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**AGENDA**  
**DRCOG Board Work Session**  
**Wednesday, May 5, 2021**  
**4 p.m.**  
**VIDEO/WEB CONFERENCE**  
**Denver, CO**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment  
The chair requests that there be no public comment on issues for which a prior public hearing has been held before the Board of Directors.
3. Summary of April 7, 2021 Board Work Session  
(Attachment A)
4. Continued discussion of preliminary ideas for amendments to the Metro Vision  
(Attachment B) Brad Calvert, Director, Regional Planning and Development
5. Adjourn

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**ATTACH A**

## BOARD WORK SESSION SUMMARY

April 7, 2021

**Note: Meeting held virtually via Zoom**

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### **Directors present:**

Kevin Flynn, Vice Chair	City and County of Denver
Jeff Baker	Arapahoe County
Claire Levy	Boulder County
Matt Jones	Boulder County
Nicholas Williams	City and County of Denver
George Teal	Douglas County
Web Sill	Gilpin County
Bob Fifer	Arvada
Aaron Brockett	Boulder
Junie Joseph	Boulder
William Lindstedt	Broomfield
Deborah Mulvey	Castle Pines
Jason Gray	Castle Rock
Tammy Maurer	Centennial
Randy Weil	Cherry Hills Village
Steve Conklin	Edgewater
Bill Gippe	Erie
Celeste Arner	Federal Heights
Josie Cockrell	Foxfield
Lynette Kelsey	Georgetown
Jim Dale	Golden
Tracy Kraft-Tharp	Jefferson County
Stephanie Walton	Lafayette
Tim Barnes	Lafayette
James Kuemmerle	Lochbuie
Wynne Shaw	Lone Tree
Joan Peck	Longmont
Ashley Stolzmann	Louisville
Collen Whitlow	Mead
John Diak	Parker
Neal Shah	Superior
Tim Howard	Superior
Herb Atchison	Westminster
Anita Seitz	Westminster
Bud Starker	Wheat Ridge

Others present: Doug Rex, Executive Director; Matthew Gray, State Representative; Faith Winter, State Senator; Will Toor, CEO; Sarah Hughes, Maria Schanhals, Colorado State; Chris Chovan, Adams County; Lauren Pulver, Douglas County; Kent Moorman, Thornton; Danny Herrman, CDOT; Dan Blankenship, Rutt Bridges, RTD AC; Maria Garcia Berry, Roger Sherman, Zach Pierce, Citizen; and DRCOG staff.

Board Vice Chair Kevin Flynn called the session to order at 4:00 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Discussion of Draft Legislative proposal on State transportation funding

Senator Faith Winter and Representative Matthew Gray provided an overview of the draft to the directors. The proposal would raise about \$3.9 billion over 10 years for transportation spending through a combination of several new transportation fees and state general funds. Approximately 70% of the funding would be allocated through the Highway Users Tax Fund and the remaining funding is proposed to be allocated to a new Nonattainment Fund, an expanded Multimodal and Mitigation Option Fund, and three new enterprises totaling \$724 million for electric vehicle charging infrastructure, vehicle fleet electrification incentives, and public transit electrification. Legislative leadership expect to release bill language by the end of April/early May 2021. Directors were asked to submit any feedback or suggestions to

[Coloradotransportationfeedback@gmail.com](mailto:Coloradotransportationfeedback@gmail.com). There were some questions about the funding for this proposal and whether particular fees would be passed down to the consumer as higher prices. Sen. Winter explained that the proposal was designed with equity in mind. So, even though residents may not specifically use certain roadways, they pay for services that must use those roadways, for example: Amazon delivery, food delivery, etc. When asked about potentially charging a fee for VMT, Rep. Gray stated that the state of Colorado is not in a position yet to start having residents report their mileage. There was a question about how rural communities can access electrification and multimodal option funds. Will Toor stated there is an allocation formula based upon both population and transit ridership. There were multiple questions regarding funding for the Front Range Passenger Rail and how this proposal would affect its construction. Sen. Winter and Rep. Gray explained that there is not funding allocated to complete this project in this legislation, those funds would have to come from other sources (e.g., federal funds). The plan is to use some of these funds to start this project and create a base. For more information regarding multimodal options funding, a link was provided to their website: <https://www.codot.gov/programs/planning/grants/mmof-local>

Discussion of CDOT Senate Bill 17-267 Year 3 Project Options

Ron Papsdorf presented these project options to the directors. CDOT had an approved list (by the Colorado Transportation Commission) of \$1.6 billion from SB17-267 to fund projects, but then had to scale back or defer some projects, due to COVID-19's impact on the state's economy. Discussions were held with the Commission, beginning in the spring/summer of 2020 and financial circumstances changed again in late 2020 when Congress allocated stimulus funding to transportation. In January of 2021, the Transportation Commission met to allocate approximately \$134M in new funding. CDOT presented project proposals for SB 267 Year 3 funds to the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee on March 12. The proposals are consistent with the CDOT 10-Year Plan strategic pipeline of projects and "add back" projects that were postponed. CDOT has assumed a ~\$500 million year 3 funding scenario for highway projects. Transit projects will generally be prioritized considering current project status availability of matching funds/awarded grants, project readiness, and regional equity. Current options include:

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- Restoring funding to approved projects which were reduced when the four-year program was scaled back to Years 1 & 2 funding only.
- Installation of electric vehicle charging stations and micro mobility options at mobility hubs and transit facilities.
- Adding Bustang and Outrider bus stops, shelters and signs to locations which were not yet identified in December.
- Addressing scope, schedule and/or budget revisions to approved projects.

