



Better ways to get around

Happy Colorado Bike Month! In June, DRCOG is highly visible within our region as the sponsoring organization of [Bike to Work Day](#). The celebration of bike commuting is just one example of the Denver Regional Council of Governments' year-round efforts related to transportation. When they're not organizing individual and company participation in Bike to Work Day, the [Way to Go](#) team helps employers and commuters leave their single-occupant vehicles behind in favor of traveling by carpool, vanpool, bus, train, bike or sidewalk.

Another high-profile way we influence transportation in the region is by allocating the region's federal transportation funds through the Board-administered Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This program, too, helps us all get around the region better, whether in our cars, by public transportation or through active choices like walking or bicycling. I wanted to thank all of you who, through your diligence at TIP Policy Work Group meetings, Board work sessions and Board of Directors meetings, have influenced a new direction for that program. You'll receive a draft TIP policy document as an informational item at our June 27 Board of Directors meeting — which, incidentally, occurs on Bike to Work Day. Expect to see many of our staff wearing their Bike to Work Day T-shirts, and feel free to wear yours, too!

Douglas W. Rex
Executive Director



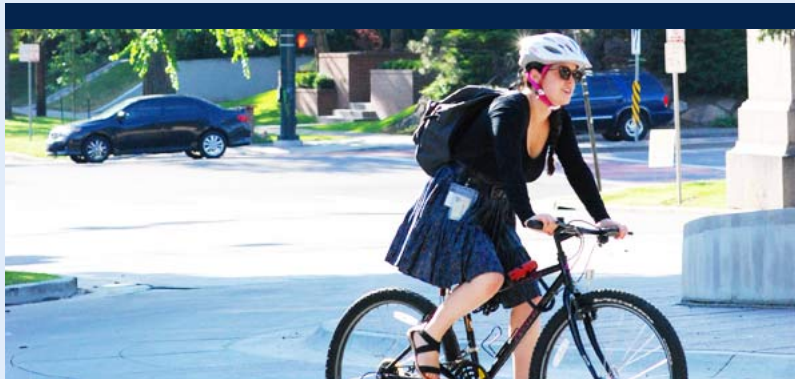
We're moving tomorrow, Friday, June 15

Our 13th Street and Broadway offices will be **closing at noon tomorrow (Friday, June 15)**, so we can move to our new location. We'll reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, June 18 at **1001 17th St., Suite 700**.

[Map](#)

Many thanks to Roxie Ronsen, DRCOG's administrative officer, who has helped coordinate all aspects of the move.

Watch your email in-box next week for instructions on how to get to our new location for work sessions, Board of Directors meetings and committee meetings.



Bike to Work Day is Wednesday, June 27

Bike to Work Day is just about two weeks away! As the culmination of Colorado Bike Month, the event represents our region's commitment to commuting on two wheels. The Denver region's Bike to Work Day is the second-largest nationwide, just behind San Francisco.

This year, we've set a recruitment goal of 36,000 riders — and you can help us meet it!

The most important thing you can do is to register and ride on Wednesday, June 27.

[Register](#)

It's not too late for you to 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*. Here are some other ways you can support bicycle commuting in your community and the region:

- Visit a [station](#) and say "thank you!"
- Build anticipation and share your Bike to Work Day photos and stories using #Biketoworkday and #WaytoGoDenver on Instagram ([@biketoworkday](#) and [@drcog_waytogo](#)), Twitter ([@DRCOGorg](#)), Facebook ([@WaytoGoDenver](#)) and [LinkedIn](#).
- Contact media in your area to encourage event coverage.



Board Workshop: Reserve your room

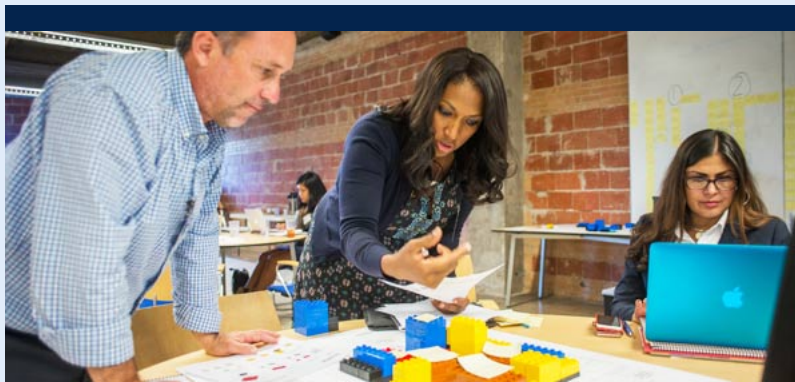
This year's Board Workshop will take place **Friday, Aug. 24,** and **Saturday, Aug. 25,** at Keystone Lodge and Spa. **It's time to reserve your room.** To guarantee availability, reservations must be made by Tuesday, July 24.

[Reserve Your Room](#)

Or call Keystone Group Reservations at 800-258-0437 and mention group code CN8DRC8.

The group room rate is \$129. The resort fee has been waived. There is a \$10 per night fee for parking (valet parking is available for \$15 per night).

We anticipate finalizing the **Board Workshop agenda** at the next Performance and Engagement Committee meeting.



