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Congratulations to Board Director Anne Justen who was recognized at the January meeting for five years of meritorious service on the DRCOG Board of Directors. We appreciate the regional commitment demonstrated by all Board directors, and consider longevity of service among our directors one of DRCOG's strengths. Thank you, Anne!

Directors tour prospective new office spaces



At the July Finance and Budget Committee and Board meetings, staff and Sam DePizzol, CBRE executive vice president, updated directors on the ongoing search for office space due to DRCOG's anticipated growth. Staff are exploring properties at 1700 Lincoln St. and 1225 17th St.

Immediately after the Aug. 2 work session, board directors and alternates toured both properties.

Board Workshop convenes Aug. 25-26



The Board Workshop is an annual opportunity for Board directors and alternates to discuss and plan how our region addresses important issues. In addition to informal, social time to get to know each other, directors and alternates will engage with colleagues across the region to share insights into successes and challenges; and learn about DRCOG's products and services (see the [draft agenda](#)).

Registration and reservations

This year's Board Workshop will take place Friday, Aug. 25, and Saturday, Aug. 26, at the [Colorado Springs Marriott](#), 5580 Tech Center Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919. Although the deadline for discounted group reservations has passed, you may still [contact the hotel](#) to reserve a room at rack rate.

We want to know what's happening in your community!

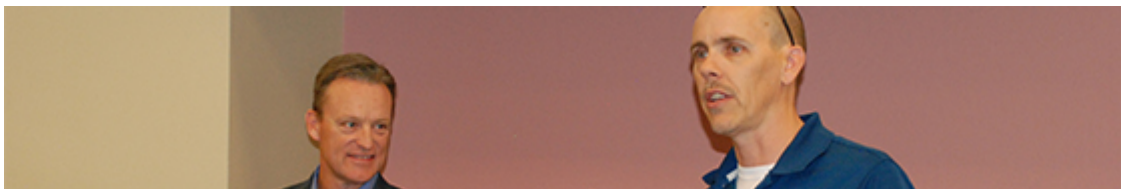
You're invited to provide a poster representing one to three community highlights for the workshop. Consider your community's work around transportation and personal mobility; growth and development; community resiliency; aging and disability resources; and collaboration and partnerships.

This is your chance to inspire your fellow board of directors with your community's success stories. Maybe you already have something from another event you want to repurpose — if not, just keep it simple! Here's what we'd like to see:

- standard poster size (no larger than 24 inches by 36 inches), mounted on foam core board
- community name and logo
- one to three projects or initiatives with images and a brief description
- contact information for board directors who want to learn more

Posters must be delivered to the DRCOG offices at 1290 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203, by 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18. Contact [Brad Calvert](#) at 303-480-6839 for more information.

McDonald named 2016 DRCOG Employee of the Year



At an annual celebration June 13, DRCOG bestowed its 2016 Employee of the Year award to Corey McDonald, technical support analyst.

McDonald was nominated by Jerry Stigall, director of organizational development. In his nomination, Stigall wrote:

"I've nominated Corey before and this just goes to show his high level of performance, demonstrated consistently over time. He is very creative in problem-solving technology issues. I've thrown a few challenging ones at him very often and he's figured out the solution every time. He has a great, easy-going manner and is approachable and pleasant to everyone."

Also nominated for Employee of the Year were Justin Martinez, Jim Eshelman, Amy Pulley and Mia Bemelen.

Employees recognized for years of service included Lawrence Tilong (25); Greg MacKinnon, Todd Cottrell, Kelly Roberts, Casey Collins and Robert Spotts (10); and Tim Feld, Jim Eshelman, Amy Pulley, Ashley Summers, Christine Connally, Steve Erickson, Jacob Riger and Scott Ramming (five).

Lochbuie and Castle Pines: Welcome to DRCOG!

DRCOG is pleased to welcome two new member governments to its roster. Castle Pines (my hometown) joined in March and Lochbuie joined in July.

