

**Draft 2017 Amendments to DRCOG 2040 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan and
Associated Air Quality Conformity Determinations**

**Summary of Proposed Amendments and Changes to the 2040 Metro Vision Regional Transportation
Plan (2040 MVRTP)
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This document summarizes the proposed project amendments and other changes to the 2040 MVRTP as part of the 2017 amendment cycle. There are two categories of proposed revisions:

- Project-specific amendments requested by project sponsors
- Staff-initiated changes to the document’s text, maps, tables, and figures

Project Amendments

In the 2017 amendment cycle, DRCOG received the following proposed amendment requests:

Agency	Project/Segment Description	Current 2040 MVRTP Status	Proposed Model Network Change
CDOT R1	I-25: Castle Rock to DRCOG South Boundary	N/A	• Add 1 toll express lane in each direction • Add to 2020-2029 AQ stage
CDOT R1	I-25: 84th Avenue to Thornton Parkway: Add 1 NB GP Lane	N/A	• Add 1 NB general purpose lane • Add to 2020-2029 AQ stage
CDOT R1	US-85: 104th Avenue & 120th Avenue New Interchanges	N/A	• Add 2 interchanges (104th, 120th) • Add to 2020-2029 AQ stage
CDOT R4	I-25: SH-66 to WCR 38 (DRCOG North Boundary): Add 1 Toll Express Lane in each Direction	2035-2040 AQ stage	Advance to 2020-2029 AQ stage
Denver	Widen 2-4 Lanes: • 35th Avenue: Brighton Boulevard to Walnut Street • Washington Street: Elk Place to 52nd Avenue	2025-2034 AQ stage 2015-2024 AQ stage	Remove from 2040 MVRTP
Denver International Airport	Pena Boulevard: E-470 and Jackson Gap Street: • Widen 6 to 8 Lanes • Relocate Westbound Off-Ramp to Gun Club Road • Add Eastbound On-Ramp from Gun Club Road	N/A	Add new locally-funded projects to 2020-2029 AQ stage
Douglas County	Widen 4 to 6 Lanes: • US-85: Highlands Ranch Parkway to Blakeland Road • US-85: Blakeland Road to County Line Road	2015-2024 AQ stage 2025-2034 AQ stage	Combine into one project and advance to 2020-2029 AQ stage
Douglas County	New Locally Derived Funded Project: • Waterton Road: SH-121 to Campfire Drive: Widen 2 to 4 Lanes	N/A	Add to 2020-2029 AQ stage
Jefferson County	Quincy Avenue: C-470 and Simms Street: Widen 2 to 4 Lanes	2015-2024 AQ stage	Remove from 2040 MVRTP

In addition to these proposed project amendments, the air quality staging periods for all regionally significant projects were re-categorized to meet federal requirements. The air quality staging periods are changing from 2015-2024, 2025-2034, and 2035-2040 to 2020-2029¹ and 2030-2040². DRCOG is transitioning from a base year of 2015 to a new base year of 2020 for air quality modeling.

¹ January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2029

² January 1, 2030 to December 31, 2039

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Staff-Initiated Changes

To keep the 2040 MVRTP complete, current, and relevant since its adoption in April 2017, DRCOG staff is proposing several changes to the document and appendices as shown in the accompanying track changes document and draft revised plan document. These changes address the following major topics:

- Listing the project amendments described above and fully integrating them into the 2040 MVRTP's text, maps, and tables.
- Updating the financial plan (Chapter 5) to include the additional revenues and expenditures associated with project amendments. Updated revenues are shown in Table 5.2. Updated expenditures for regionally significant capacity projects are shown in section 4.a. of Tables 5.4, and 5.5.
- Updating information on federally required transportation performance management requirements and incorporating the federally required 2018 safety targets adopted by the DRCOG Board in January 2018.
- Incorporating updated data throughout the document from several sources, including DRCOG's Focus travel demand and UrbanSim socioeconomic models, American Community Survey (Census), DRCOG's latest safety and congestion management reports, and other available data.
- Several text edits throughout the document to address current events and other relevant information since April 2017, such as DRCOG's participation in the Mobility Choice Initiative, DRCOG initiating its Active Transportation Plan, and other similar recent events and information.

Finally, the proposed revised 2040 MVRTP document also reflects a new stylistic format and design to make the plan more attractive and user-friendly. Cumulatively, these proposed changes keep the 2040 MVRTP current and useful. Proposed project amendments and staff-initiated changes will be discussed at the March 21, 2018 public hearing.