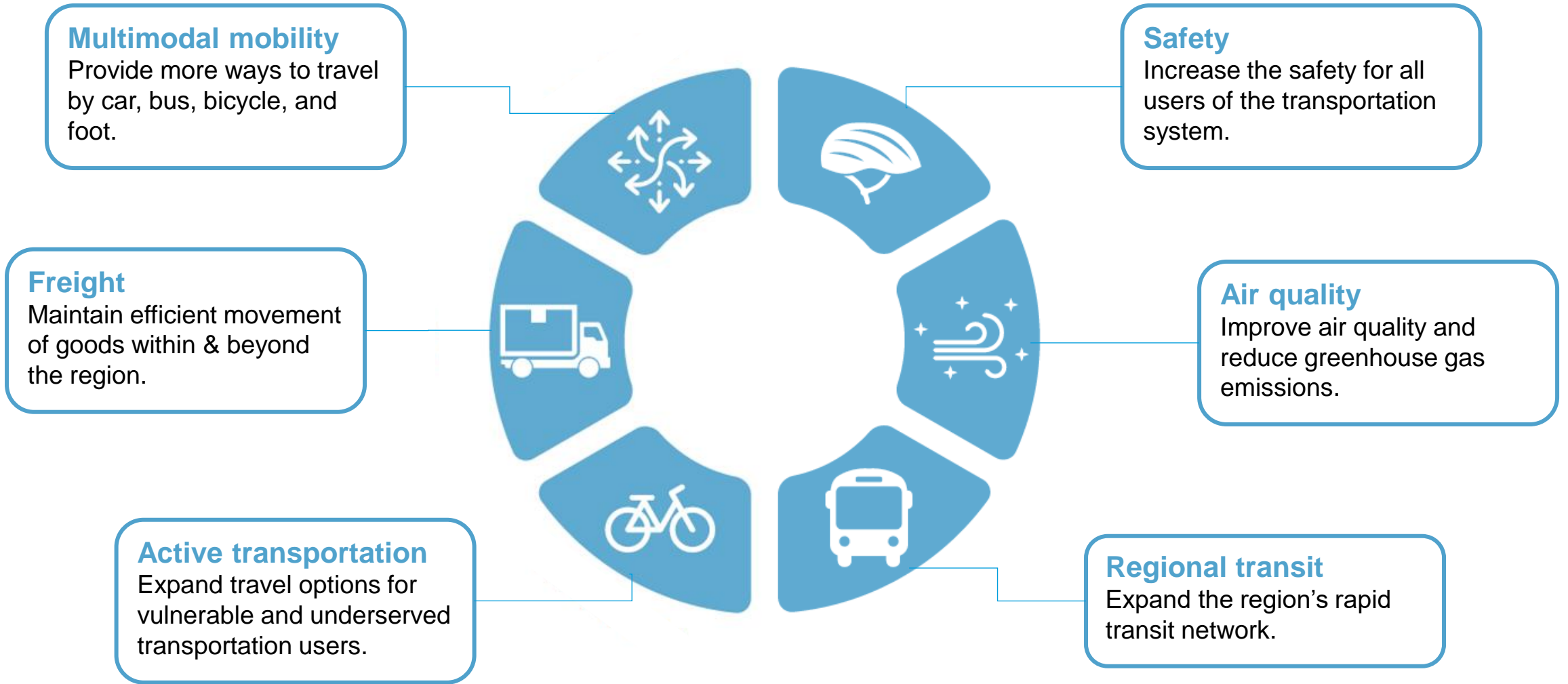
- **County transportation forums**
- **CDOT**
- **RTD**
- **Local governments**
- **DRCOG**
 - Transportation Advisory Committee
 - Regional Transportation Committee
 - Board of Directors





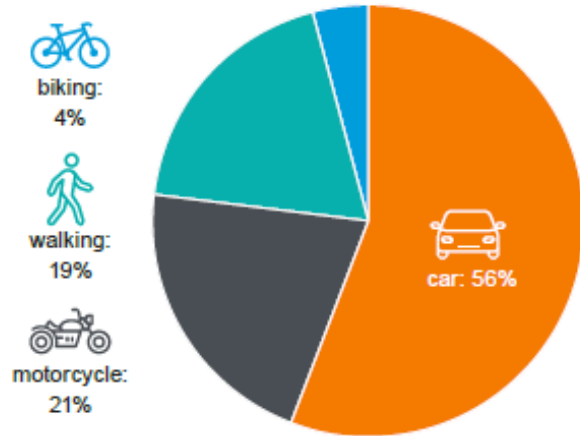
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PLAN

Project and program investment priorities

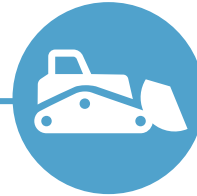


Safety

Percent of all fatal crashes by travel mode (2013-2017)



