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### Special Board meeting today, Oct. 4

The Board of Directors will convene a [special meeting](#) at 4 p.m. today, Oct. 4 for executive director candidate presentations, interviews and discussion. All Board directors are invited and encouraged to attend.

To accommodate this special meeting, today's Board work session has been canceled.

### Sanchez-Warren accepts diversity and inclusion award



On Sept. 19 Jayla Sanchez-Warren, director of the Area Agency on Aging, was among 10 people and organizations presented with the 2017 Mayor's Diversity and Inclusion Award by the City and County of Denver.

Mayor Michael B. Hancock and the Denver Commission on Aging presented the award, which recognized Sanchez-Warren for her work with the Area Agency on Aging.

Sanchez-Warren was recognized for her advocacy on behalf of Denver's aging population, including work to develop the regional plan on aging. "A number of Denver programs are a result of her 26 years of service in areas such as transportation access, veterans directed, home and community-based services, complex case management, elder refugee services and long-term care," noted a press release issued by the mayor's office.

### Mini course: The state's best-kept secret for local government

## website support

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Join us at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19 to learn how the Statewide Internet Portal Authority (SIPA) can support your local government. Its suite of services includes web hosting, web development, payment processing, event registration, security assessments, content management and customer relationship management – most of which are free to Colorado's local governments. It also sponsors a competitive micro-grant program for projects that facilitate making government information, products and services available online. Jack Arrowsmith, executive director, and his team will join us to discuss how the authority can help your jurisdiction in its online and mobile endeavors.

All member government representatives are welcome. DRCOG Board directors and alternates, elected officials, city managers and information technology staff are all encouraged to attend.

[Register for this free event.](#)

## Metro Vision Idea Exchange: Building Community (Wealth)

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Metro Vision Idea Exchanges are back! Join us at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 18 to discuss how local governments can collaborate with nonprofits, cooperatives and developers to ensure equitable access to opportunity. Speakers will include Aaron Miripol of the Urban Land Conservancy, Jane Harrington of the Colorado Community Land Trust and Dustin Ratcliff of the collaborative Walk2Connect.

[Visit the DRCOG website for more information and to register.](#)

## Elder refugees learn to manage chronic disease

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The Area Agency on Aging elder refugee program recently facilitated two-hour classes on managing chronic diseases. An instructor from the Metro Community Provider Network led sessions about managing diabetes and hypertension for participants from Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia, Burma, Bhutan, Tibet and Mexico.

## Transportation Improvement Program spotlight: Boulder County

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In July, Boulder County celebrated the opening of the IBM Connector Trail with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The trail connects the Gunbarrel community to Boulder Reservoir and the City of Boulder's parks and trails system.

"Through partnership with Boulder County, the city is excited to see the trail complete to allow access to the Boulder Reservoir, Coot Lake and acres of open space," said Jeff Haley, planning, design and community engagement manager with the City of Boulder's Parks and Recreation Department. "This trail is just one more example of the many opportunities for city and county residents to access recreation amenities and natural areas close to home."

The 0.6-mile crushed rock trail opened to the public in June and features three underpasses (two highway and one railroad) and two bridges, improving safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.

"The trail is a great example of the county's commitment to alternative modes of travel that help people move around the area without a motor vehicle," said George Gerstle, director of Boulder County Transportation. "It provides a safe place to cross a busy highway without having to interact with cars, and it also provides safe passage to a few of the fun outdoor spaces provided by our partners at the City of Boulder."

## **DRCOG staff invites Board director Conklin to discuss radio history Oct. 19**



For the past several months, Flo Raitano, DRCOG's director of partnership development and innovation, has conducted learning opportunities for staff during their lunch breaks. Held on third Thursdays, previous forum topics have included the Colorado Department of Transportation's RoadX project and Panasonic's Smart City efforts; the U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon; and the 150th anniversary of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce.

A recent presentation by Mohammad Mahoor of the University of Denver garnered the attention of Denverite reporter Kevin J. Beaty, who included photos and video of the presentation in [his article](#). Denverite also interviewed Jayla Sanchez-Warren about caregiving and DRCOG's Area Agency on Aging.

At the Thursday, Oct. 19 staff lunch and learn event, Board director Steve Conklin will discuss the history of radio in the Denver region — drawing upon his experience as a broadcaster and president of the Broadcast Pioneers of Colorado.

If you'd like to sit in on what promises to be an engaging presentation by your fellow Board director, feel free to join DRCOG staff for this event. The presentation begins at noon in Independence Pass.

## **Governor creates State Advisor on Aging position**

Consistent with recommendations by the Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging, on Sept. 19 Colorado governor John Hickenlooper announced creation of a State Advisor on Aging.

"This advisor will advance the state's strategic action plan on aging and keep the concerns of older Coloradans at the forefront for this administration and beyond,"

Hickenlooper said.

The position will be funded through a grant from NextFifty. According to the governor's office, the advisor will lead planning, coordination and policy guidance on all issues related to the aging population; provide advice to the state's legislative and policy leadership, as well as the governor related to aging; work with foundations, health care providers and private sector initiatives to address funding gaps and coordinating with national policy leaders and funders to ensure Colorado adheres to best practices and implements sound policy as it relates to aging.

Jayla Sanchez-Warren, director of DRCOG's Area Agency on Aging, serves on the Strategic Planning Group on Aging. The group next meets at noon, Monday, Oct. 9, in Independence Pass. Meetings are open to the public.

## Happy Go-Tober!



Go-Tober is underway, and organizations throughout the region are competing in Way to Go's annual autumn commuting challenge. Fifty-two companies are involved in a friendly competition to get the most employees to change their commuting behavior.

Visit the [Go-Tober website](#) to see the participating companies.

## In the news

This DU lab could raise a fleet of empathetic robots to answer Denver's eldercare crisis ([Denverite](#))

Consider alternative ways to get to the Broncos game ([CBS Denver](#))

Verify: Are most renters looking to move out of the metro area? ([9News](#))

## Calendar



Oct. 4	<a href="#">Special Board meeting</a> (Board work session canceled to accommodate)	DRCOG	4 p.m.
	<a href="#">Performance and Engagement Committee</a>	DRCOG	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	<a href="#">Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative Stakeholder Meeting</a>	DRCOG	10 a.m.
Oct. 17	<a href="#">Regional Transportation Committee</a>	DRCOG	8:30 a.m.

Oct. 18	<a href="#">Metro Vision Idea Exchange: Building Community (Wealth)</a>	DRCOG	10 a.m.
	<a href="#">Finance and Budget Committee</a>	DRCOG	5:30 p.m.
	<a href="#">Board of Directors</a>	DRCOG	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 19	<a href="#">Mini course: The state's best-kept secret for local government website support</a>	DRCOG	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	<a href="#">Advisory Committee on Aging</a>	DRCOG	noon
Oct. 23	<a href="#">Transportation Advisory Committee</a>	DRCOG	1:30 p.m.
	<a href="#">Transportation Improvement Program policy work group</a>	DRCOG	2:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	<a href="#">Aging and Disability Resource Center Advisory Council</a>	DRCOG	1 p.m.
Oct. 25	<a href="#">Agency Coordination Team/Air Quality Interagency Consultation Group</a>	DRCOG	9 a.m.
	<a href="#">Regional Transportation Operations Working Group</a>	DRCOG	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	<a href="#">Aging and Disability Resource Center Advisory Council - Medicare/Medicaid Forum</a>	TBD	9 a.m.



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