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### **Celebrate our region**

Last week, about 430 people gathered at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center to celebrate the people, programs and plans that contribute to the success of the region.

Although our awards event comes around just once a year, my vantage as executive director affords me year-round opportunities to see the ways our Board, staff, member governments and partners are making life better in the region. And for that, I'm grateful.

Douglas W. Rex  
Executive Director



### **People. Place. Elevated.**

Under the theme of "People. Place. Elevated." and emceed by Amelia Earhart, DRCOG's annual awards celebration honored the people, programs and plans that contribute to

quality of life in the Denver region. To start the evening, Gov. John Hickenlooper (above) provided a keynote address highlighting the benefits of regional cooperation.

The DRCOG Board conferred its highest honor upon **Charles "Chuck" L. Sisk** (below), who currently serves on the RTD board of directors and is a former Louisville mayor. Through the **John V. Christensen Memorial Award**, the Board recognized Sisk's leadership in economic development and advocacy for regional collaboration. His dedication to the community earned him the nickname "Mr. Louisville," and his commitment to cross-jurisdictional cooperation resulted in bus rapid transit, managed lanes and a bikeway along the U.S. 36 corridor.



Also recognized were:

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#### Way to Go Award

##### **Workplace Champion:**

Allison Crow, Rocky Mountain Institute

##### **Community Champion:**

Brenden Paradies, City of Aurora

##### **Employer Champion:**

Angie Rivera-Malpiede, Northeast Transportation Connections

##### **Commuter of the Year Champion:**

Brittney Compton, Denver Health

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#### Distinguished Service Award

Karen M. Brown

Dave Evans (posthumous)

Michael Fitzgerald  
Elizabeth Garner

Jean Haynes  
Ted Heyd  
Robert Manwaring  
Bill Sirois

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### Metro Vision Award

Athmar Park Active Living Coalition  
Carmody Park Universal Playground and Outdoor Fitness Zone  
Clear Creek County: A Case Study in Resiliency and Care  
Colorado Housing Preservation Network  
Denver's Vision Zero Action Plan  
Lone Tree Link and Link On Demand  
Safe and Accessible Arvada  
Snow Trooper Web-Based Snow Plow Mapping Application

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Visit [DRCOG's Flickr album](#) for event photos.



Take the quiz. Shape the future.

How will emerging transportation system technologies in the Denver metro area change how we get around? A planning and funding partnership including DRCOG, the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Regional Transportation District and the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce is creating the Mobility Choice Blueprint – a

coordinated strategic direction for the evolving mobility of the region related to walking, bicycling, driving and transit.

The Mobility Choice Blueprint will equip our region to maximize the benefits of technological innovation, making it a better place to work and live – but we need [input](#) from you and those who live, work and play in your community!

[Take the quiz](#)



## Update: We're getting ready to move!

Although we're not quite packing up shop at our 13th Street and Broadway location yet, our office move is just over a month away and on-schedule for an early June relocation. Framing is nearly complete at 1001 17th Street (above). Roxie Ronsen, administrative officer, is serving as the main liaison between the architect, project manager and building management — in addition to keeping DRCOG staff on-track to archive materials as we attempt to go paperless. She's also working with DRCOG's Communications and Marketing team on announcing the move to the organization's various and diverse stakeholders and partners.



## Take the active transportation survey

DRCOG is developing the first regionwide [Active Transportation Plan](#). Recommendations developed via the plan will help improve walking and biking across the region. To make sure the plan reflects local priorities and concerns, the stakeholder committee is asking residents about their experiences bicycling and walking in the region.

Please encourage residents in your community to take the [10-minute survey](#).

[Take the survey](#)

## Transportation and personal mobility short course

Join Ron Papsdorf, director of DRCOG's Transportation Planning and Operations division, at **4 p.m., Thursday, May 17**, to discuss transportation planning activities in the region, including key elements like the TIP, the RTP and other three-letter acronyms. Through an informative, but painless, **short course introduction** into DRCOG's world of transportation, staff will review up-and-coming innovations and the transportation-related challenges faced by those in the Denver metropolitan area.