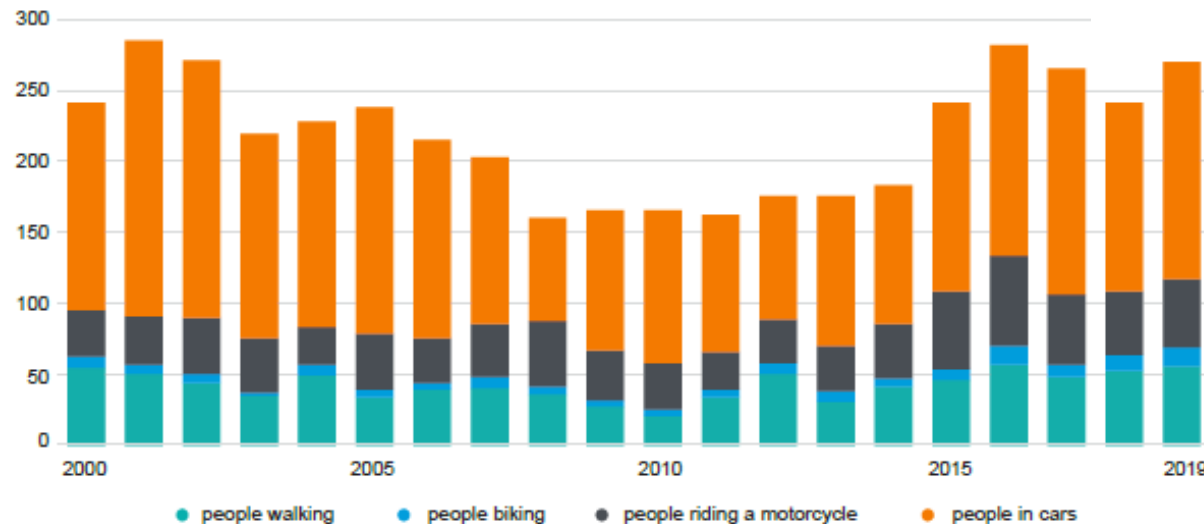
- Federal Blvd. (\$50M)
- US-285 (\$88.2M)
- US-36 (\$20M)
- Brighton Blvd (\$19.7M)
- Sheridan (\$17.1M)
- Colfax (\$12M)



\$465M
in 2050 RTP
projects dedicated to
safety improvements

0
goal for Vision Zero
traffic fatalities

Number of fatalities by travel mode (2000-2019)

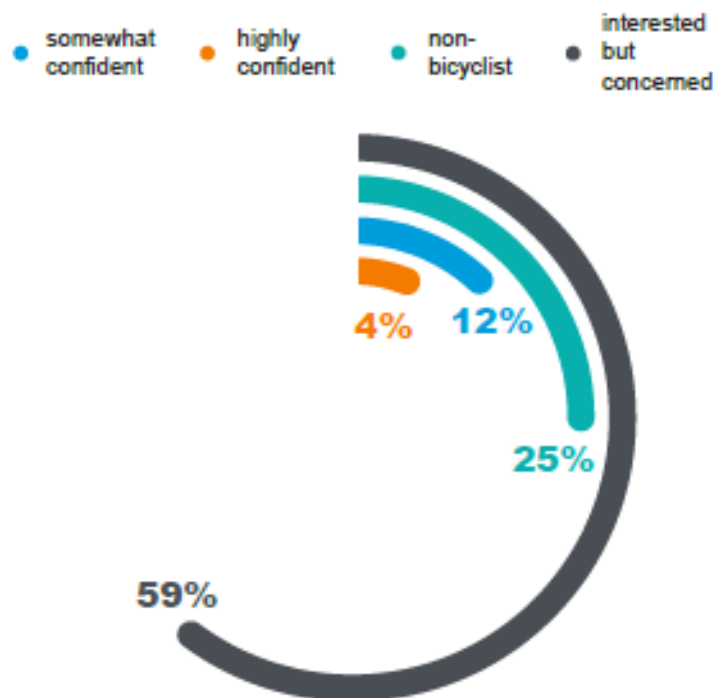


\$313M
for 11 safety projects

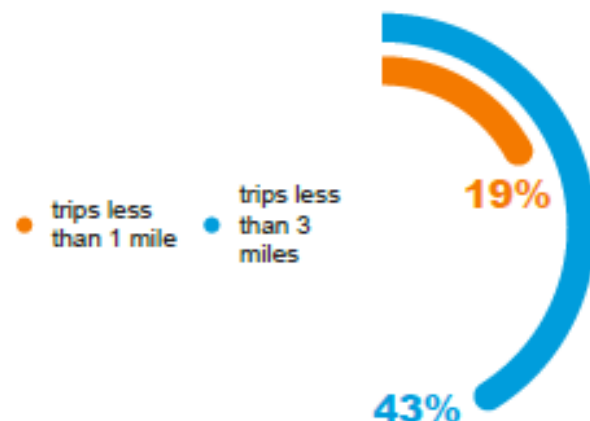
\$152M
for safety program

Active transportation

Types of bicyclists in the Denver region



Travel trends: short trips



\$180M

in 2050 RTP projects specifically dedicated to active transportation

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Active transportation projects, plus:

