

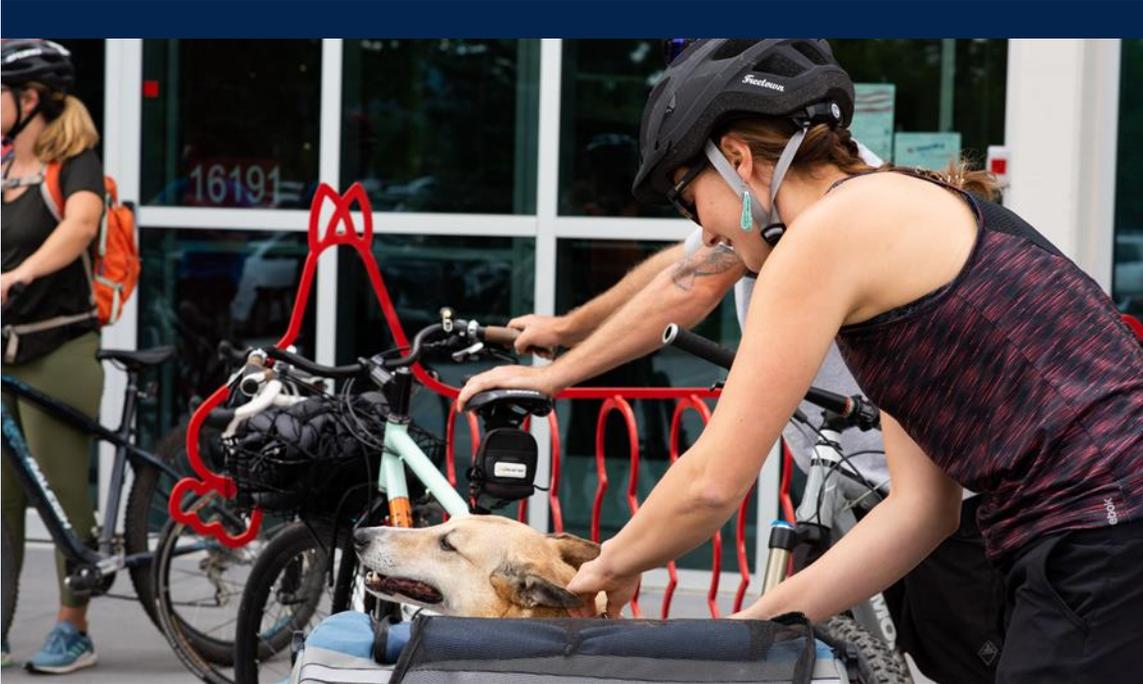


Taking stock and looking ahead

Are you ready for this year's Board Workshop? We've made some enhancements based on your feedback about previous retreats. This year, we'll have three topical presentations during the Friday mini sessions on transit-ready communities, smart cities and ozone attainment. [Let Connie know](#) which two you'd like to attend! We'll also discuss next year's work program, positioning the Area Agency on Aging to be a valuable partner in the national health care conversation and opportunities to align local and regional initiatives with Metro Vision for greater collective impact.

See below for more details about registration, and look for an email next week from Brad Calvert about submitting posters to highlight what's going on in your community.

Reminder: Tonight's work session has been canceled. I'll see you July 17 for the next Board of Directors meeting!



Participants pedal half a million miles on Bike to Work Day

An estimated 31,190 riders traveled 548,944 miles – or greater than a trip to the moon and back – on Wednesday, June 26, for the region’s annual Bike to Work Day. This year’s Bike to Work Day highlights include:

- 39% of riders were first-time participants
- 777 businesses and organizations participated in the Business Challenge
- 281 breakfast, water and evening stations
- average one-way commute was 8.8 miles
- 237 tons of carbon dioxide saved
- 34.1 million calories burned

Business Challenge winners included Dig Studio among small companies and DaVita among large businesses. Overall winners included Plexus, Davis Partnership Architects and Navigant.

Although organized by DRCOG's [Way to Go](#) team, Bike to Work Day is truly a community event made possible by your cities, towns, counties, businesses, employees and residents.

Mark your calendars now for June 24, 2020, when we'll celebrate the 30th anniversary of DRCOG's participation in Bike to Work Day.

TIP spotlight: Aurora's Westerly Creek Trail to Toll Gate Trail Connector

The City of Aurora just started construction on a project to provide first- and last-mile connection to transit which includes two-way separated bike lanes on Florida Avenue. With an emphasis on bicyclist safety and comfort, the project will also connect Westerly Creek Trail to Toll Gate Trail.

The project will leverage \$8.5 million in DRCOG-allocated funds and \$3.1 million in local funds. Improvements will include roadway reconfiguration to incorporate on-street bicycle lanes; pavement markings, signage, lighting and physical separation for bicycle facilities; intersection and midblock crossing improvements; a Florida Station Kiss-n-Ride area and bicycle racks.



Shotwell named 2018 Employee of the Year

At its all-staff meeting June 11, DRCOG recognized Andi Shotwell, human resources generalist, as 2018 Employee of the Year. I presented her with a custom glass sculpture incorporating DRCOG's blue and green logo colors, created by Blake Street Glass.

Shotwell was nominated by eight of her fellow employees. In his nomination, Jerry Stigall, director, organizational development, noted:

Andi has taken on infinitely more for an extended period of time than most individuals would have to in any circumstance. I've observed her commitment to continue on, even under an almost insurmountable volume of work. She maintains a pleasant, positive attitude which alone is just a basic expectation, but it's particularly significant for Andi given the circumstances of running the

show pretty much alone for some time. She stands out to me as a real trooper and highly valued employee.