### Continued discussion of preliminary ideas for amendments to the Metro Vision

Chair Kevin Flynn asked that this item be brought to another Board meeting/Work Session in the future.

The work session ended at 5:12 p.m.

# ATTACH B

To: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

From: Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director  
303-480-6747 or [drex@drcog.org](mailto:drex@drcog.org)

Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
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#### SUBJECT

Staff will provide an overview of potential outcome- and objective-level amendments to Metro Vision

#### PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS

N/A

#### ACTION BY OTHERS

N/A

#### SUMMARY

##### Background

In January 2017, the DRCOG board of directors unanimously adopted Metro Vision, the region's aspirational plan for the future. DRCOG routinely offers opportunities for local governments, stakeholders and members of the public to propose amendments to the plan. DRCOG staff also brings forward staff-initiated plan amendments for board consideration. DRCOG most recently issued a call for plan amendments in October 2018, with board approval of the revised plan in May 2019.

In February staff described a process to amend Metro Vision to seek alignment with other plans, strategies or regional initiatives pursued by planning partners since the original plan was adopted, including the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan. In March staff began describing potential outcome- and objective-level amendments.

##### Today's Discussion

Today's discussion will continue the conversation initiated in March and the board will provided feedback on staff-initiated recommendations related to changes to plan structure and organization, and suggested edits to plan outcomes and objectives.

Attachment 1 for this item is a short video (approximately 10 minutes in duration) staff prepared to orient directors to the staff-proposed adjustments the board will discuss. Attachment 2 includes the polling slides with the partial results and remaining questions.

Additionally, Attachment 3 compiles all outcome- and objective-level content from the adopted plan to show proposed changes. As noted in Attachment 3, staff has reviewed ONLY outcome- and objective-level components of the plan. Staff review and board discussion of the other "strategic altitudes" included in Metro Vision (i.e. performance measures and strategic initiatives) will occur during future meetings.

#### PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS

[February 3, 2021 – Proposed approach for 2021 Metro Vision amendment process](#)  
[March 3, 2021 – Preliminary ideas for amendments to the Metro Vision](#)