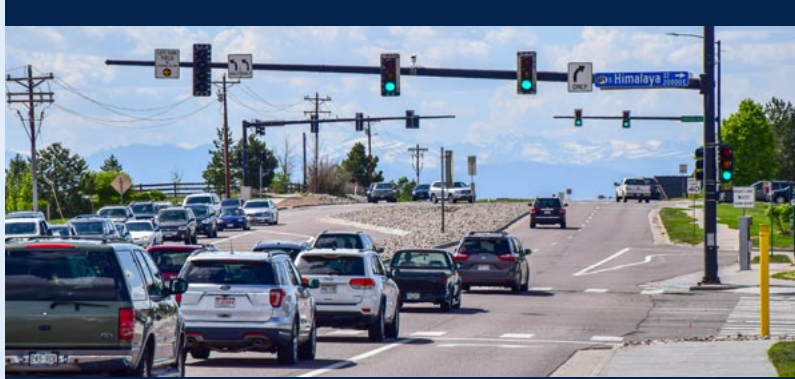
Register for UrbanPlan for Public Officials

Your community is faced with challenging issues and complex trade-offs in land use decisions. As an elected official, you can gain an edge by learning how to better navigate the forces that shape the built environment. On **Thursday, July 26,** DRCOG will host the Urban Land Institute's UrbanPlan for Public Officials workshop.

The full-day workshop will be held on Thursday, July 26, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., including lunch and happy hour. Registration is \$95 for Urban Land Institute (ULI) members and \$125 for nonmembers.

To request an application or for information on scholarship opportunities, contact marianne.eppig@uli.org. **Space is limited, please register early!**

[View Event Flyer](#)



TIP spotlight: City of Centennial intersection improvement

An improvement project at the intersection of Smoky Hill Road and Himalaya Street in Centennial was completed earlier this year. The project included new westbound and northbound left-turn lanes, widening sidewalks and adding a raised median, bike racks and intersection lighting. Multimodal information kiosks allow users to check RTD schedules and see what's happening in Centennial. The goal of the project was to reduce congestion and increase safety and usability for vehicle and pedestrian traffic. The DRCOG Transportation Improvement Program provided 80 percent of construction funding for the project.

"These intersection improvements have already improved traffic flow and safety in this area for vehicles and pedestrians," said Travis Greiman, Centennial public works director. "As we all know, traffic congestion is anticipated to continually increase. Therefore updating intersections such as this one will have long-term benefits to the overall metro area."



Third Small Communities, Hot Topics workshop explores regional economics

On May 30, 16 representatives from eight of DRCOG's smaller member governments gathered for the third Small Communities, Hot Topics workshop to explore how cities and towns with smaller populations, sales tax revenue, or median incomes can capitalize on regional economic trends.

Organized and facilitated by Flo Raitano, DRCOG director of partnership development and innovation, the workshop included presentations by Sam Chapman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City Denver Branch, Katy Press of KP Consulting and Associates and Dan Jerrett, DRCOG chief economist.



Nearly 50 participants attend Metro Vision Idea Exchange on bike-sharing programs

Nearly 50 people attended this quarter's Metro Vision Idea Exchange: "Bike Hype: The If, When and How of Bike Sharing in Your Community" on May 16.

Presenters explored bike-sharing programs across the region and nation and lead conversations including stakeholder engagement and outreach, regulations and permitting. Speakers included 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.

Visit the [event page at DRCOG's website](#) for PDFs of their presentations.



Leberman named 2017 DRCOG Employee of the Year

At its all-staff meeting May 17, DRCOG bestowed its 2017 Employee of the Year award to Amber Leberman, communications manager.

Leberman was nominated by her supervisor, Steve Erickson, Communications and Marketing director; Ashley Summers, information systems manager; and Evangelos Gatseos, regional transportation demand management program sales specialist. In his nomination, Erickson wrote:

"Not everyone who excels at the technical aspects of their job also manages people well. But Amber is an excellent supervisor who thoughtfully and intentionally motivates her staff to deliver results, but also demonstrates a strong commitment to supporting her staff's personal growth

and success. Communications and Marketing's creative work group performs at a high level, and they do so with smiles on their faces (most days)."

Leberman coordinates publication of all DRCOG eblasts, including this one.

Also nominated for Employee of the Year were Lynnette Benton, Justin Martinez, Corey McDonald, Mindy Patton and Amy Pulley.

Employees recognized for years of service included Richard Chwiedor (45); Rich Mauro (30); Mia Bemelen (25); Steve Cook (20); Shannon Gimbel (15); Chuck Vigil (15); Danny Davidson (10); Roberta Cole (10); Bruce Ackerley (10); Jenny Wallace (5); Jeff Socia (5); Corey McDonald (5) and Dan Jerrett (5).

Calendar

June 15

[DRCOG offices closed for relocation to 1001 17th St.](#)

noon

Advisory Committee on Aging

canceled

June 18

[DRCOG offices open for business at 1001 17th St.](#)

8 a.m.

June 19

[Regional Transportation Committee](#)

DRCOG, 8:30 a.m.

June 25

[Transportation Advisory Committee](#)

DRCOG, 1:30 p.m.

June 27

[Agency Coordination Team/Air Quality Interagency Consultation Group](#)

DRCOG, 9 a.m.

[Performance and Engagement Committee](#)

DRCOG, 5 p.m.

[Finance and Budget Committee](#)

DRCOG, 5:30 p.m.

[Board of Directors](#)

DRCOG, 6:30 p.m.

June 28

[Regional Planimetric Project](#)

DRCOG, 10 a.m.



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