

SUMMARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, October 21, 2020

Members/Alternates Present

John Diak, Chair	Town of Parker
Eva Henry	Adams County
Jeff Baker	Arapahoe County
Bob Fifer	City of Arvada
Mike Coffman	City of Aurora
Larry Vittum	Town of Bennet
Adam Cushing	City of Brighton
Elise Jones	Boulder County
Aaron Brockett	City of Boulder
Margo Ramsden	Town of Bow Mar
William Lindstedt	City and County of Broomfield
Deborah Mulvey	City of Castle Pines
George Teal	Town of Castle Rock
Tammy Mauer	City of Centennial
Randy Weil	City of Cherry Hills Village
Nicole Frank	City of Commerce City
Kathryn Wittman	City of Dacono
Nicholas Williams	City and County of Denver
Kevin Flynn	City and County of Denver
Roger Partridge	Douglas County
Steve Conklin	City of Edgewater
Bill Gippe	City of Erie
Linda Olson	City of Englewood
Josie Cockrell	Town of Foxfield
Lynette Kelsey	Town of Georgetown
Jim Dale	City of Golden
David Kerber (Alternate)	City of Greenwood Village
Libby Szabo	Jefferson County
Stephanie Walton	City of Lafayette
Karina Elrod	City of Littleton
Larry Strock	Town of Lochbuie
Wynne Shaw	City of Lone Tree
Joan Peck	City of Longmont
Ashley Stolzmann	City of Louisville
Nicholas Angelo	Town of Lyons
Colleen Whitlow	Town of Mead
Kristopher Larsen	Town of Nederland
Julie Duran Mullica	City of Northglenn
Sally Daigle	City of Sheridan
Jessica Sandgren	City of Thornton
Herb Atchison	City of Westminster
Bud Starker	City of Wheat Ridge
Rebecca White	Colorado Department of Transportation
Bill Van Meter	Regional Transportation District

Others Present: Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director, Melinda Stevens, Executive Assistant, DRCOG; Will Toor, Colorado Energy Office; Chris Chovan, Adams County; Bryan Weimer, Arapahoe County; Mac Callison, Alison Coombs, Aurora; Sarah Grant, Heidi Henkel, Broomfield; Brad Boland, Castle Rock; Lauren Pulver, Douglas County; Matt Knight, Joliette Woodson, Lafayette; Kent Moorman, Thornton; Debra Baskett, Ed Bowditch, Jennifer Cassell, Bowditch & Cassell Public Affairs; Jordan Rudel, Karen Stuart, CDOT; Tim Dodd, Randle Loeb, Public Citizens; and DRCOG staff.

Chair John Diak called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

The Chair noted new members and alternates: Roy Palmer, new member for the Town of Columbine Valley, returning member for the Town of Bennet, Larry Vittum.

Move to approve agenda

Director Flynn **moved** to approve the agenda. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Colorado Greenhouse Gas Pollution Reduction Roadmap Recommendations

Will Toor, Colorado Energy Office's Executive Director, presented these recommendations and efforts to the Board. HB 19-1261 concerns the reduction of greenhouse gas pollution and establishing statewide greenhouse gas pollution reduction goals. Colorado released a public comment draft of its Greenhouse Gas Pollution Reduction Roadmap which details early action steps the state can take toward meeting the near-term goals of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) pollution. All sectors have an important role to play in emissions reductions if the state is to reach its near- and long-term goals. Proposed near-term actions to reduce GHG pollution from the transportation sector include:

- GHG pollution standards for transportation plans
- Trip reduction/Transportation Demand Management (TDM) requirements
- Encouraging telecommuting for large employers
- Clean trucking strategy
- New revenue to fund infrastructure
- Incentives to transition to low and zero emissions cars, trucks, and buses
- Incentives for land use decisions by local governments
- Indirect source standards for some types of new development
- Expansion of public transit

Report of the Chair

- Director Flynn reported the Performance and Engagement Committee met and discussed the following:
 - The committee selected Aaron Brockett to serve on the Nominating Committee.
 - The committee entered into an Executive Session to discuss and review the Executive Director Rex's Performance Evaluation.
- Director Conklin reported the Finance and Budget Committee met and acted on two items:
 - The committee selected Jim Dale to serve on the Nominating Committee.
 - The committee voted on recommending the approval of the DRCOG 2021 budget to the Board of Directors.

In addition, the committee acted on six resolutions approving the Executive Director to:

- allocate approximately \$2.8 million dollars in FTA Section 5310 funds to projects as recommended for the period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- enter into an agreement with CDOT for \$2 million dollars and to allocate approximately \$1.5 million dollars to projects as recommended for the period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- enter into an agreement with Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for approximately \$375,000 and to allocate the funding to eligible Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 recipients in the DRCOG region through the period ending June 30, 2021.
- enter into a contract with the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) State Unit on Aging for up to \$342,000 for the period of November 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 to support DRCOG's Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC).
- distribute 2021 Nutrition Service Incentive Program (NSIP) funds in the amount of approximately \$580,000 to be expended by September 30, 2021.
- amend a contract with JSI, inc. increasing the not to exceed contract amount to \$97,000.00 with a term ending March 31, 2021 to facilitate and evaluate Accountable Health Communities (AHC) workgroup projects.

