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2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan Released for Public Comment

February 2021 (Denver, CO) – Have you ever wondered how our transportation system will change in the next 30 years? The Denver Regional Council of Governments released <u>a draft of the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan</u> on Friday. The long-range plan analyzes the region's transportation needs for the next 30 years and determines spending priorities to meet the region's challenges. The 2050 RTP sets the vision for the Denver region's multimodal transportation system and guides investment in the projects, programs, and services to achieve that vision. Through the major project and program investments prioritized in the plan, the region will:

- Increase safety for all users of the transportation system.
- Improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Expand the region's rapid transit network.
- Provide more ways to travel by car, bus, bicycle and foot.
- Expand travel options for vulnerable and underserved transportation users.

As the federally designated transportation planning agency for the Denver region, DRCOG prepared the 2050 RTP in partnership with the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Regional Transportation District, local governments and other transportation stakeholders. Development of the 2050 RTP began in the summer of 2019 and has relied on public and stakeholder involvement throughout the planning process.

The draft plan is available for public review and comment through March 17, 2021. The DRCOG Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on March 17, 2021, where the public is invited and encouraged to share comments.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, DRCOG has also planned other ways for the public to provide feedback on the draft plan. An <u>online on-demand open house</u> has been built to allow the public to explore the plan on their own time and share their thoughts through the site. An <u>interactive map</u> has been created to allow the public to explore the projects in the plan in more detail. Additionally, DRCOG will be holding <u>three virtual meetings</u> for the public to discuss the plan in late February and early March.

Visit DRCOG's <u>2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan website page</u> or watch this <u>video</u> to learn more.

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The Denver Regional Council of Governments is a planning organization where local governments collaborate to establish guidelines, set policy and allocate funding in the areas of transportation and personal mobility; growth and development; and aging and disability resources.