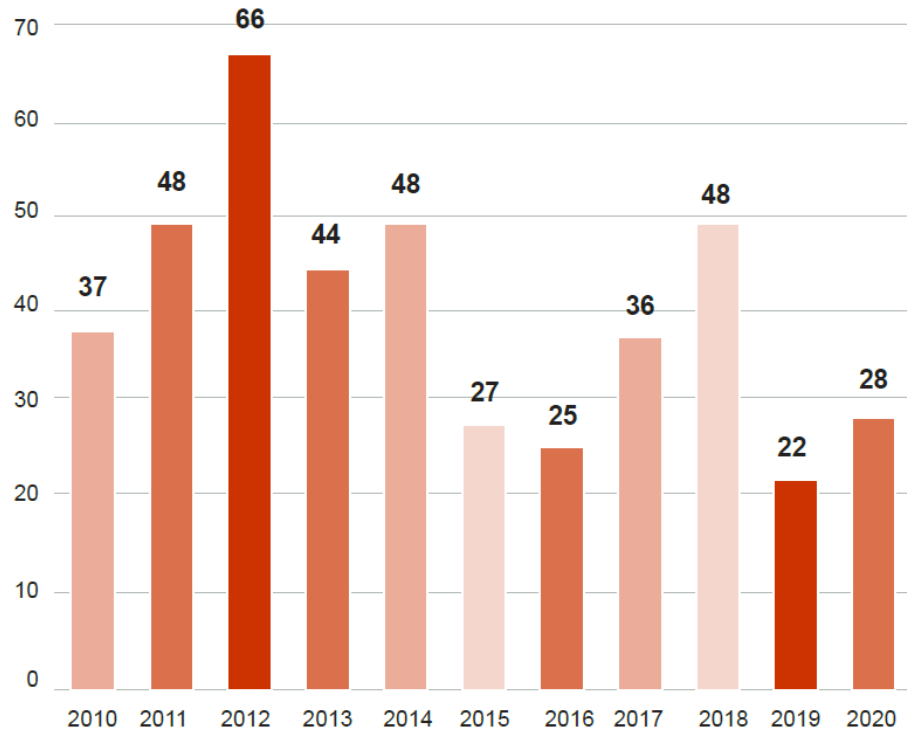
\$31M

set aside for other bicycle and pedestrian improvements

- Smith Rd Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities (\$4M)
- RTD Rail Trail (\$6M)
- Clear Creek Greenway (\$50M)
- S. Platte River Trail (\$50M)



Figure 4.12: Average number of bad ozone days



34%
reduced per capita
greenhouse gas
emissions with the
2050 RTP by 2050
compared to
2020 levels



\$3B
in transit, active
transportation and
freight projects to
reduce emissions

- Air quality conformity is for regional system, not individual projects
- **2050 MVRTP passed all emission budget tests**



Multimodal mobility

How well does the system serve the region's needs?

On an average weekday in 2019



- I-25 North (\$350M)
- Vazquez/60th (\$80M)
- Central I-25 (\$420M)
- I-225/Yosemite (\$60M)
- Wadsworth (\$60M)



12,700
fewer driver trips
forecast with
the 2050 RTP
compared to
the future trend
without the 2050
RTP (weekday)



25%
improvement in
congested vehicle
travel compared
to the future trend
without the 2050
RTP

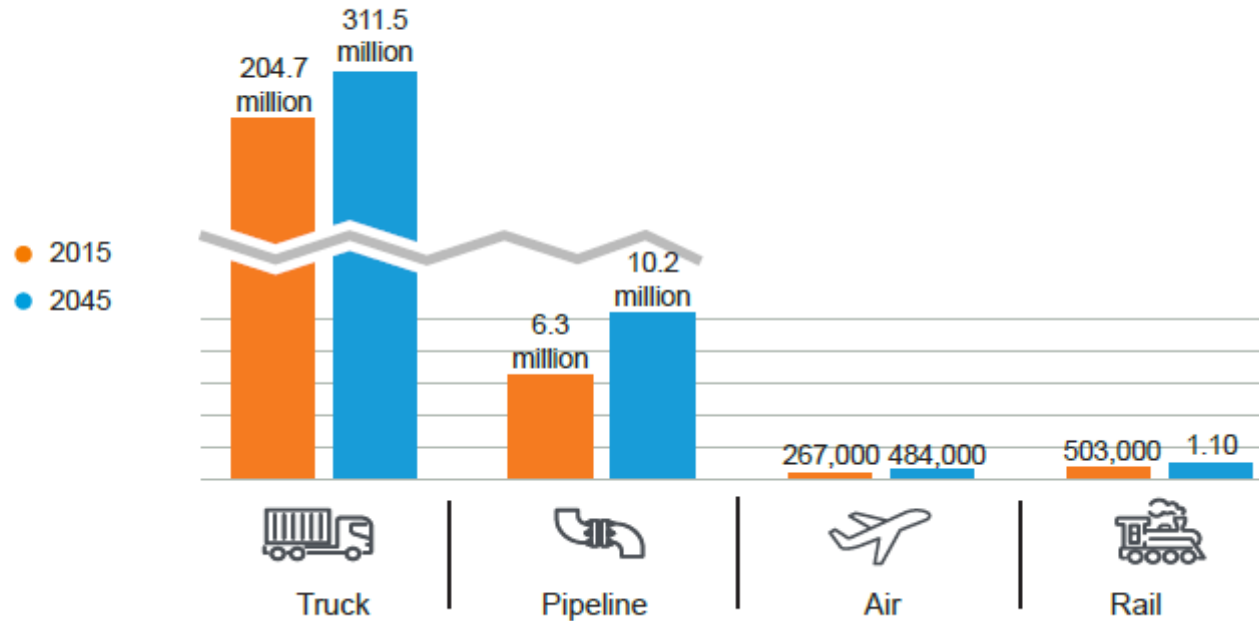


\$7.5B
invested in the
68 multimodal
projects and
programs



68
multimodal
projects and
programs

Tonnage of goods by primary mode (2015 to 2045)



574 freight railroad-
roadway crossings



Trucks carry over
90% of total goods
by tonnage.