Report of the Executive Director

- Small Communities Hot Topics Forum – Executive Director Rex reminded directors to register for the event that took place on October 23.
- The State Demography Office is hosting its 30th Annual State Demography Summit on October 28, focusing on the 2020 Census.
- Executive Director Rex wanted to recognize and thank Jerry Stigall for his years of service to DRCOG as he plans to retire from the organization on October 30.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Chair Diak closed public comment at 7:45 p.m.

Move to approve consent agenda

Director Atchison **moved** to approve the consent agenda. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Items on the consent agenda included:

- Summary of the September 16, 2020 meeting

Solicitation of interest to serve on the RTC, STAC, E-470, and the ACA

Executive Director Rex solicited interest from directors to serve as DRCOG's representatives on the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC), the State Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC), E-470 Board of Directors and the Advisory Committee on Aging (ACA). For directors interested in serving, they were encouraged to contact Melinda Stevens no later than November 13.

Results of the 2050 small-area forecast “gap” analysis

Brad Calvert provided an overview of the results to the committee. DRCOG’s small-area forecasts are developed through a “top-down/bottom-up” process. County-level forecasts developed by the State Demography Office in the Department of Local Affairs are the starting point in the process to develop the forecasts. The forecasts attempt to reflect an anticipated growth scenario, based on projected household and employment growth in the region and what the distribution of households and employment in 2050 might look like. While the forecasts aim to reflect local growth plans, policies and priorities, there is not a corresponding effort to align forecasts to regional outcomes and objectives as established in Metro Vision. The recently developed 2050 household and job forecast is available for viewing and downloading in a variety of formats on DRCOG’s Regional Data Catalog:

<https://data.drcog.org/dataset/small-area-household-and-employment-forecasts-2020>

DRCOG Equity Activities

Executive Director Rex, Brad Calvert, Jayla Warren-Sanchez, and Ron Papsdorf provided an overview of DRCOG’s equity activities to the Board. Considering the national and local conversations about racial and other equity issues, the Executive Committee asked staff to lead a conversation about DRCOG equity initiatives. DRCOG is a recipient of federal financial assistance, which requires beneficiaries to comply with various federal nondiscrimination laws and regulations. In addition to the agency-wide requirements, each of DRCOG’s divisions have specific requirements and initiatives related to equity issues:

- Regional Planning and Development has and is pursuing a variety of equity-related initiatives.
- The Area Agency on Aging has specific additional federal and state requirements that require their services to target specific disadvantaged populations.
- Transportation Planning & Operations has specific federal requirements for its plans and activities and has made additional efforts in the context of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan effort to engage traditionally underrepresented populations.

As an organization, DRCOG has formed an internal Diversity & Inclusion Committee to explore internal processes, policies, and actions. The purpose of this effort is to effect organizational evolution in the areas of equity and diversity by developing competency among staff and leadership, improving operational processes, and establishing measurable outcomes that promote accountability.

Staff received an overall positive response to their efforts towards this initiative. Directors provided feedback and suggestions to staff to assist in improving and adding to their current efforts.

Committee Reports

State Transportation Advisory Committee – Director Jones reported that the committee received an update from CDOT on their finances, which included an anticipated shortfall of \$71 million and their plans on how to close that gap. They also received an update on the Front Range Passenger Rail and an update on the Multimodal Options Fund. The committee has also been working on revising their current bylaws.

Metro Mayors Caucus – On behalf of Director Atchison, Chair Diak stated there was no report.

Metro Area County Commissioners – On behalf of Director Partridge, Chair Diak stated there was no report.

Advisory Committee on Aging – Jayla Sanchez-Warren reported they met and received an update on the Accountable Health Communities, including challenges staff is facing by working remotely, and challenges addressing issues for nutrition, transportation, housing, and safety for their clients. They also received an update from the Ombudsman program, stating that ombudsman staff can visit facilities in person again, but they must meet outside of the facility.

Regional Air Quality Council – Doug Rex reported the council had an Ozone Season wrap up which was highlighted by the likelihood of the region being reclassified from serious to severe nonattainment for ozone.

E-470 Authority – Chair Diak stated that their E-470 Board retreat concluded and there was a budget workshop for the authority.

Report from CDOT – Director White reported on the wildfires around the state and how it is affecting staff and citizens. Overall, CDOT was monitoring four different fires and the amount of acreage affected by them. CDOT is also focusing on racial and other equity issues and has formed an internal task force. Director White also wanted to encourage directors to serve on the STAC.

Report on FasTracks – Director Van Meter reported that Deborah Johnson, the new GM and CEO of RTD, will begin the position on November 9. The N-line opened on September 21 and operations are going well. RTD will be introducing COVID services changes, which will take effect January 2021.

Next meeting – **November 18, 2020**

Other matters by members

There were no other matters by members.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.



John Diak, Chair
Board of Directors
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:



Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director