#### PROPOSED MOTION

N/A

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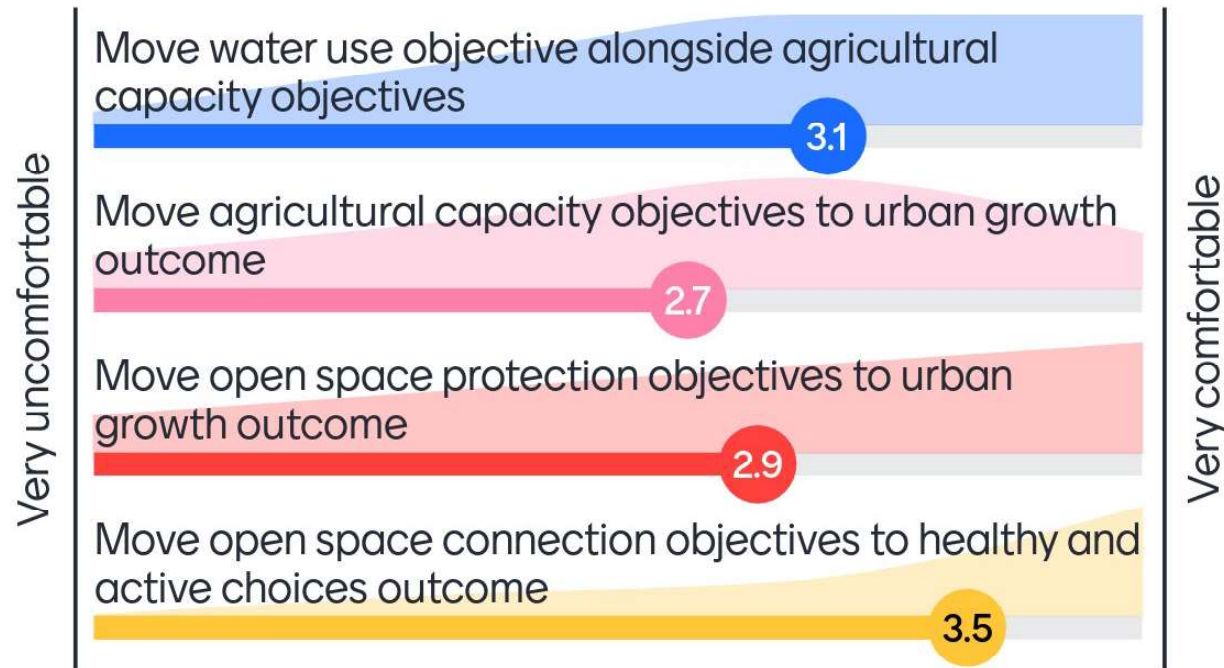
1. Staff presentation ([link to video](#))
2. Polling questions (partial results and remaining questions)
3. *Metro Vision REDLINE: Proposed Staff-Initiated Amendments – Outcomes and Objectives*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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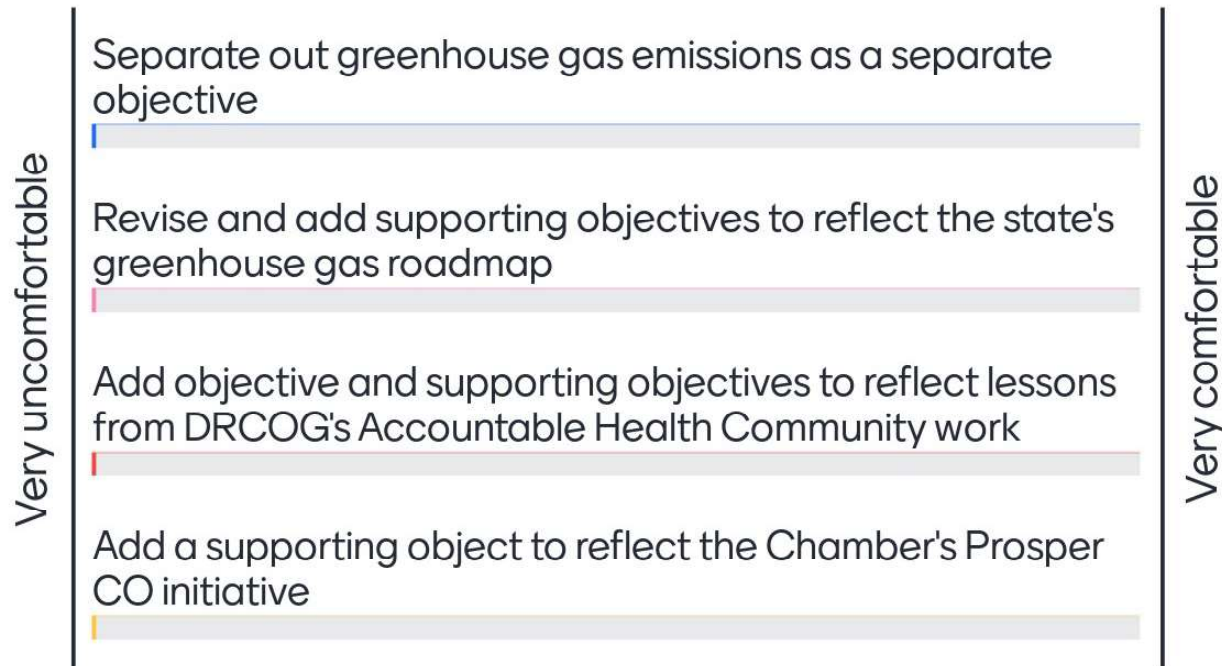
If you need additional information, please contact Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director, at 303-480-6747 or [drex@drcog.org](mailto:drex@drcog.org); or Brad Calvert, Director, Regional Planning and Development, at 303-480-6839 or [bpcalvert@drcog.org](mailto:bpcalvert@drcog.org); or Andy Taylor, Manager, Regional Planning, at 303-480-5836 or [ataylor@drcog.org](mailto:ataylor@drcog.org).



# What's your comfort level with staff's proposal to:



# What's your comfort level with staff's proposal to:



**Do you have any concerns to be discussed or addressed before staff advances this proposal?**



# Metro Vision **REDLINE**: Proposed Staff-Initiated Amendments – Outcomes and Objective level ONLY

This document provides an illustrative redline version of staff-initiated proposed amendments to Metro Vision based on staff's identification and review of the strategic work of DRCOG, its partners and the region's communities since the adoption of Metro Vision in early 2017.

The mission, vision and overarching themes contained within Metro Vision are not a focus of the staff-initiated amendments the board is considering prior to the opportunity for local governments and other stakeholders to propose amendments.

To date, DRCOG staff has exclusively assessed the outcome and objective levels of the plan (shown in Figure 1 below). ***This document does not include any potential staff proposals for performance measures and strategic initiative changes.*** These will be reviewed by DRCOG staff and board subsequently, once potential adjustments to plan structure are clarified and opportunities for alignment are revealed.