Also nominated for Employee of the Year were Mia Bemelen, Casey Collins, Todd Cottrell, Sharon Day, Kirsti Klaverkamp, Jerry Luor, Rich Mauro, Mindy Patton and Ashley Summers.

Employees recognized for years of service included Heather Kamper, five years; Flo Raitano, five years; Matthew Helfant, five years; AJ Diamontopoulos, five years; Jerry Stigall, five years; Missy Griggs, five years; Doug Rex, five years; Mary Ellen Bradley, five years; Anne Rigley, five years; Jennifer Reeves, 10 years; Mark Northrop, 15 years; Cindy Webb, 15 years; JR Goodwin, 25 years; and Jayla Sanchez-Warren, 30 years.

Regional Vision Zero efforts commence



In concert with global, state and community efforts to end traffic fatalities, DRCOG has launched a [Regional Vision Zero](#) initiative. The action plan will identify strategies to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries in the Denver region.

The process will be shaped in coordination with an extensive stakeholder group. Robust public engagement will begin in August. Staff anticipates the draft plan will be ready for Board review in early spring 2020 and consideration for adoption in summer 2020.

[Learn more](#)

Staff starts development activities for the Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan

DRCOG is kicking off development of the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan, which guides development of the region's future multimodal transportation system.

You and your communities will have several opportunities to be involved over the next two years. Please feel free to join DRCOG staff at public and stakeholder outreach activities this summer, including:

- in every DRCOG county, joint outreach meetings with the Colorado Department of Transportation, Regional Transportation District, and the Southwest Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission
- public outreach events at several festivals and county fairs

DRCOG staff anticipates the Board will consider the plan for adoption in early 2021. Contact [Jacob Riger](#), manager, long-

range transportation, for more information.



Staff volunteer at Food Bank of the Rockies

On June 8, eight people associated with DRCOG volunteered at Food Bank of the Rockies. The event was the second COG Cares volunteer opportunity. They sorted, cleaned and boxed 5,600 pounds of food, enough to feed 4,200 families or 16,800 individuals.

For its next volunteer event, DRCOG staff will help restore the Panorama Point Trail in Corwina Park near Evergreen on Sept. 28.

July 30 Metro Vision Idea Exchange webinar

highlights engagement strategies

Mark your calendars for a [Metro Vision Idea Exchange webinar](#) on public engagement. Participants will learn about in-person and online techniques to increase and sustain public participation. Speakers will focus on engagement strategies for comprehensive, strategic and regional planning and approaches to improve communication between local governments and the public when developing and implementing plans.

Speakers will include Lisa Houde, communications specialist, public engagement, DRCOG; Glenda Lainis, planning policy manager, City of Thornton; Sarah Huntley, engagement manager, City of Boulder; and Travis Parker, planning director, City of Lakewood.

Contact [Kevin Priestley](#), DRCOG assistant planner, for more information.

[Register](#)



Reserve your room for Board Workshop!

This year's Board Workshop will take place Friday, Aug. 23, and Saturday, Aug. 24, at Keystone Resort. I'm looking forward to spending some time learning what's going on in your community and shaping the future of DRCOG. There are several exciting opportunities for learning and discussion on the [draft agenda](#).

[Draft agenda](#)

[Book your room](#)

If you'd rather book your room by phone, please call Keystone Group Reservations at 800-258-0437 and mention group code **CN8DRC9**. The group room rate is \$131. The resort fee has been waived. To guarantee availability, [reservations](#) must be made by **Tuesday, July 23**. For tax exempt information, please contact the resort.

Registering for a room also registers you for the workshop. If you'd like to attend, but don't plan to stay overnight, please [email Connie to register](#). Dietary consideration? [Email Connie](#).

Calendar

July 3

Executive Committee

canceled

Board Work Session

canceled

Performance and Engagement Committee

canceled

July 4

Independence Day

DRCOG offices closed

July 5

Day after Independence Day

DRCOG offices closed

July 10

Douglas County Subregional Forum

July 15

Regional Multimodal Freight Plan Advisory Committee

DRCOG, 1 p.m.

July 16

Regional Transportation Committee Agenda Briefing

DRCOG, 8 a.m.

Regional Transportation Committee

DRCOG, 8:30 a.m.

July 17

Executive Committee

DRCOG, 4:30 p.m.

Performance and Engagement Committee

DRCOG, 5:15 p.m.

Finance and Budget Committee

DRCOG, 6 p.m.

Board of Directors

DRCOG, 6:30 p.m.

Public Hearing on 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program

DRCOG, 6:30 p.m.

July 18

Ride Alliance Stakeholder Meeting

DRCOG, 10 a.m.

July 19

Advisory Committee on Aging

canceled

July 22

Transportation Advisory Committee

DRCOG, 1:30 p.m.

July 24

Agency Coordination Team/Air Quality Interagency
Consultation Group

DRCOG, 9 a.m.

Regional Transportation Operations Working Group

DRCOG, 1:30 p.m.

July 25

Denver Subregional Forum

TBD, 1 p.m.

July 30

Gilpin County Transportation Meeting

TBD, 10 a.m.

July 31

Adams County Subregional Forum

Adams County Pete Mirelez Human Services Complex, 5:30
p.m.



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