- Peoria St Bridge (\$19M)
- Alameda Pkwy Bridge (\$20M)
- 47th/48th Ave Bridge (\$45.2M)
- Ward Rd/BNSF Bridge (\$60M)



20%
fewer vehicle hours of
delay forecast with the
2050 RTP compared to
future trend without the
2050 RTP



\$220M
in 2050 RTP projects
specifically dedicated
to freight



4
freight projects and
programs in the 2050
RTP plan, plus:



\$76M
set aside for other
freight improvements

Regional transit



374,000

transit trips are forecast in 2050,
an increase from 229,000 in 2020



60%

of people in 2050 are forecast
to have good access to jobs via
public transit



78%

of people in low-income and
minority areas in 2050 are
forecast to have good access to
jobs via public transit



\$2.7B

invested in 20 transit projects



146 miles

of new bus rapid transit projects

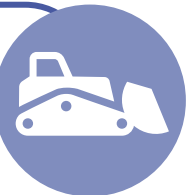


10%

higher transit ridership compared to
future trend without the 2050 RTP

*** Coordinated Transit Plan**

- NW Rail Peak Service Plan (**\$700M**)
- I-25 North BRT (**\$97M**)
- SH-119 BRT (**\$350M**)
- Colfax Ave BRT (**\$250M**)
- RTD Bus Maintenance Facility (**\$50M**)
- Regional Mobility Hubs (**\$200M**)



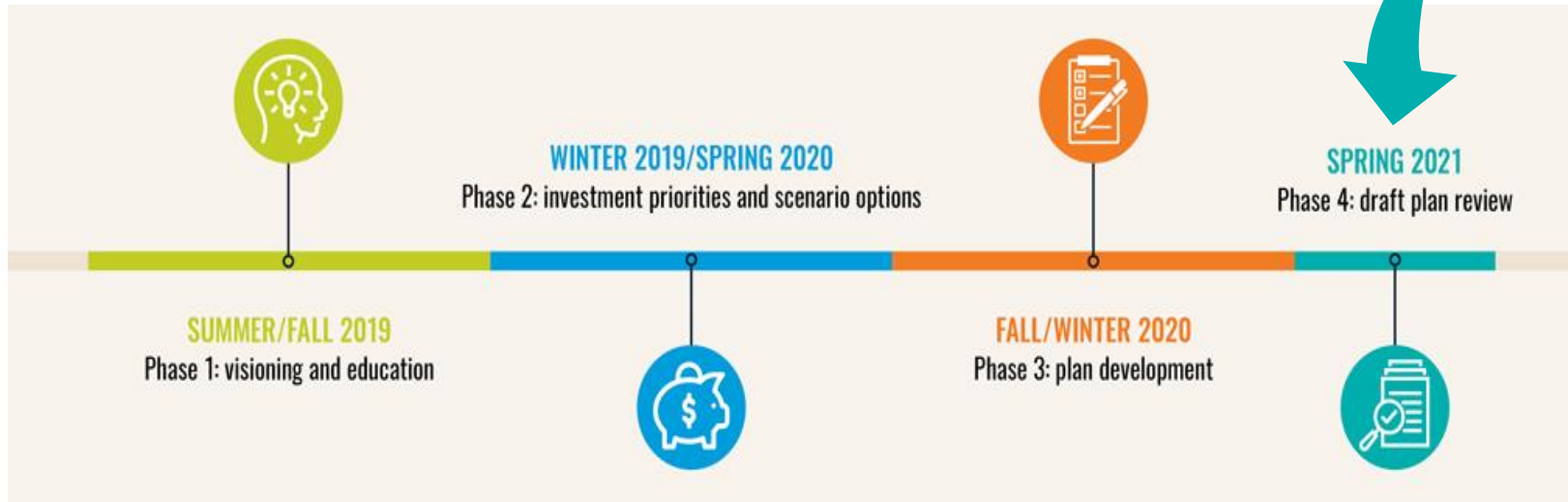
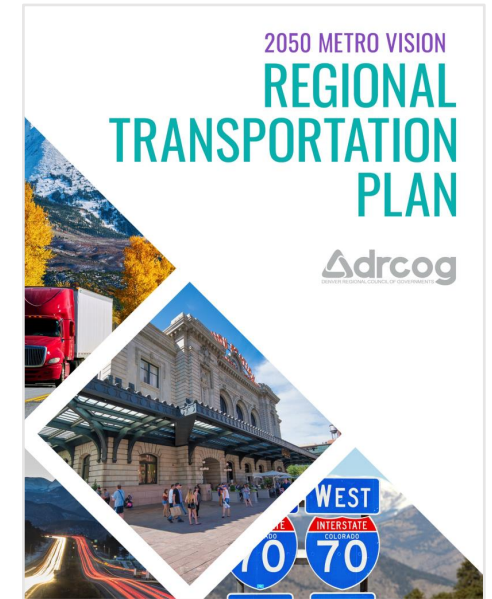


HOW TO GIVE INPUT

We need to hear from you!