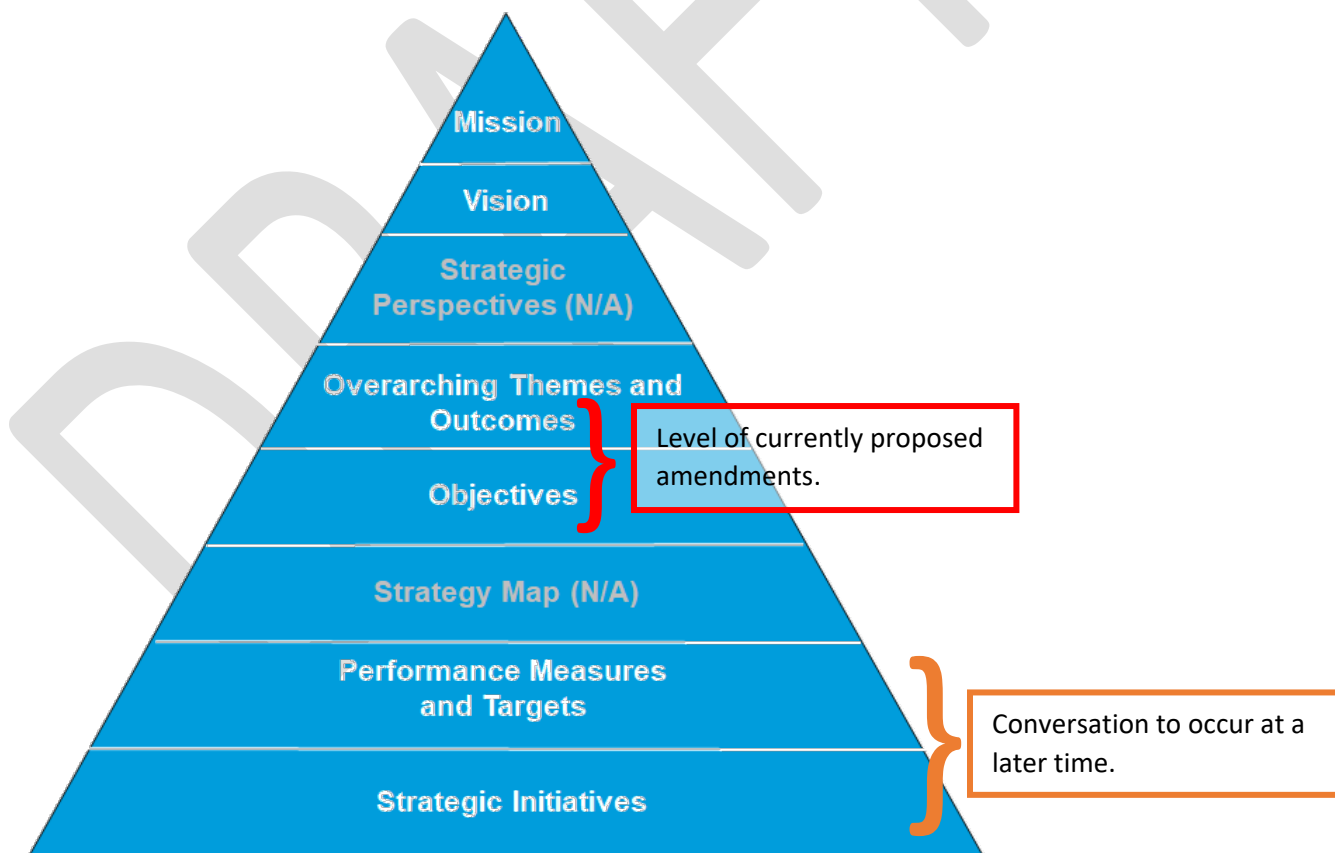


Figure 1: DRCOG Strategic Planning Model and Metro Vision

## Overarching theme | An Efficient and Predictable Development Pattern

### Outcome | The region is comprised of diverse, livable communities.

The Denver metro region will continue to embrace its diverse urban, suburban and rural communities. Varied housing and transportation options, access to employment and a range of services and recreational opportunities will promote livable communities that meet the needs of people of all ages, incomes and abilities.

### Objective | Improve the diversity and livability of communities.

Urban, suburban and rural communities support a stronger, more livable region through their individual strengths and assets. These diverse communities will contribute to the achievement of regional outcomes in a variety of ways based on local needs and preferences. Communities through the region will pursue greater livability through built environments and development patterns that accommodate the widest spectrum of people – regardless of age, income or ability.

#### *Supporting Objectives:*

- Encourage development patterns and community design features that meet the needs of people of all ages, incomes and abilities.
- Preserve and leverage the unique characteristics of the region's communities.
- Promote investment/reinvestment in existing communities.

### Outcome | Through a coordinated effort between DRCOG and local communities, new urban development occurs in an orderly and compact pattern within regionally designated growth areas.

A process to identify local and regional urban growth priorities helps the region manage the growth of the region's urban footprint. While locally adopted policies and market demand determine the location of urban development, local commitments to coordinate and collaborate on the expansion of urban growth lead to better use of regional resources for infrastructure, reduced regional vehicle travel and conservation of open land.

### Objective | Contain urban development in locations designated for urban growth and services.

Metro Vision will help focus and facilitate future growth in locations where urban-level infrastructure already exists or areas where plans for infrastructure and service expansion are in place. DRCOG will work with member communities to identify local urban growth priorities and aspirations that shape regional planning assumptions and influence the region's ability to achieve a compact regional footprint and other shared outcomes.

#### *Supporting Objectives*

- Monitor and increase awareness of the region's existing and planned urban footprint.
- Coordinate local and regional urban growth priorities in order to improve forecasting, planning and investment decisions within regionally designated growth areas.

