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### Your behind-the-scenes work benefits our region

The breadth and depth of DRCOG's work means there are always great things happening at our offices and in our communities. I'm never more aware of the scope of what we do, as an organization, than when we're developing strategic initiatives and presentations for our annual [Board Workshop](#) (Friday, Aug. 24, and Saturday, Aug. 25) — I hope you'll join us.

This month, we have two exciting announcements representing the culmination of hundreds of hours of Board and staff effort, discernment and planning: the regional share call for projects for the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program and the opening of the application period for Citizens' Academy. We've long been regarded as a pacesetter among our peers, and these efforts only serve to enhance our reputation.

Douglas W. Rex  
Executive Director

## Call for projects: Transportation Improvement Program regional share

On July 31, the Denver Regional Council of Governments began soliciting requests for funding of eligible regional share

projects for the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program.

The call for projects is for transportation funding for fiscal years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 through the federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (formerly STP-Metro), federal Transportation Alternatives, federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality, and state Multimodal Transportation Options Fund.

Approximately \$32.6 million in DRCOG-allocated funds will be available.

To be considered for regional or subregional share funding, project sponsors must attend one of the two mandatory TIP submittal training workshops (8:30 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 8, at the Adams County Economic Development office, 12200 N. Pecos St., Westminster, CO 80234; or 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at Arapahoe County Administration Building, 5334 S. Prince St., Littleton, CO 80120).

[Learn more and apply](#)



## Board Workshop convenes Aug. 24-25

It's not too late to plan to attend this year's Board Workshop! We'll be meeting at Keystone Lodge and Spa Friday, Aug. 24, and Saturday, Aug. 25.

You'll have the opportunity to network with your fellow Board directors and attend mini courses on DRCOG program areas. Whole-group conversations will include DRCOG's 2019

strategic initiatives, smart mobility, regional growth (and our efforts to prepare for continuing growth) and new models for aging services.

## Agenda

Although the opportunity to book rooms at the group rate has ended, you are welcome to secure other local accommodations.

Please contact [Connie](#) if you'll be attending the workshop but didn't reserve a room at the group rate, so we can plan for your attendance.



## Citizens' Academy applications are open

I'm delighted to announce that applications for DRCOG's fall 2018 Citizens' Academy are open! DRCOG assumed control and management of the Citizens' Academy, formerly a program of Transit Alliance, earlier this year. Through the academy, participants learn from local experts and leaders, network with other residents and act on what they've learned.

Since 2007, more than 800 residents from around the region have completed the academy, dozens of whom have pursued public service in the Denver region as elected officials and hundreds of whom have been appointed to public or nonprofit positions.

Please encourage ideal candidates for the academy to apply,

including those who may be interested in increasing their knowledge of regional issues and enhancing their leadership capacity. The application period closes at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 5.

### Citizens' Academy Application

Citizens' Academy curriculum is currently under development by staff led by Brad Calvert, director of Regional Planning and Development. [Contact Brad](#) with any questions or suggestions.



## Join us for Aug. 15 Metro Vision Idea Exchange on school planning

Interested in the intersection of local government planning and school district planning considerations? Join us for the next Metro Vision Idea Exchange: "School's Out? School planning in an era of regional growth" at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 15.

Beyond educating pupils, schools offer gathering places, employment opportunities, nutrition and physical activity programs and community. Despite growth in the Denver region, some metro area school districts face declining or uneven student enrollment. While local government planners consider the long-term role of schools in communities and neighborhoods, school district planners conduct their work in light of nearer-term limitations on funding and enrollment.

Panelists include:

- Sara Baris, senior manager of planning and analysis, Denver Public Schools
- Kerrie Monti, planning manager, School District 27J
- Scott Toillion, planning director, St. Vrain Valley School District
- Josh Hensley, planning coordinator, Aurora Public Schools

[Learn more and register](#)



## Grants available for commercial-grade lawn and garden equipment

If your jurisdiction uses commercial-grade lawn and garden equipment, or contracts with an entity that does, it may be eligible for grant funding from the Regional Air Quality Council. Grant funding covers **battery-powered electric equipment and mowers** (up to 50 percent of the purchase price of handheld equipment, batteries and chargers, and \$2,000 toward the purchase of a new battery-powered commercial grade lawn mower) and **propane mowers** (\$1,000 toward the purchase of a new propane-powered commercial-grade lawn mower, and \$500 toward certified commercial propane conversion kit installation). Applicants must be within the Denver Metro/North Front Range nine-county ozone nonattainment area. Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis, with a minimum award of

\$1,000 and maximum award of \$15,000 per entity. Contact [Kaylyn Bopp](#) at RAQC with questions.