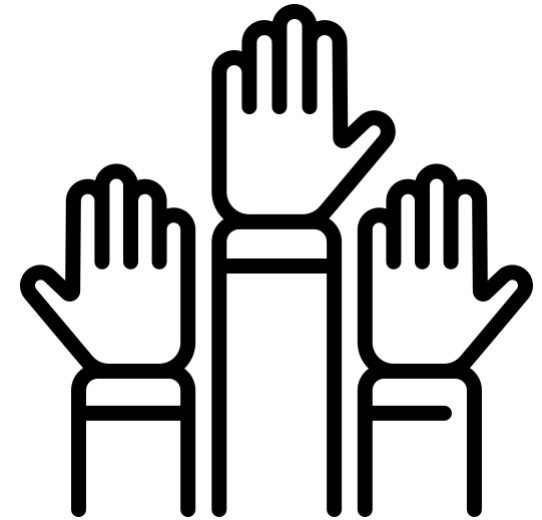
- Draft plan was released Friday
- Please help spread the word to your contacts!



We need to hear from you!

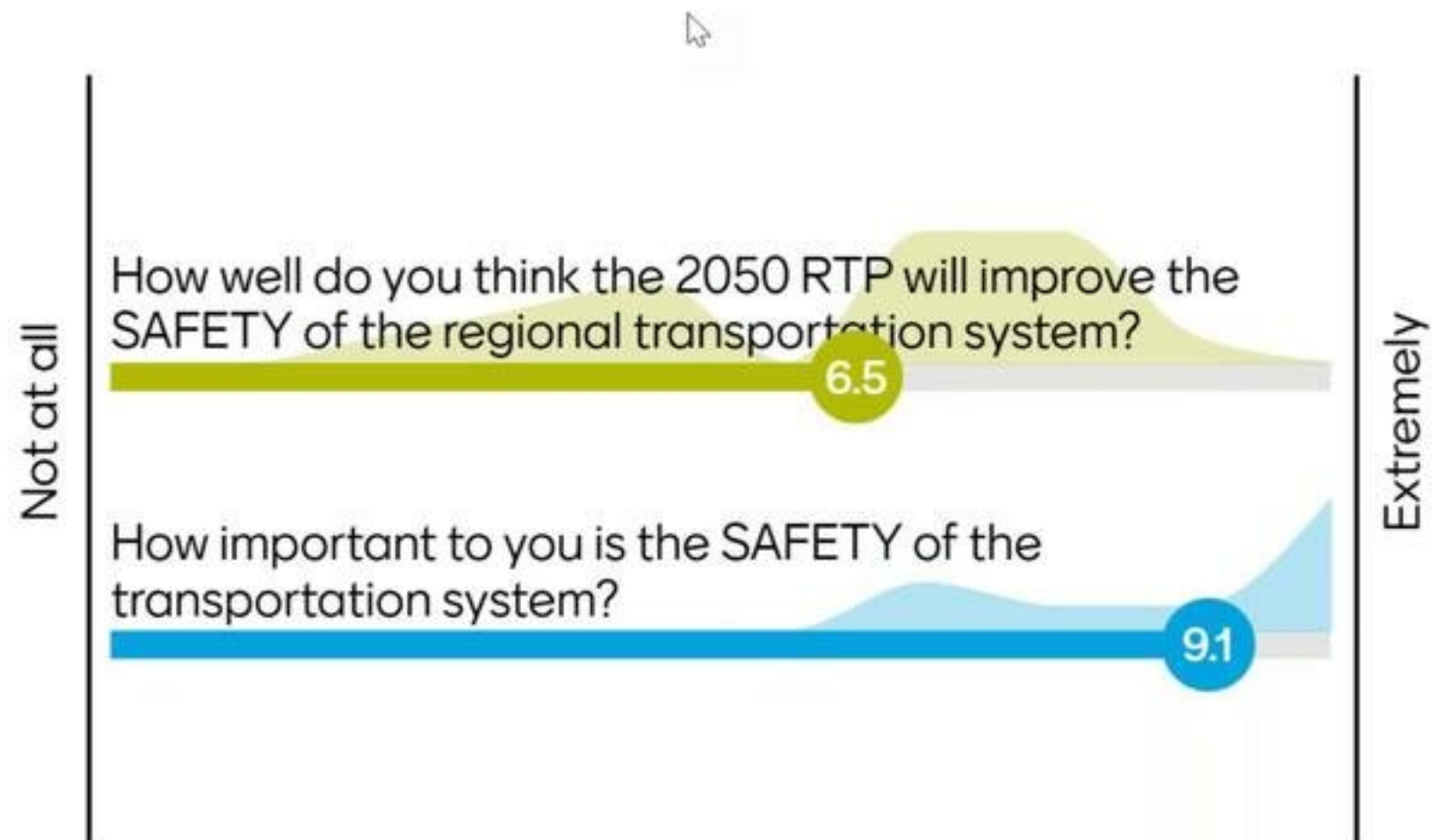


- **On-demand virtual open house**
 - Surveys and discussion boards
 - <https://drcog.mysocialpinpoint.com/2050-rtp>
- **Virtual public meetings late Feb/early March**
 - More Q&A with DRCOG planners
- **Interactive map**
 - Explore projects in detail
- **Public comment**
- **Public hearing on March 17th at 6:30 pm**