### Objective | Protect a variety of open spaces.

Open space and the natural environment are important assets in the region. A variety of open spaces of different sizes, settings and purposes will help define the urban area and distinguish individual communities. Additionally, these open spaces provide important wildlife habitat, support various

outdoor recreational pursuits and protect the health of water and ecological systems. The region will conserve and protect natural resources including prominent geologic features, surface waters, riparian areas, wetlands, forests and woodlands, prairie grasslands and other environmentally sensitive lands for future generations.

*Supporting Objective:*

- Protect and restore natural resources of local and regional significance.

Objective | Support continued agricultural capacity in the region.

Agricultural land and the ability to bring additional land or operations into production, where viable, benefits local producers, saves energy resources and offers a level of food security for the region. Local and regional initiatives will expand opportunities for local food cultivation, processing and sales—improving the distribution of and access to food throughout the region.

*Supporting Objectives:*

- Maximize the efficient use of municipal and industrial water.
- Conserve significant agricultural lands.

Outcome | Connected urban centers and multimodal corridors throughout the region accommodate a growing share of the region's housing and employment.

The location and context of each center define its unique character. They are transit-, pedestrian and bicycle-friendly places that contain a diverse mix of land uses and are denser than their surrounding areas; and are designed to allow people of all ages, incomes and abilities to access a range of housing, employment and services without sole reliance on having to drive. Urban centers provide public spaces where people can gather; help reduce per capita vehicle miles traveled, air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions and water consumption; and respect and support existing neighborhoods. The region includes a wide array of urban centers including, but not limited to traditional downtowns, transit station areas, employment centers and smaller scale compact mixed-use development in suburban settings.

Objective | Increase housing and employment in urban centers.

Collectively, urban centers will increase their share of the region's total housing and employment. The ability for individual urban centers to absorb future growth will vary based on the characteristics of each center. Specific projects and initiatives will establish a network of clear and direct multimodal connections within and between urban centers, as well as key destinations. Public and private partners will direct investment toward programs and infrastructure improvements that help local governments and the private sector develop successful urban centers and multimodal connections.

*Supporting Objectives:*

- Increase public/private investment and partnerships in urban centers.
- Increase transit service and ridership within and to urban centers.
- Invest in multimodal enhancements along corridors.

### **Summary of Proposed Amendments to Theme: An Efficient and Predictable Development Pattern**

Move objective and associated objective narrative: Protect a variety of open spaces from Theme: *A Safe and Resilient Natural and Built Environment*

- Move associated supporting objective: *Protect and restore natural resources of local and regional significance.*

Move objective and associated objective narrative: Support continued agricultural capacity in the region from Theme: *A Safe and Resilient Natural and Built Environment*

- Move supporting objective: *Maximize the efficient use of municipal and industrial water* from outcome: *The region has clean water and air and lower greenhouse gas emissions* (within Theme: *A Safe and Resilient Natural and Built Environment*)

- Move supporting objective: *Conserve significant agricultural lands* from outcome: *The region's working agricultural lands and activities contribute to a strong regional food system* (within Theme: *A Safe and Resilient Natural and Built Environment*)

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## Overarching theme | A Connected Multimodal Region

Outcome | The regional transportation system is well-connected and serves all modes of travel.

The transportation system integrates regional and local roadways and streets, transit (bus and rail), bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and air and freight rail linkages. The transportation system connects the region to the rest of the state and beyond, and will evolve to include future technology and mobility innovations as appropriate.

Objective | Improve and expand the region's multimodal transportation system, services and connections.

The region will continue to invest in a well-connected, multimodal transportation system to improve mobility and accommodate anticipated increases of more than 1.16 million people and 600,000 jobs by 2040. Transportation system investment initiatives may include expanding transit service and coverage, improving on-street and off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities, widening and adding new roadways, and promoting travel options. The resulting transportation system will increase mobility choices within and beyond the region for people, goods and services.

### *Supporting Objectives:*

- Improve the capacity of the multimodal regional roadway system.
- Improve the region's comprehensive transit system, including the timely completion of the FasTracks program.
- Improve bicycle and pedestrian accessibility.
- Improve interconnections of the multimodal transportation system within and beyond the region for people and freight.
- Expand travel demand management services and strategies.

Outcome | The transportation system is safe, reliable and well-maintained.

Educational, enforcement and engineering approaches enhance safety to reduce crashes, serious injuries and fatalities. Coordinated operations and management of the system maximizes capacity and reliability for all users. Transportation system physical components are well-maintained to extend their useful life and provide a quality travel experience.

Objective | Operate, manage and maintain a safe and reliable transportation system.

The region will optimize the multimodal transportation system to improve the safe and reliable flow of people and goods. System optimization will include projects and initiatives that make the multimodal transportation system's capacity as productive as possible. The multimodal system will require maintenance to continue safe and sound conditions. Safety projects and other related initiatives will reduce fatalities and serious injuries for all travel modes. The region will also increase the deployment of technology and mobility innovations to improve reliability and optimize capacity.

### *Supporting Objectives:*

- Maintain existing and future transportation facilities in good condition.
- Improve transportation system performance and reliability.
- Improve transportation safety and security.



**Proposed Amendments to Theme: A Connected and Multimodal Region**

Staff-initiated proposed changes for this theme will be presented for discussion after the Board has had a chance to take action on the *2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan*. Proposals discussed to date include the elevation of transportation from a supporting objective to an objective that can then include one or more supporting objectives from *Taking Action on Regional Vision Zero*.