Castle Pines is represented by Tera Radloff as director and Geoff Blue as alternate. Incorporated on February 12, 2008, Castle Pines is a city of about 10,000 residents located approximately 20 miles south of Denver in Douglas County, Colorado.

Lochbuie is represented by Jacob Lofgren as director and Larry Strock as alternate. Incorporated in 1974, the Town of Lochbuie has approximately 5,000 residents and is located approximately 15 miles northeast of Denver in both Weld and Adams counties.

Transportation Improvement Program spotlight: City of Thornton



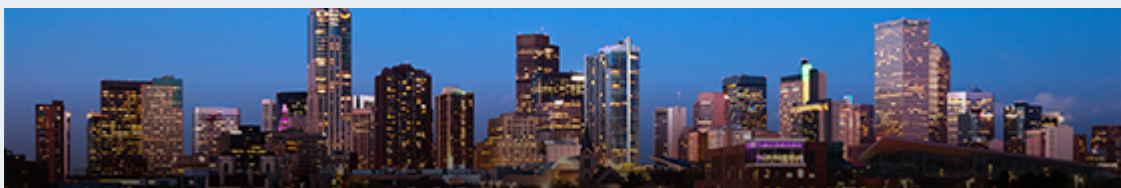
Late last year, the City of Thornton completed a Claude Court realignment project to provide multimodal access to RTD's Eastlake at 124th Station. The project included on-street bike lanes and a 10-foot-wide concrete trail adjacent to the station.

For the \$952,000 project, DRCOG provided 80 percent of funding through the Surface Transportation Program-Metro. Thornton provided 20 percent of funding.

The project complements two other projects that extend multimodal access north to 128th Avenue:

- a Thornton-funded capital improvement project to continue the developed roadway north of the station
- a TIP-funded project to construct the 10-foot trail north of the station

Metro Vision website launches



Following adoption of the Metro Vision update in January, DRCOG staff developed a [website](#) that represents not only the Board-approved document, but also:

- the region's [history](#) of regional collaboration
- how [local communities](#) are contributing to the region's aspirational vision of its future
- [events](#) related to regional planning and development
- visualizations of progress toward [performance measures](#) identified in Metro Vision

The [site](#) went live Aug. 1. Please [let me know](#) what you think of it!

DRCOG expands Colorado Choice Transition services

With the approval of the Finance and Budget Committee at its July meeting, DRCOG will expand its Colorado Choice Transition program to provide fee-for-service options counseling estimated at \$202,500 under a contract with the Colorado Office of Health Care Policy and Financing.

Area Agency on Aging options counselors help ensure a successful transition, which averages six months per client. Services include helping clients in nursing homes return to their communities by facilitating housing and community-based services.

In the news

Denver considers a big change in Colfax transit plan: running buses down middle lanes ([The Denver Post](#))

Suburban poverty rising more slowly in Denver than it is nationwide, new report says ([The Denver Post](#))

Lafayette, county partners finalize \$3.5 million land deal for affordable housing ([Colorado Hometown Weekly](#))

Mayor Michael Hancock will ask more Denver commuters to ditch their cars as part of \$2 billion Mobility Action Plan ([The Denver Post](#))

CDOT earns top honors in 2017 America's Transportation Awards ([Fox 21](#))

Calendar



Aug. 15	Regional Transportation Committee	DRCOG	8:30 a.m.
Aug. 16	Finance and Budget Committee	DRCOG	5:30 p.m.
	Board of Directors	DRCOG	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 18	Advisory Committee on Aging	DRCOG	noon
Aug. 23	Agency Coordination Team/Air Quality Interagency Consultation Group	DRCOG	9 a.m.
Aug. 28	Transportation Advisory Committee	DRCOG	1:30 p.m.

	Transportation Improvement Program policy work group	DRCOG	2:30 p.m.
Aug. 29	Aging and Disability Resource Center Advisory Council	Civic Center Park	11 a.m.



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