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SAFETY



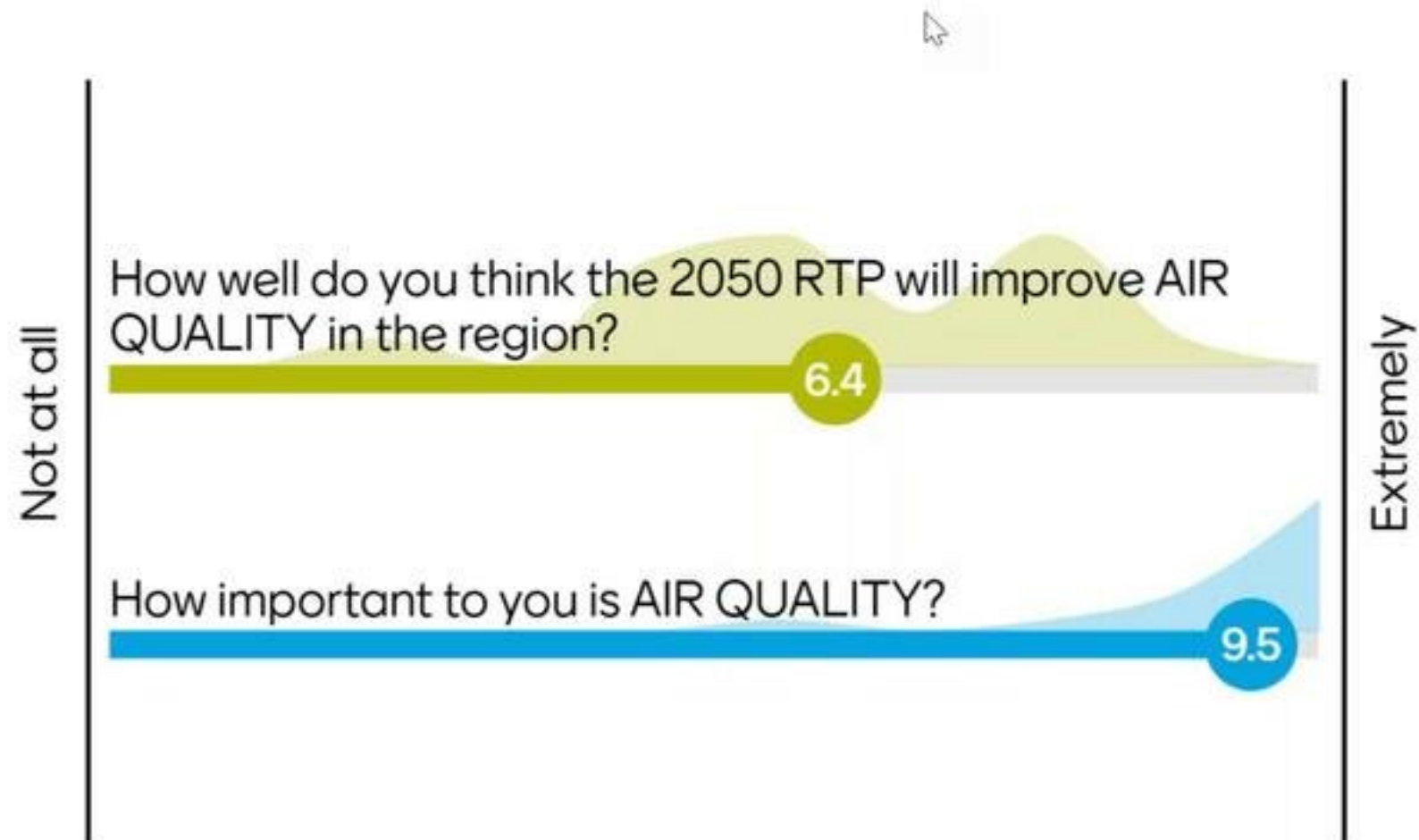
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ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION



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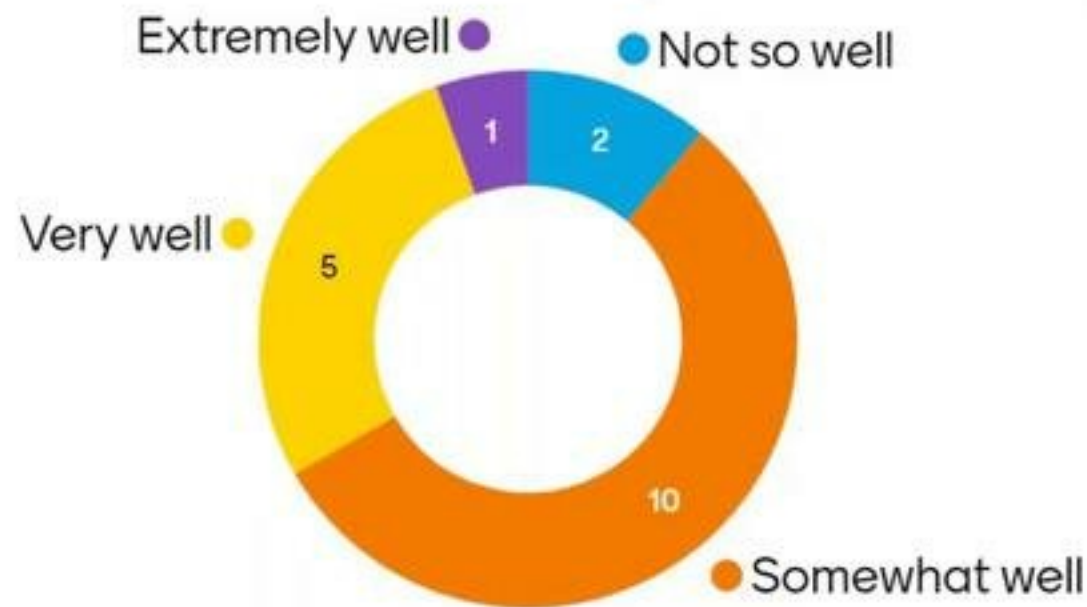
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REGIONAL TRANSIT