Please [let Connie know](#) you'll attend no later than **Tuesday, May 15!**



## Register now for May 16 Metro Vision Idea Exchange on bike sharing

Join us at 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 16 for this quarter's Metro Vision Idea Exchange: "[Bike Hype: The If, When and How of Bike Sharing in Your Community.](#)"

Communities throughout the Denver region are placing an increased emphasis on enhancing personal mobility, reducing motor vehicle travel, improving air quality and supporting healthy lifestyles. Residents expect transportation networks to be multimodal, well-connected and accessible for users of various abilities. Communities across the region are introducing new bike-share systems and technologies. Presenters and participants will discuss stakeholder engagement and outreach strategies, regulatory options for permitting bike-share systems, and current and future options for bike sharing.

Speakers will include Hans Reichgelt, trails specialist, City of Westminster; Brenden Paradies, planner, City of Aurora; Cindy Patton, acting manager of parking and mobility services, Denver Public Works; and Austin Good, management analyst, City of Lone Tree.

[Register](#)

## TIP spotlight: Bicycle and pedestrian bridge on CU Boulder campus

On the University of Colorado Boulder campus, work has begun on a \$6 million bicycle and pedestrian bridge to replace the 19th Street Bridge which was destroyed during floods in 2013. The 10-foot, Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant bridge will connect Boulder Creek Trail to the campus. Funding sources include \$4.8 million from DRCOG-administered federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality dollars, with the remaining \$1.2 million provided by CU Boulder.



## Visit DRCOG's recently redeveloped Regional Data Catalog

There's a new-and-improved resource at DRCOG: the [Regional Data Catalog](#). As part of DRCOG's website, the catalog provides open data for GIS professionals and planners within local governments, at partner agencies, at academic institutions and in the private sector. The redeveloped catalog recategorizes information in a more intuitive way; standardizes naming conventions and keywords; employs more flexible search methods; allows users to sort and filter results by topic, date and format; and provides data in more formats and includes a web map gallery.

Take a minute to explore the wealth of data in the [Regional Data Catalog](#), and encourage those in your networks to do so, too!



## Bike to Work Day registration is open!

[Registration](#) opened earlier this week for [Bike to Work Day](#), which takes place June 27 this year. Celebrated the fourth Wednesday of every June, the event caps off Colorado Bike Month. (Due to the state's unpredictable spring weather, Colorado commemorates biking to work about a month later than most other states.)

In early April, representatives from more than 100 local businesses and civic organizations dropped by the Bike to Work Day open house to meet with Way to Go staff, pick up signs and posters, map their routes and choose station locations. (Boulder's Bike to Work Day open house takes place at 3 p.m., May 22 at the Boulder Chamber.)

[Registration](#) allows DRCOG to make accurate estimates of the demand for bike commuting in the region. Please encourage residents, businesses and nonprofits in your communities to [register](#), [organize a station](#) or coordinate their company's [participation in the Business Challenge](#), sponsored by the *Denver Business Journal*.

## Calendar

May 8



Transportation Improvement Program Policy Work Group

DRCOG, 2:30 p.m.

May 15

Regional Transportation Committee

canceled

May 16

Metro Vision Idea Exchange | Bike Hype: The If, When and How of Bike Sharing in your Community

DRCOG, 10 a.m.

Finance and Budget Committee

DRCOG, 5:30 p.m.

Board of Directors

DRCOG, 6:30 p.m.

May 17

Transportation and Personal Mobility Short Course

DRCOG, 4 p.m.

May 18

Advisory Committee on Aging

DRCOG, noon

May 21

Transportation Advisory Committee

DRCOG, 1:30 p.m.

Transportation Improvement Program Policy Work Group

DRCOG, 2:30 p.m.

## May 22

Active Transportation Stakeholder Committee

DRCOG, 2 p.m.

## May 23

Agency Coordination Team/Air Quality Interagency  
Consultation Group

DRCOG, 9 a.m.

Regional Transportation Operations Working Group

DRCOG, 1:30 p.m.

## May 30

Small Communities, Hot Topics III | Regional Economics 101:  
How to Run with the Big Dogs

DRCOG, 10 a.m.



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