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Happy New Year!

I hope you and yours had a wonderful holiday season and that the new year is already bringing you personal and professional fulfillment.

Here at DRCOG's offices, our employees are refreshed from holiday time off with family and friends, and have returned to work excited about the new year's endeavors. In addition to the efforts below, we're busily working on development of a regional Vision Zero plan, a plan for public engagement and the next steps related to the Mobility Choice Blueprint partnership.

This inauguration season will mean new faces at the Board table. I look forward to welcoming back those who have been long-time contributors to our region's collaborative endeavors, as well as greeting those who will be among us for the first time.

Douglas W. Rex
Executive Director

**Encourage your city or county
manager to join us Feb. 14 for
our first quarterly forum**

DRCOG will host the first Quarterly Managers' Forum for our member government's city and county managers from 11:30

a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 14

Coordinated by Flo Raitano, director for partnership development and innovation, 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 Monday, Feb. 11!

[Registration](#)



Call for TIP subregional projects now open

The 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program subregional share call for projects is open! Eligible applicants who anticipate submitting a subregional 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 its consideration.

The call for projects closes Wednesday, Feb. 27.

[Learn more](#)



Colorado Gerontological Society honors Area Agency on Aging with award

In December, the Colorado Gerontological Society honored DRCOG with its Corporate Award in Aging. According to the society, the award honors:

organizations and agencies that have demonstrated a strong commitment to helping Colorado's senior population continue to live independently and healthily. In their leadership, community service and work to improve the quality of life for older adults through their agency mission, recipients of the Corporate Award in Aging represent the passion and caring that aging requires

Jayla Sanchez-Warren, director of the Area Agency on Aging, and I attended the society's Dec. 6, 2018, annual meeting to accept the award on behalf of DRCOG.

THRIVE!

BOLD VISIONS. BRIGHT FUTURES.

Last chance: Submit awards nominations by Friday, Jan. 25!

Nominations close Friday, Jan. 25, for DRCOG's annual awards!

Metro Vision Awards: Recognize projects, programs and plans that help further our shared aspirational vision of the future of the metro area. We welcome nominations of projects, programs and plans that foster local innovation around transportation and personal mobility, growth and development, community resiliency, promoting access to opportunity, and aging and disability resources.

John V. Christensen Memorial Award: The John V. Christensen Memorial Award has been presented since 1973 and is regarded as one of the region's most prestigious awards. Established in memory of John V. Christensen, one of DRCOG's founders and an Arapahoe County commissioner, it recognizes individuals who promote cooperation and collaboration for the benefit of the region. Last year's recipient was "Mr. Louisville," Chuck L. Sisk.

Way to Go Champion Awards: Recognize innovative outreach efforts or programs that reduce single-occupant vehicle commuting while increasing the use of sustainable transportation modes. Self nominations (employer or individual) are encouraged.

Save the date: Awards will be bestowed Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at the Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center (650 15th St., Denver, CO 80202). The event begins with a social hour at 6 p.m. under the theme "Thrive!" The awards program begins at 7 p.m.

Area Agency on Aging request for proposals closes tomorrow, Jan. 11

The Area Agency on Aging receives federal Older Americans Act Title III funds and State Funding for Senior Services funds to support community service programs that benefit adults 60 and older. DRCOG is currently seeking proposals for the next two-year grant cycle, beginning July 1, 2019. The application period closes at 5 p.m. tomorrow, Jan. 11.

To be considered for funding, applicants must have attended a mandatory training session. Did you miss the training? [Watch the recording.](#)

The [RFP site](#) includes information on the services that are eligible for funding, the service area and proposal application.

[Learn more](#)

[RFP site](#)



Way to Go offers alternatives for commuting through "the Gap"

Way to Go is providing congestion mitigation services on the I-25 South Gap project. The 18-mile stretch of Interstate 25 known as "The Gap" runs from south of Castle Rock to Monument. Way to Go offers personalized solutions to commuters who drive along the construction corridor. From helping commuters explore vanpool to Bustang to carpool, the [I-25 My Way](#) team is reducing stress around construction.

The Colorado Department of Transportation is improving safety through "the Gap" by providing wider shoulders for emergency pull-off and response, five new wildlife crossings, deer fencing, replacement and repair of four bridges, new overlay to existing pavement and improved truck access near Monument Hill.

[Learn more](#)



Winter Bike to Work Day is Feb.
8!

A global event that encourages cities to compete to prove their commuting hardiness is just around the corner! Way to Go is working closely with the Colorado Department of Transportation to coordinate the statewide effort.

With your support, our region will once again demonstrate its commitment to cold-weather commuting is world-class! For more information, contact [Way to Go](#).

Calendar

Jan. 10

[Regional Transitions Committee](#)

canceled

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

Weld County Southwest Services Complex, 2 p.m.

Jan. 11

[Call for proposals closes for 2019-2021 aging services funds](#)

5 p.m.

Jan. 15

[Regional Transportation Committee agenda briefing](#)

DRCOG, 8 a.m.

[Regional Transportation Committee](#)

DRCOG, 8:30 a.m.

Jan. 16

[Executive Committee](#)

DRCOG, 4:30 p.m.

[Finance and Budget Committee](#)

DRCOG, 6 p.m.

Board of Directors

DRCOG, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 17

Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative
Stakeholder Meeting

DRCOG, 10 a.m.

Jan. 18

Advisory Committee on Aging

DRCOG, noon

Jan. 21

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

DRCOG offices closed

Jan. 23

Agency Coordination Team/Air Quality Interagency
Consultation Group

DRCOG, 9 a.m.

Regional Transportation Operations Working Group

DRCOG, 1:30 p.m.

2020-2023 TIP Process-Adams County Subregional Forum

Pete Mirelez Human Services Center, 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 28

[Transportation Advisory Committee](#)

DRCOG, 1:30 p.m.



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