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How well does the plan align with your ideal transportation system?



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In what areas does the plan **LEAST** align with your ideal transportation system?

Does not align with increasing walkable communities.

Coordinated transportation

We have barely seen the plan--how can we provide useful comments?
What do you folks do with the results of this exercise?

Vehicles/ freight. Amazon orders don't come on bikes.

People with disabilities have a hard time finding parking, what are you doing to improve this situation?

Door-to-door assisted transport.

Hopefully that as much attention as possible can be given to the 'north of Denver' area. As evidenced by Rapid Transit, the north seems to be considered last.

Access and cost

How to address quality of life and travel time reduction?

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In what areas does the plan **MOST** align with your ideal transportation system?

Multimodal

Consideration of freight is important for a comprehensive plan



Thank you! Questions?

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ATTACH C

To: Chair and Members of the Advisory Committee on Aging

From: Sharon Day, Program Manager, AAA Business Operations
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Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
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SUBJECT

This item is regarding funding allocations for new and existing AAA contractors for the 2022 state fiscal year.

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

DRCOG staff recommends approval of funding allocations to new and existing contractors for the 2022 state fiscal year, as reviewed and recommended by the ACA funding subcommittee.

ACTION BY OTHERS

ACA Funding Subcommittee met in February and March to review proposals from the SFY2022 Request for Proposals and have made funding recommendations

SUMMARY

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued by the AAA in November 2021 to solicit service proposals from local community service providers for the next contract cycle commencing July 1, 2021. A total of 33 providers submitted 87 service proposals.

The ACA funding subcommittee spent significant time reviewing and discussing proposals. Proposals were scored on various criteria including: 1) need for the service in the region, 2) demonstrated experience and performance, 3) cost information, and 4) other factors such as service coverage, coordination with other providers, and targeted populations. Following an extensive review, the ACA funding subcommittee recommends contracting with 32 providers with 76 service proposals amongst them. Their recommended funding allocations are attached.

The total recommended allocations of approximately \$16.2 million will be funded from state (SFSS) and federal Title III Older Americans Act (OAA) dollars, as well as from an anticipated second round of CARES Act stimulus funding. DRCOG expects to receive an option letter from Colorado Department of Human Services to receive OAA/SFSS/CARES funding for SFY2021-2022. Though funding for the 2021-2022 state fiscal year has not been finalized, fiscal year contractor pass-through funds are initially estimated at approximately \$18 million but could reach as high as \$27 million. As such, contract amounts are an estimate and are subject to available funds. The ACA funding subcommittee will continue to evaluate funding levels and will make recommendations for sub-recipient awards accordingly.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

N/A

PROPOSED MOTION

Move to make a recommendation that the Advisory Committee on Aging approve allocations of state and federal funds to contractors for services of up to 12 months ending on June 30, 2022, and to enter into contracts with providers related to such allocations.

ATTACHMENT

ACA FSC - SFY2022 Recommended Funding Allocations

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you need additional information, please contact Jayla Sanchez-Warren, Director, Area Agency on Aging, at 303-480-6735 or jswarren@dracog.org, or Sharon Day, Program Manager, AAA Business Operations, at 303-480-6705 or sday@dracog.org.