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## Overarching theme | A Safe and Resilient Natural and Built Environment

Outcome | The region has clean water and air, and lower greenhouse gas emissions.

The region meets or exceeds applicable federal, state, and local requirements and regional targets for air and water quality.

Objective | Improve air quality ~~and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.~~

Local and regional initiatives will reduce ground-level ozone, ~~greenhouse gas emissions,~~ and other air pollutants. Collaboration with regional partners, such as the Regional Air Quality Council, the Colorado Department of Transportation and the Regional Transportation District will be integral to improving air quality through reductions in ground-level ozone concentrations, carbon monoxide, and particulate matter. Additional initiatives will raise public awareness of the direct role of individual actions in pollutant ~~and greenhouse gas~~ emissions.

### *Supporting Objectives:*

- Increase collaboration with local and regional partners on air quality initiatives.
- Increase public awareness of air quality issues.
- Improve the fuel economy of the region's vehicle fleet.

Objective | Reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

**\*\*STAFF HAS NOT DRAFTED OBJECTIVE NARRATIVE FOR NEW OBJECTIVES\*\***

### *Supporting objectives:*

- Improve the fuel economy ~~and increase the electrification~~ of the region's vehicle fleet.
- ~~Improve the energy efficiency of new and existing buildings.~~
- ~~Increase collaboration with local and regional partners for waste reduction and diversion in the region's watershed.~~
- ~~Increase collaboration with local, regional and state partners on incentivizing local land use decisions that reduce growth in driving.~~
- ~~Increase the efficiency of food distribution.~~

Objective | Improve the ~~efficient use and~~ quality of the region's waters.

In a semi-arid climate, water resources remain critically important to the region's quality of life and continued prosperity. The region will ensure clean water for consumption, recreation and a balanced, healthy ecological community through initiatives to restore and maintain the chemical and physical integrity of the region's waters. DRCOG will focus on collaborative initiatives among local governments, water providers, agricultural producers, the design and development community, and other regional stakeholders to promote ~~water conservation and~~ responsible water-management and land use practices.

### *Supporting Objectives:*

- Increase collaboration with local and regional partners on water quality initiatives.
- Increase public awareness of water quality issues.
- ~~Maximize the efficient use of municipal and industrial water.~~

~~Outcome | The region values, protects and connects people to its diverse natural resource areas, open space, parks and trails.~~

~~The region's protection and restoration of its diverse natural resource areas—its mountain backdrop, unique prairie landscapes, extensive riparian corridors and other open space areas, parks and trails—is essential as the region continues to grow. Access to these areas provides the opportunity to participate in a variety of recreational pursuits that support physical and mental health and wellness.~~

~~Objective | Protect a variety of open spaces.~~

~~Open space and the natural environment are important assets in the region. A variety of open spaces of different sizes, settings and purposes will help define the urban area and distinguish individual communities. Additionally, these open spaces provide important wildlife habitat, support various outdoor recreational pursuits and protect the health of water and ecological systems. The region will conserve and protect natural resources including prominent geologic features, surface waters, riparian areas, wetlands, forests and woodlands, prairie grasslands and other environmentally sensitive lands for future generations.~~

~~Supporting Objective:~~

- ~~• Protect and restore natural resources of local and regional significance.~~

~~Objective | Connect people to natural resource and recreational areas.~~

~~In addition to local and regional initiatives to preserve, protect and expand open space assets, the region will ensure that residents and visitors may access these amenities. Active and passive open spaces will serve as a key component of the region's overall growth framework, connecting people to open space amenities. Local and regional initiatives will prioritize the completion of missing links in the regional trail and greenways network and improve other multimodal connections to increase park accessibility.~~

~~Supporting Objectives:~~

- ~~• Improve opportunities for recreation and access to nature.~~
- ~~• Improve multimodal linkages to and between the region's parks, open spaces and developed areas.~~

~~Outcome | The region's working agricultural lands and activities contribute to a strong regional food system.~~

~~Working agricultural lands are essential to the region's heritage, health and economic and cultural diversity. Livestock feeding and production, growing feed and forage crops for livestock, food production, or greenhouse and nursery crops, agricultural lands and operations of all sizes create jobs in the region, support economic vitality and promote healthier communities by bringing people closer to their food source.~~

~~Objective | Support continued agricultural capacity in the region.~~

~~Agricultural land and the ability to bring additional land or operations into production, where viable, benefits local producers, saves energy resources and offers a level of food security for the region. Local and regional initiatives will expand opportunities for local food cultivation, processing and sales—improving the distribution of and access to food throughout the region.~~

*Supporting Objectives:*

- ~~Conserve significant agricultural lands.~~
- ~~Increase access to healthy and local foods.~~
- ~~Increase the efficiency of food distribution.~~

**Outcome | The risks and effects of natural and human-created hazards are reduced.**

Hazard mitigation planning reduces injuries and loss of life, trauma, and damage to property, equipment and infrastructure. Communities are more resilient when planning also accounts for disaster response and recovery.

