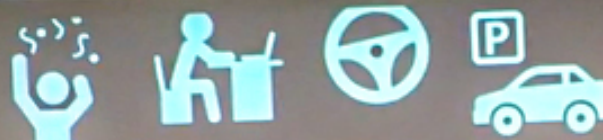




Formerly a program of the Transit Alliance

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- Four icons are displayed at the top of the slide: a person with musical notes, a person at a desk, a steering wheel, and a parking 'P' sign with a car.
- HOW:**
1. Development of a Commuter Student Handbook
 2. Continued expansion of a commuter & transfer student breakfast to promote a sense of belonging and community; on-going lunch series to introduce commuter students to campus/community resources (safety/bike/hackbox registration)
 3. Exploratory research and investigation into the development of a Commuter Student Organization
 4. Utilization of Commuter Student Liaison to provide social and academic support resources/programming to support student access, student, and retention
 5. Enhancing strategic University partnerships with CU Environmental Center/Parking & Transportation Services to provide info on sustainable transit options (e.g. RTD College/less program).

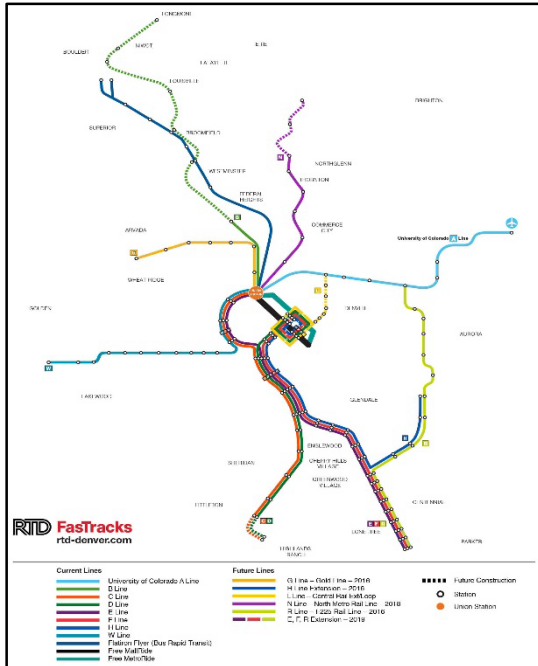
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Transit Alliance: A legacy of creating an engaged citizenry