ACA Funding Subcommittee Recommended Funding Allocations SFY2021-2022

Provider	Service	Recommended Funds
A Little Help	Chore	\$56,250
	Transportation	\$56,250
Aging Resources of Douglas County	Information and Assistance - Compensated	\$100,000
Alzheimers Association of Colorado	Caregiver Counseling/Training	\$130,000
Arapahoe County Government	Assisted Transportation	\$372,500
	Chore	\$105,000
Asian Pacific Development Center	Counseling	\$34,635
	Education	\$122,187
	Screening	\$28,879
Audio Information Network of Colorado	Education	\$159,840
Blue Spruce Habitat for Humanity	Chore	\$40,000
Brothers Redevelopment Inc	Chore	\$100,000
	Information and Assistance - Compensated	\$100,000
Catholic Charities and Community Services of the Archdiocese of Denver	Caregiver Access Assistance	\$49,835
	Caregiver Counseling/Training	\$66,302
	Caregiver Respite Care	\$29,581
Center for People With Disabilities	Counseling	\$52,000
	Education	\$24,800
	Special Equipment for Visually Impaired	\$15,000
City and County of Broomfield/Senior Services	Caregiver Respite Care	\$99,107
	Information and Assistance - Compensated	\$13,655
	Transportation	\$332,000
City of Lakewood	Assisted Transportation	\$270,000
Colorado Affordable Legal Services	Education	\$0
	Information and Assistance - Compensated	\$30,000
	Legal Assistance	\$85,000
Colorado Center for the Blind	Visually Impaired - Counseling	\$60,000
	Visually Impaired - Education	\$90,000
Colorado Gerontological Society	Material Aid	\$600,000
	Reassurance	\$0
Colorado Health Network	Evidence Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	\$114,120
Colorado Latino Leadership, Advocacy, & Leadership Organization	Information and Assistance - Compensated	\$0
Colorado Legal Services	Legal Assistance	\$595,000
Colorado Nonprofit Development Center dba Benefits in Action	Counseling	\$128,731
	Education	\$0
	Information and Assistance - Compensated	\$0
	Material Aid	\$120,000
	Reassurance	\$0
Colorado Visiting Nurse Association	Evidence Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	\$170,000
Denver Inner City Parish	Education	\$30,600
	Information and Assistance - Compensated	\$28,800
	Material Aid	\$51,840
	Transportation	\$27,144
Douglas County Government - Adult Services Program	Assisted Transportation	\$283,253
	Chore	\$16,584
	Homemaker	\$141,258
	Personal Care	\$164,403
	Reassurance	\$77,728
Ensign Skills Center	Education	\$38,000
	Material Aid	\$7,000
	Reassurance	\$5,246
	Screening	\$25,794
Jewish Family Service of Colorado, Inc	Case Management	\$20,400
	Homemaker	\$311,865
	Material Aid	\$24,571
	Reassurance	\$0
Lutheran Social Services of Colorado	Caregiver Access Assistance	\$60,451

ACA Funding Subcommittee Recommended Funding Allocations SFY2021-2022

Provider	Service	Recommended Funds
Mount Evans Hospice, Inc.	Caregiver Counseling/Training	\$47,892
	Caregiver Respite Care	\$0
	Counseling	\$26,240
	Screening	\$26,430
Project Angel Heart	Home Delivered Meals	\$376,141
Rebuilding Together Metro Denver, Inc.	Chore	\$80,000
Senior Support Services	Counseling	\$50,000
	Screening	\$246,896
	Transportation	\$57,120
Seniors Resource Center	Caregiver Counseling/Training	\$31,950
	Caregiver Respite Care	\$370,000
	Case Management	\$404,526
	Chore - Hoarding	\$217,781
	Chore	\$262,087
	Homemaker	\$428,153
	Material Aid	\$277,760
	Personal Care	\$47,572
SouthWest Improvement Council	Material Aid	\$16,200
	Screening	\$225,945
	Transportation	\$5,355
Via Mobility Services	Assisted Transportation	\$1,615,524
	Information and Assistance - Compensated	\$68,627
Volunteers of America, Colorado	Assisted Transportation	\$83,400
	Chore	\$132,600
	Congregate Meals	\$1,390,296
	Evidence Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	\$87,200
	Home Delivered Meals	\$3,970,356

Total \$16,211,660

ATTACH D

To: Chair and Members of the Advisory Committee on Aging

From: AJ Diamontopoulos Manager, Accountable Health Communities
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Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
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SUBJECT

Update on the effort to create a Wellness Fund to increase the service capacity of community-based organizations

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

N/A

ACTION BY OTHERS

N/A

SUMMARY

Several new health care initiatives that will dramatically increase the number of referrals to community-based organizations in the coming months and years. Those initiatives are:

- the Social Health Information Exchange that is currently being designed by the State of Colorado to send referrals from clinical providers to community-based providers
- the Hospital Transformation that will incentivize hospitals to screen Medicaid patients for health-related social needs and then send referrals to community-based providers to address those needs

Despite these efforts to send massive numbers of referrals, no funding is currently being proposed or provided to pay for the added referrals or services.

The briefing will update the committee on DRCOG's effort to create a Wellness Fund, an initiative designed to increase the service capacity of community-based organizations to serve people of all ages with the services they require.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

October 16th, 2020

PROPOSED MOTION

N/A

ATTACHMENT

N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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To: Chair and Members of the Advisory Committee on Aging

From: Rich Mauro, Senior Policy and Legislative Analyst, 303-480-6778 or rmauro@drcog.org.

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SUBJECT

State Legislative Update

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

N/A

ACTION BY OTHERS

N/A

SUMMARY

Rich Mauro will provide an update on activities and issues at the Colorado General Assembly.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

N/A

PROPOSED MOTION

N/A

ATTACHMENT

A bill matrix with DRCOG Board positions will be provided before the meeting after DRCOG Board approval on March 17th.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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ATTACH F

To: Aging Advisory Committee Members

From: Shannon Gimbel
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SUBJECT

Ombudsman Program Overview

PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

N/A

ACTION BY OTHERS

N/A

SUMMARY

DRCOG Long Term Care/PACE (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) Ombudsman Programs have been working to advocate on behalf of residents, participants, families during COVID. DRCOG's Ombudsman team are back in long term care homes and PACE centers. Will provide an update of how things are going and update the committee on visitation.

PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

N/A

PROPOSED MOTION

N/A

ATTACHMENT

N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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