**Objective | Reduce the risk of hazards and their impact.**

The region will consider land use, open space protection and critical infrastructure in areas susceptible to potential natural and human-created hazards. Local and regional initiatives will limit new development, or the expansion of existing development, in areas recognized as having a high probability of being affected by natural and human-created hazards. More communities will have a hazard mitigation plan in place. Collectively, these initiatives will minimize the effect of community disruptions, as well as economic, environmental and other losses.

*Supporting Objectives:*

- Increase open space in high risk areas.
- Limit new development in areas susceptible to hazards.
- Increase the use of best practices in land use planning and management to decrease risk.
- Promote integrated planning and decision-making in hazard mitigation.

**Objective | Improve disaster response and recovery.**

Preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disasters and traumatic events is essential to the physical, economic and emotional health of the region's communities and residents. The region will continue to proactively prepare for disasters, including by understanding and assessing risks and vulnerabilities that may challenge recovery. When disasters occur, affected communities will overcome the physical, environmental and emotional effects in the shortest time possible relative to the severity of the disaster. Affected communities will reestablish key elements of their economic, social and cultural fabric to pre-disaster conditions and, when needed, make improvements to become more resilient.

*Supporting Objectives:*

- Enhance community resiliency.
- Increase interagency coordination.

**Summary of proposed amendments for Theme: A Safe and Resilient Natural and Built Environment**

Split objective: *Improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions -> Improve air quality | Reduce greenhouse gas emissions.*

Under newly created objective *Reduce greenhouse gas emissions*

- Add language to supporting objective: *Improve the fuel economy and increase the electrification of the region's vehicle fleet.*
- Add supporting objective: *Improve the energy efficiency of new and existing buildings.*

- Add supporting objective: *Increase collaboration with local and regional partners for waste reduction and diversion in the region's watershed.*
- Add supporting objective: *Increase collaboration with local, regional and state partners on incentivizing local land use decisions that reduce growth in driving.*
- Add supporting objective: *Increase the efficiency of food distribution* from outcome: *The region's working agricultural lands and activities contribute to a strong regional food system* (within Theme: *A Safe and Resilient Natural and Built Environment*).

Change objective: *Improve the efficient use and quality of the region's waters* to *Improve the quality of the region's waters.*

- Remove supporting objective: *Maximize the efficient use of municipal and industrial water* (rehome to objective: *Support continued agricultural capacity in the region* within Theme: *An Efficient and Predictable Development Pattern*).

Remove outcome: *The region values, protects and connects people to its diverse natural resource areas, open space, parks and trails* and associated outcome narrative.

- Remove and rehome objective: *Protect a variety of open spaces* to Theme: *An Efficient and Predictable Development Pattern*.
- Remove and rehome supporting objective: *Protect and restore natural resources of local and regional significance* with objective above.

Remove and rehome objective and associated objective narrative: *Connect people to natural resource and recreational areas* to Theme: *Healthy, Inclusive and Livable Communities*.

- Remove and rehome supporting objective: *Improve opportunities for recreation and access to nature* with objective above.
- Remove and rehome supporting objective: *Improve multimodal linkages to and between the region's parks, open spaces and developed areas* with objective above.

Remove outcome: *The region's working agricultural lands and activities contribute to a strong regional food system.*

- remove and rehome objective: *support continued agricultural capacity in the region* to Theme: *An Efficient and Predictable Development Pattern*.
- remove and rehome supporting objective: *Conserve significant agricultural lands* with objective above.
- remove and rehome supporting objective: *Increase access to healthy and local foods* with objective above.
- remove and rehome supporting objective: *Increase the efficiency of food distribution* with objective above.

## Overarching theme | Healthy, Inclusive and Livable Communities

### Outcome | The built and natural environment supports healthy and active choices.

A deliberate focus on the built environment's influence on physical activity, mobility choices, access to healthy food and the natural environment supports the opportunity to lead healthy and active lifestyles throughout the region.

#### Objective | Increase access to amenities that support healthy, active choices.

The region will expand opportunities for residents to lead healthy and active lifestyles. The region's streets and roads will be planned, designed, operated and maintained to enable safe, convenient and comfortable travel and access for users of all ages and abilities, regardless of their mode of transportation. A mix of well-connected land uses and recreational amenities in communities throughout the region will create places that make active transportation and recreational physical activity safe and part of an everyday routine. Additionally, local and regional initiatives will increase access to healthy food options in low-income neighborhoods and areas with high levels of food insecurity.

#### *Supporting Objectives:*

- Increase safe and convenient active transportation options for all ages and abilities.
- Expand the regional trail network.

#### Objective | Connect people to natural resource and recreational areas.

In addition to local and regional initiatives to preserve, protect and expand open space assets, the region will ensure that residents and visitors may access these amenities. Active and passive open spaces will serve as a key component of the region's overall growth framework, connecting people to open space amenities. Local and regional initiatives will prioritize the completion of missing links in the regional trail and greenways network and improve other multimodal connections to increase park accessibility.

#### *Supporting Objectives:*

- Improve opportunities for recreation and access to nature.
- Improve multimodal linkages to and between the region's parks, open spaces and developed areas.