Transit Alliance founded

1997

Citizens' Academy launch

2007

2004

FasTracks vote

2017

More than 800 Citizens'
Academy alumni



Transition: Transit Alliance to DRCOG

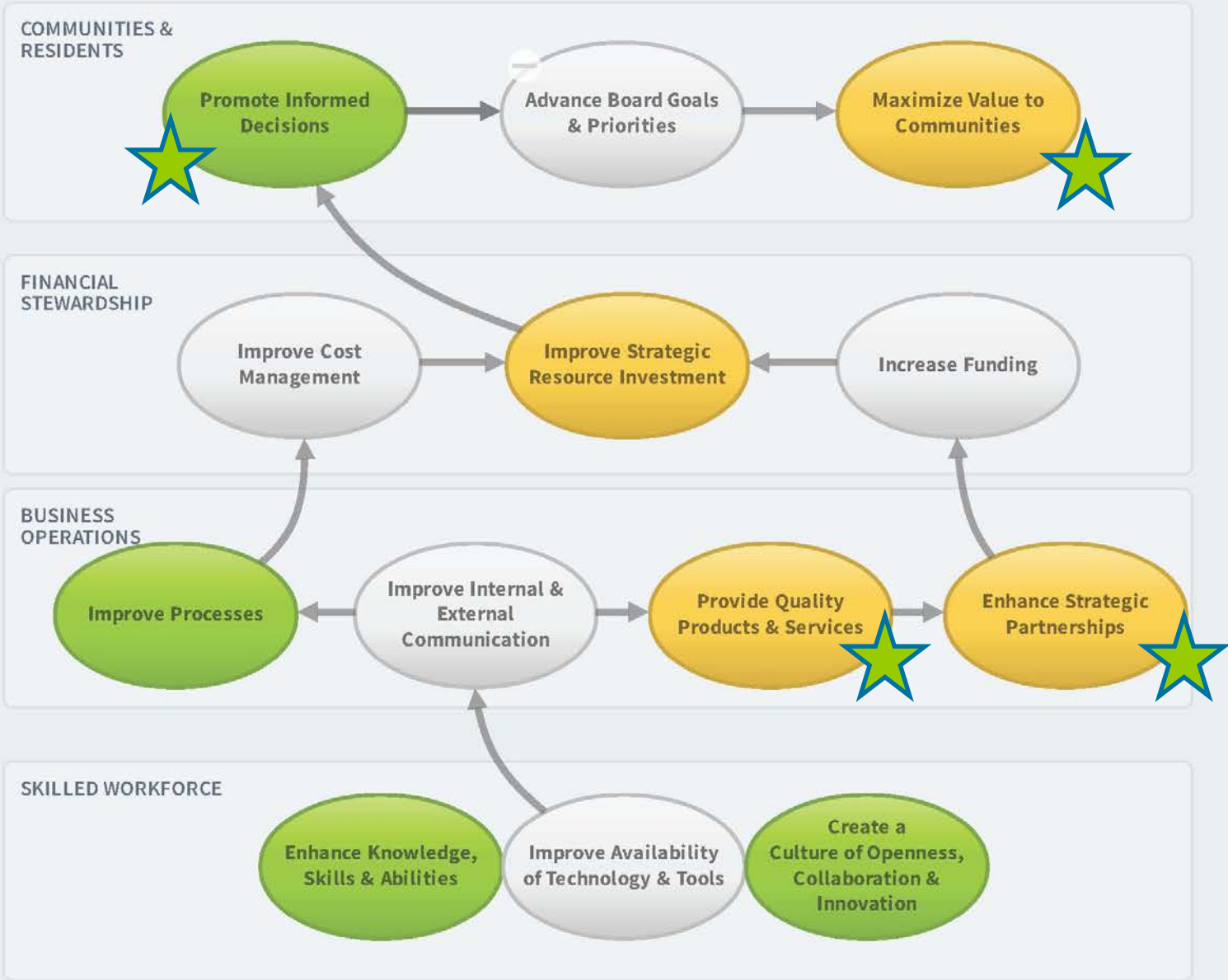


Transit Alliance approached DRCOG with an opportunity to assume control of Citizens' Academy.

A transfer agreement was executed in January 2018.

The first DRCOG Citizens' Academy will begin on Sept. 27.

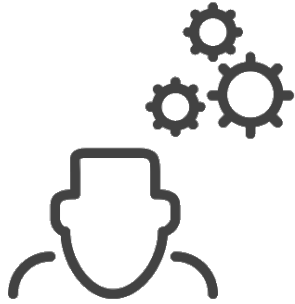
DRCOG will continue existing learning model.



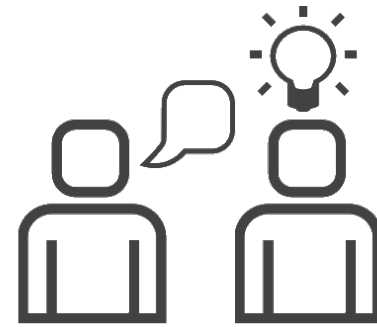


What is Citizens' Academy?