## Board directors and jurisdiction staff participate in UrbanPlan for Public Officials

On July 27, participants from 16 member governments gathered at DRCOG for the UrbanPlan for Public Officials workshop, sponsored by the Urban Land Institute. During the workshop, participants formed competing development teams to respond to a hypothetical request for proposals for the redevelopment of a site in a fictitious town. Participants were briefed on the Saint Anthony Hospital central campus redevelopment in the Sloan's Lake neighborhood of Denver by Urban Land Institute volunteers Cameron Bertron and Sarah Laverty of EnviroFinance Group. Other Urban Land Institute volunteers with connections to DRCOG or partner organizations included Brad Power, Englewood community development director and Brad Weining of Herman and Kittle Properties (formerly of Mile High Connects and Enterprise Community Partners).

DRCOG Board directors who participated included Linda Olson, mayor of Englewood; John Marriott, mayor pro tem of Arvada; Marcia Martin, council member for Longmont; Benjamin Huseman, council member for Commerce City; Laura Brown, mayor pro tem of Frederick; and Wynne Shaw, council member for Lone Tree.

Staff from DRCOG's Regional Planning and Development division convened the workshop and provided logistical



support.



## Way to Go partner Commuting Solutions wins excellence in advocacy award

At last week's Association for Commuter Transportation national conference in Anaheim, California, [Way to Go](#) partner [Commuting Solutions](#) (which serves the northwest area of the Denver region) received an excellence in advocacy award for [Transportation Matters](#). The initiative convened chambers of commerce, economic development partners and communities throughout the northwest metro area to discuss transportation funding shortfalls and gather input on a draft project list. According to ACT, the award celebrates effort, innovation, collaboration, efficiency and effectiveness. Jade Krueger, outreach and programs specialist, accepted the award. Congratulations to executive director Audrey DeBarros and the staff and board of Commuting Solutions for a job well done!

## Calendar

Aug. 8

[2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program training](#)

8:30 a.m.

Adams County Economic Development Office

[Create an open data site](#)

1 p.m.  
DRCOG

[2020-2023 TIP Process - Douglas County Subregional Forum \(Steering Committee\)](#)

1:30 p.m.  
City of Lone Tree Municipal Building

## Aug. 9

[2020-2023 TIP Process - Southwest Weld County Subregional Forum](#)

2 p.m.  
Southwest Weld County Services Complex

## Aug. 14

Regional Transportation Committee

canceled

## Aug. 15

Metro Vision Idea Exchange:  
[School's Out? School planning in an era of regional growth](#)

10 a.m.  
DRCOG

[Active Transportation Stakeholder Committee](#)

2 p.m.  
DRCOG

Finance and Budget Committee

canceled



Board of Directors

canceled

## Aug. 16

2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program training

8:30 a.m.

Arapahoe County Administration Building

Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative stakeholder meeting

10 a.m.

DRCOG

## Aug. 17

Advisory Committee on Aging

noon

DRCOG

## Aug. 20

2020-2023 TIP Process - Arapahoe County Transportation Forum (Technical Committee)

11 a.m.

Arapahoe County

Lima Plaza

## Aug. 22

Agency Coordination Team/Air Quality Interagency Consultation Group

9 a.m.

DRCOG

Regional Transportation Operations Working Group

1:30 p.m.  
DRCOG

2020-2023 TIP Process - Adams County Subregional Forum

5:30 p.m.  
TBD

Aug. 23

2020-2023 TIP Process - Arapahoe County Transportation Forum

3 p.m.  
Arapahoe County  
Lima Plaza

Aug. 24

Board Workshop

3 p.m.  
Keystone Lodge and Spa

Aug. 25

Board Workshop

7 a.m.  
Keystone Lodge and Spa

Aug. 27

Transportation Advisory Committee

1:30 p.m.  
DRCOG

Aug. 30

2020-2023 TIP Process - Denver Subregional Forum

1 p.m.  
City and County Building



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