### Outcome | The region's residents have expanded connections to health services.

Expanded connections to health services improve the health and wellness of residents in the Denver region. Connections to health services are expanded through improved multimodal transportation access, the location of new health facilities and other innovative approaches resulting in more convenient access to health services.

#### Objective | Improve transportation connections to health care facilities and service providers.

The region will support the integration of health care facilities and service providers of all sizes into centers throughout the region—both urban and rural—where residents can access care by walking, biking, driving or using transit. Local and regional initiatives related to transit service, including on demand and other specialized services, will increase transit access to health care facilities, social service providers and other retail outlets that offer health services.

*Supporting Objectives:*

- ~~Increase awareness and knowledge of community health and wellness issues and support networks.~~
- Increase collaboration among stakeholders at the local, regional and state levels.
- Locate health services in accessible areas.

Objective | Improve connections to and increase the capacity of community resources that improve health outcomes.

**\*\*STAFF HAS NOT DRAFTED OBJECTIVE NARRATIVE FOR NEW OBJECTIVES\*\***

*Supporting Objectives:*

- Increase awareness and knowledge of community health and wellness issues and support networks.
- Increase access to healthy and local foods.
- Locate community resources in accessible and underserved areas.

Outcome | Diverse housing options meet the needs of residents of all ages, incomes and abilities.

Housing choices allow individuals and families to find desirable housing that is affordable and accessible to them in communities throughout the region, allowing them to stay in their community of choice as their economic or life circumstances change. A range of housing options across the region benefits both individuals and families, and can improve the economic vitality and diversity of local communities.

Objective | Diversify the region's housing stock.

The region will have housing that meets the needs of current and future residents as they progress through the various stages of their lives, including changes in familial status, income, employment and ability level. Local communities and regional partners will pursue initiatives that reduce barriers and expedite the development of housing in desired locations. The supply and range of housing options, including attainable and accessible units, in or near major employment centers will increase.

*Supporting Objectives:*

- Increase the regional supply of housing attainable for a variety of households.
- **Improve the security and quality of housing opportunities.**
- Increase opportunities for diverse housing accessible by multimodal transportation.

**Summary of proposed amendments for Theme: Healthy, Inclusive and Livable Communities**

Add objective: *Connect people to natural resource and recreational areas from Theme: A Safe and Resilient Natural and Built Environment.*

- add associated objective narrative

- add associated supporting objective: *Improve opportunities for recreation and access to nature.*

- add associated supporting objective: *Improve multimodal linkages to and between the region's parks, open spaces and developed areas.*

Create objective: *Improve connections to and increase the capacity of community resources that improve health outcomes.*

- add supporting objective: *Increase awareness and knowledge of community health and wellness issues and support networks* (moved from objective: *Improve transportation connections to health care facilities and service providers* within the same theme.
- add supporting objective: *Increase access to healthy and local foods.*
- add supporting objective: *Locate community resources in accessible and underserved areas.*

Add supporting objective: *Improve the security and quality of housing opportunities* to objective: *Diversify the region's housing stock.*

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## Overarching theme | A Vibrant Regional Economy

Outcome | All residents have access to a range of transportation, employment, commerce, housing, educational, cultural and recreational opportunities.

The region's economy prospers when all residents have access to a range of transportation, employment, housing, education, cultural and recreational opportunities. The region's transportation network is critical in enabling commerce and providing access to basic needs and quality-of-life amenities that allow the region's residents to succeed.

Objective | Improve access to opportunity.

The region will reduce critical health, education, income and opportunity disparities in neighborhoods and communities. The region will capitalize on community, local regional and state amenities by promoting reliable transportation connections to key destinations. Local and regional initiatives will continue to leverage investments in transit by concentrating new housing and employment in centers accessible by transit.

*Supporting Objectives:*

- Improve the flow of people, goods, services and information within and through the region.
- Improve access for traditionally underserved populations.
- Improve access to and from the region's developed and emerging housing and employment centers.
- Increase collaboration with local and regional partners on the availability and accessibility of quality jobs and entrepreneurship opportunities.

Outcome | Investments in infrastructure and amenities allow people and businesses to thrive and prosper.

The region's continuous investments in infrastructure support a globally connected economy and offer opportunities for all residents to share and contribute to sustained regional prosperity. Vibrant and thriving communities, accessible and protected natural resources, and diverse cultural amenities are economic assets and make our region a highly desirable place to live, work and raise a family.

Objective | Improve the region's competitive position.

The region's economic vitality depends on providing a high quality of life in diverse communities. Investments in the region's infrastructure will help ensure the region remains globally competitive by establishing and maintaining the connected multimodal transportation system on which businesses depend for access to local, national and global customers, and an available, desirable workforce. Economic and community development initiatives and activities will ensure that the region's infrastructure will support and contribute to the growth of the region's economic health and vitality.

*Supporting Objectives:*

- Invest in the region's infrastructure to ensure the region remains globally competitive.
- Increase awareness of key regional growth, transportation and economic trends based on the region's shared vision for the future.

**Summary of proposed amendments for Theme: A Vibrant Regional Economy**

Add supporting objective: *Increase collaboration with local and regional partners on the availability and accessibility of quality jobs and entrepreneurship opportunities.*

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