



Committed to the region's success

There's a certain lively energy at DRCOG's offices these days. When I visit with staff and ask what they're working on, they often have just finished a conversation with a partner agency or a member government. Whether it's conducting a Boomer Bond assessment in Bennett, preparing to meet with Gilpin County leadership, convening a quarterly forum for city and county managers, or planning for next steps with the Mobility Choice Blueprint stakeholders, our staff is committed to our region's success! A quick glance at our conference room schedule reveals almost-daily meetings with our external partners. I take it as a great compliment when our partners ask us for advice about our business practices, and a privilege to adapt what we do based on the best practices we're learning from your communities and organizations.

Douglas W. Rex
Executive Director



Citizens' Academy applications now open for spring session

Through the nationally recognized Citizens' 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. It is a great opportunity for emerging leaders interested in learning more about regional issues and developing their civic capacity.

Each session consists of lectures from subject matter experts, small group interactions and networking. Beyond the group sessions, participants will develop individual action plans to put into place upon completing the academy. Formerly run by the Transit Alliance, DRCOG took over the program last year, beginning with a successful academy last fall.

If you or someone in your network is interested in increasing their knowledge of regional issues and enhancing their civic leadership skills, applications are open through **March 8**. The free, seven-week academy will be held from April 4 to May 16.

[Application](#)



THRIVE!
BOLD VISIONS. BRIGHT FUTURES.

Register to celebrate with us on
April 10!

Please plan to join us to celebrate the best of our region's efforts to make life better the evening of Wednesday, April 10, at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center. At our annual awards event, the Board of Directors hosts 400-plus guests (including elected officials and leaders from throughout the region and across sectors) to honor collaboration, innovation and partnership. We'll recognize recipients of:

- Way to Go Champion awards
- Distinguished Service awards
- Metro Vision awards
- John V. Christensen Memorial Award

Board directors and alternates: Use coupon code BOARD19 to register yourself; or BOARDGST18 for your complimentary admission and one guest for **\$44**.

[Register](#)

Want to attend with others from your community?
Member governments may [sponsor a table](#) for \$900.

How to use your promotional codes:

Attending without a guest? Use code BOARD19 to get your free admission!

Attending with a guest? Use code BOARDGST19 to get your admission free and a discounted guest registration.

Note: Attempting to use two codes in one transaction will result in an error. Email receipts are not issued for transactions for which no payment is required. Questions? Email [Connie Garcia](#) or call 303-480-6701.



Winter Bike to Work Day is Friday, Feb. 8!

Are you ready to bike to work this Friday, Feb. 8? International Winter Bike to Work Day is a global event that encourages cities to compete to prove their commuting hardiness! Way to Go is working closely with the Colorado Department of Transportation to coordinate the statewide effort. Please encourage your region's residents to [register](#) so the whole world can see the Denver region's commitment to cold-weather bicycle commuting. And check out the [events map](#) for stations in your community or along your commute.

[Commit to ride](#)

[Find a station](#)

Note: Signing up is a pledge to try bike commuting this winter. Should we have inclement weather or unsafe conditions on Feb. 8, please ride another day.



Congratulations, Vice Chair Fifer!

Congratulations to Vice Chair Bob Fifer who was recognized at the January meeting for five years of meritorious service on the DRCOG Board of Directors. We appreciate the regional commitment demonstrated by all Board directors, and consider longevity of service as one of DRCOG's strengths.

Thank you, Bob!

Encourage your city or county manager to join us Feb. 21 for our first quarterly forum

DRCOG will host the first Quarterly Managers Forum for our member governments' city and county managers from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21.

The forum will help your communities' most senior staff members:

- build stronger working relationships with DRCOG staff
- explore upcoming Board discussions and actions
- learn about the products and services DRCOG offers our member governments
- interact and learn from each other

To help us ensure meaningful participation and plan for enough food, encourage your city or county manager to register by Tuesday, Feb. 19!

[Registration](#)

Please note: The date of this event has changed since the previous edition of "On Board."



**Reminder: Call for TIP
subregional projects closes Feb.
27**

Remember: The 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program subregional share call for projects closes Wednesday, Feb. 27. Eligible applicants who anticipate submitting an application should contact their subregional forum. Once applications close, subregions will score and rank applications, and make project recommendations to the Board (and other DRCOG committees) for consideration.

[Learn more](#)



Active Transportation Plan adopted

At its January meeting, the Board of Directors adopted the first regionwide Active Transportation Plan. The plan represents the culmination of more than a year of work by DRCOG staff, the Active Transportation Stakeholder Committee, regional partners and Toole Design. The plan supports development of a safe, comfortable and connected regional active transportation network that serves people of all ages, incomes and abilities.

Local communities can use the Active Transportation Plan as a guide for implementing a safe, comfortable and connected active transportation network.

[Read the plan](#)

DRCOG staff continues to work with local partners to improve active transportation regionwide through transportation and community planning. Staff is currently working with partners throughout the region to form a Micromobility Work Group to examine themes identified during development of the Active Transportation Plan, learn about programs and pilots, and discuss collaboration opportunities. DRCOG is also kicking off the development of a regional Vision Zero Action Plan to eliminate traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



Our new public engagement plan is now available for your review and comment.

Send us your comments by March 20!



Comment period now open for draft public engagement plan

We want to hear what people think about the draft public engagement plan! The document will guide DRCOG staff in planning, implementing and evaluating their public outreach efforts to ensure effective and meaningful engagement.

Please **help us promote the plan** by encouraging others to review the draft plan and contact us with recommended changes, opportunities for improvement or any aspects of the plan that they particularly like. The public comment period will close on March 20. A public hearing will be held as part of the March 20 Board of Directors meeting.

[Draft plan](#)

[Learn more](#)

Reminder: In response to a request at the January Board meeting, we previously sent you a [toolkit](#) for promoting the plan's public comment period.

Calendar

Feb. 6

Executive Committee

DRCOG, 3 p.m.

Board Work Session

DRCOG, 4 p.m.

Performance and Engagement Committee

DRCOG, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 7

2020-2023 TIP Forum conference call

11 a.m.

2020-2023 TIP Process - Douglas County Subregional
Forum-Technical Committee

City of Lone Tree Office Building, 1:30 p.m.

Feb. 13

2020-2023 TIP Process - Douglas County Subregional
Forum -Steering Committee

City of Lone Tree Office Building, 1:30 p.m.

Feb. 14

2020-2023 TIP Process - Jefferson County Subregional
Forum

Jefferson County Courts and Administration Building, 1:30
p.m.

Feb. 15

Advisory Committee on Aging

DRCOG, noon

Feb. 18

Presidents Day

DRCOG offices closed

Feb. 19

Regional Transportation Committee Agenda Briefing

DRCOG, 8 a.m.

Regional Transportation Committee

DRCOG, 8:30 a.m.

Feb. 20

Executive Committee

DRCOG, 4:30 p.m.

Finance and Budget Committee

DRCOG, 6 p.m.

Board of Directors

DRCOG, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 21

Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative
Stakeholder Meeting

DRCOG, 10 a.m.

Quarterly Managers Forum

DRCOG, 11:30 a.m.

Feb. 25

[Transportation Advisory Committee](#)

DRCOG, 1:30 p.m.

Feb. 27

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

DRCOG, 9 a.m.

[Regional Transportation Operations Working Group](#)

DRCOG, 1:30 p.m.

[Call for subregional project applications closes](#)

5 p.m.



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