



AGENDA

DRCOG's Metro Vision Idea Exchange **Connecting Local Data to Regional Decision- Making**

DRCOG Office, 1290 Broadway, Independence Pass Conference Room, First Floor
10 a.m.-noon, August 27, 2014

MEETING OBJECTIVES:

- Demonstrate resources the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) and the Piton Foundation are developing individually and together
- Share how these tools inform important topics like housing, employment, and health at both local and regional levels
- Discuss data information needs at the local level and how these resources benefit decision-making

10:00-10:15

Welcome and Introductions

Brad Calvert, Metro Vision Manager, DRCOG

10:15-11:15

Tool Demonstrations

Ashley Summers, Information Systems Manager, DRCOG

Jennifer Newcomer, Director of Research, The Piton Foundation

- DRCOG Data Portal
- Denver Regional Equity Atlas
- The Piton Foundation Community Facts Tool

11:15-11:55

Group Discussion

11:55-noon

Wrap-up and Next Steps



Metro Vision 2040

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Speaker Biographies

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Ashley Summers is the Information Systems Manager at DRCOG. She leads a team of GIS professionals and software developers that develop, analyze, and visualize regional data in support of DRCOG's major initiatives including Metro Vision and land use modeling. The Information Systems team contributed significantly to the development of the Denver Regional Equity Atlas and maintains a website of open data and information called the Regional Data Catalog. The Information Systems team, in collaboration with several other DRCOG teams, are also embarking on a new project called "Data, Information, Visualizations, and Analysis (DIVA)" designed to make information easier to find and consume through our website.

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Jennifer is the Director of Research at The Piton Foundation where she manages the team charged with the coordination, development and analysis of information to support Piton's decisions on its philanthropic investments. She also directs Piton's Data Initiative, which focuses on providing neighborhood level data and analytic reports to support organizations working to support community change. The focus of her applied work is conducting research on social and built environment issues impacting child wellbeing. Her current projects include the development of a built environment measure for child wellbeing; investigating new methodologies for supporting socially responsible investment decision-making tools in real estate applications, and supporting and managing the development of community information tools such as the Denver Regional Equity Atlas and a soon to come regional community facts tool, both of which are powered by Piton's open data platform, the Colorado Data Engine (codataengine.org).