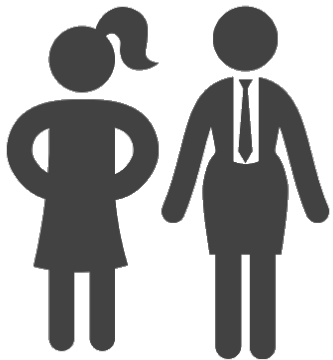
Over seven weeks and 21 hours:



learn from
local experts



meet and work with
other engaged and
informed citizens



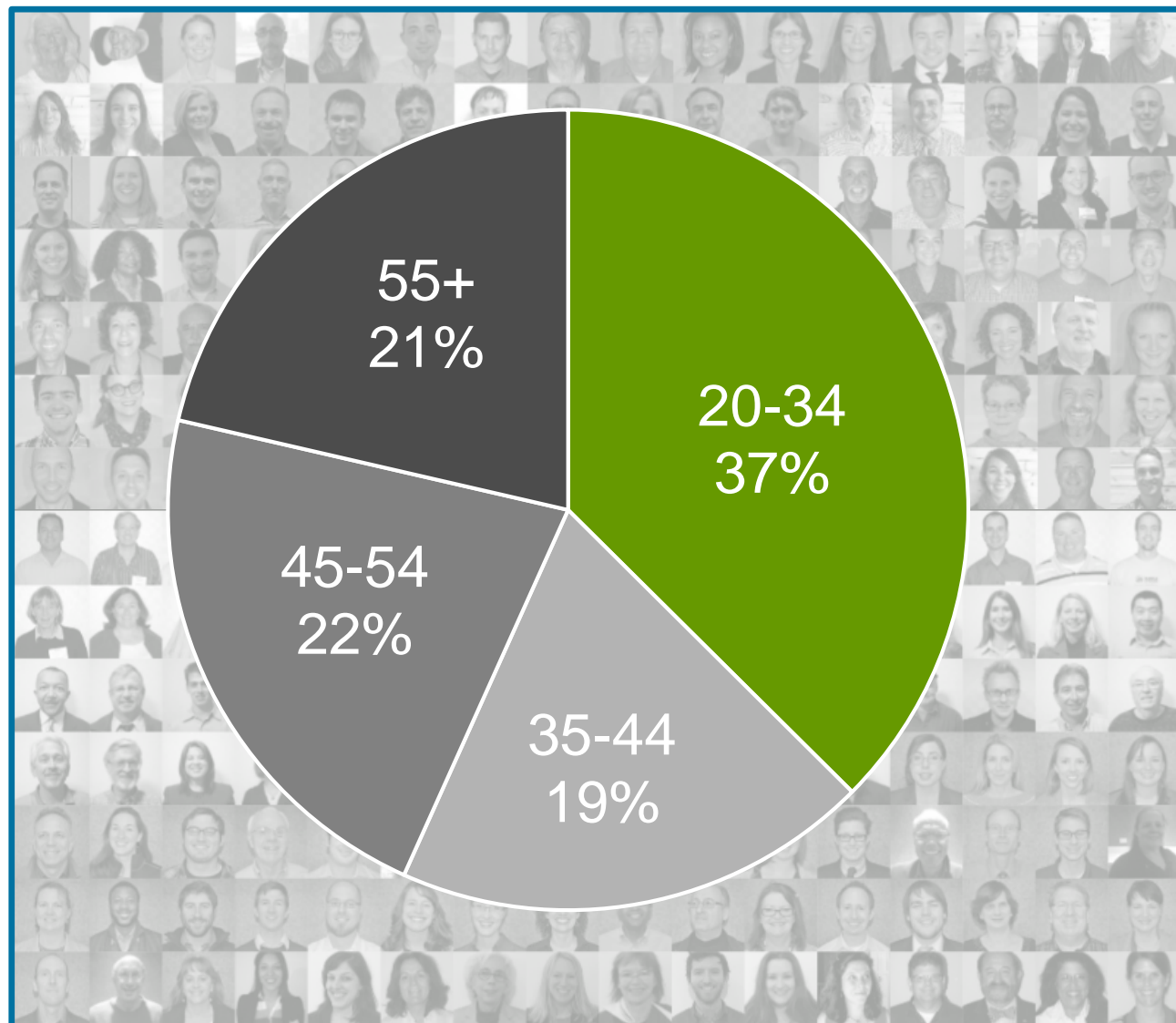
engage on
personal and
professional levels



commit to future
action(s)



Empowering (emerging) leaders



26 elected office



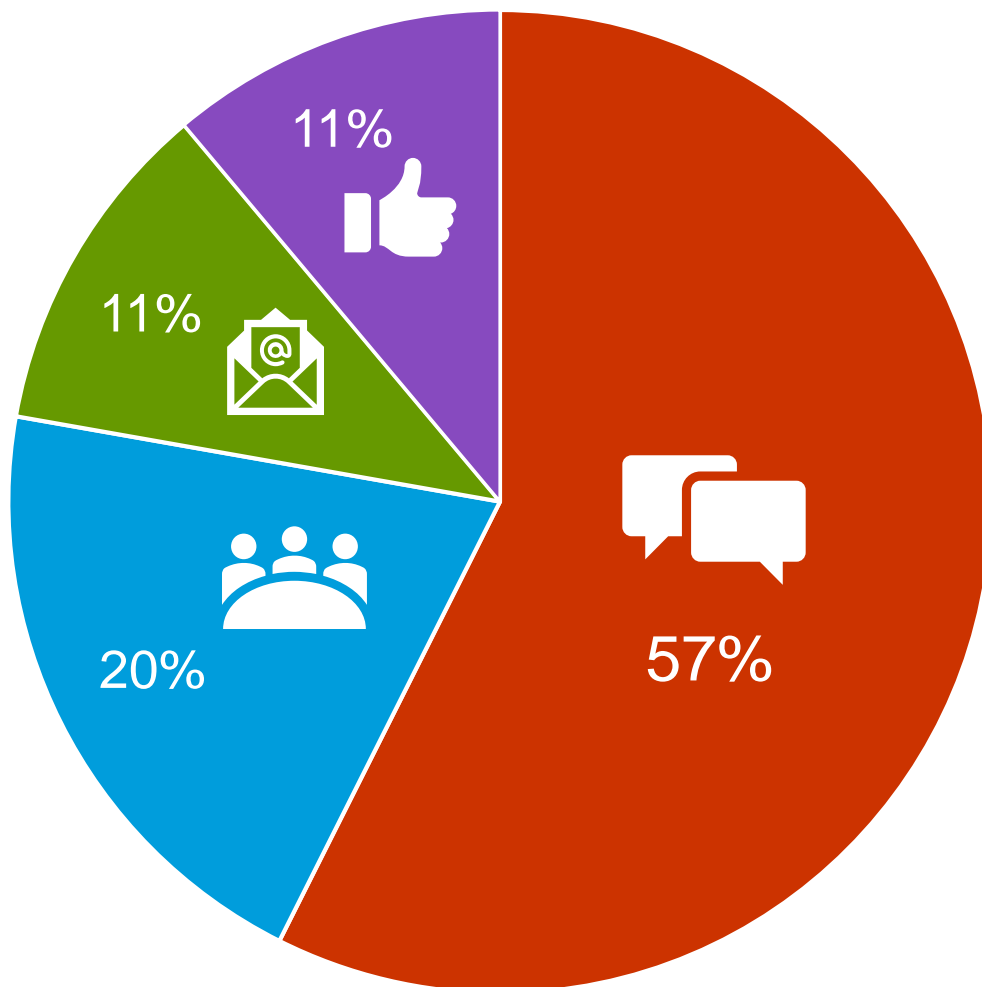
102 appointed positions



107 nonprofit and registered neighborhood organization boards



How can you help?



Help us get the word out: Recent applicant trends

- personal referral
- social media
- Transit Alliance (email/web)
- organizational referral



Key dates and next steps



key dates

- Aug. 1: application available on drcog.org
- Sept. 5: application deadline
- Sept. 27: fall Academy begins
- Nov. 8: fall Academy ends

next steps

- build-out webpages (drcog.org)
- finalize curriculum

QUESTIONS?

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