CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT

CPRG Stakeholder Meeting
July 6, 2023

Robert Spotts, Mobility Analytics Program Manager
• Non-competitive grant application submitted and is under EPA review

• $1m planning grant will go towards a senior-level staff position and consultant
  • Currently interviewing applicants for staff position
  • RFP is open for a consultant to perform technical work and execute public engagement

• Priority Climate Action Plan due by March 1, 2024
The first tranche of grants from the $4.6b program will be available to apply for in Q1 2024.
Phase 1- Planning grants to develop strong climate pollution reduction strategies ($250 million)

- Administered through non-competitive cooperative agreements, no match requirement
- $3m per state, $500k per tribe, $500 per territory
- $1m each for the 67 most populous metropolitan areas

Phase 2- Competitive implementation grants to help put plans into action ($4.6 billion)

- Competitive process is still under development
- Entities eligible to apply for an implementation grant are those covered by a plan developed with funding from Phase 1
- Wide range of funding levels, with largest grant possibly more than $100m
Comprehensive Climate Action Plan

- GHG Projections
- GHG Inventory
- Quantified GHG Measures
- Leveraging Federal Funds
- GHG Targets
- Authority to Implement
- Benefits Analysis (Full + LIDAC*)
  * Low-income and disadvantaged community

- Due 2 years from the date of award for states and metro areas (summer 2025) and at close of grant for tribes and territories
- Covers GHG reduction measures across all significant sources/sinks and sectors
- Establishes near-term and long-term GHG emission reduction targets
- Adds additional required analyses to support robust implementation
April 19 – DRCOG Board Meeting
  • Approved a resolution supporting DRCOG submitting the Notice of Intent to Participate (NoIP)

April 20 – DRCOG submitted NoIP to EPA

By May 31 – submit grant application to EPA

June 2023 – February 2024
  • Planning activity for agencies that wish to participate

March 1, 2024 – Priority Climate Action Plan Due to EPA
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT
INTRO & STRATEGY
Climate Pollution Reduction Planning Grant

Kellsie Forfar-Jones, Public Engagement Planner
Steve Erickson, Director of Communications and Marketing
AGENDA

• Introduction to DRCOG’s public engagement plan
• Proposed public engagement strategy for the CPRG
• Group discussion + feedback
• Wrap up
PEOPLE-CENTERED PLANNING, PROJECTS AND SERVICES
Our Public Engagement Plan

People-Centered Planning, Projects and Services

- Adopted in 2019.
- Amended in 2021.
- Guides all DRCOG’s public engagement endeavors.
WHY PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT?

DRCOG is committed to transparency and access to services, information and the decision-making process for people throughout the region.

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• Early engagement
• Ongoing engagement
• Timely and adequate notice
• Consistent access to information
• Invitation for public review and comment
• Invitation and consideration of perspectives from those traditionally under-represented
• Regular review of public engagement processes
RECENT ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS

• GHG Update to the Regional Transportation Plan
  • Extensive engagement efforts
  • Received 347 comments

• EJ and Equity Project
  • Prioritized accommodations for marginalized groups

• Attending more public events
PROPOSED CPRG ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY
THINGS TO CONSIDER

• Public engagement will be a huge part of this effort.
• A consultant will do most of the heavy lifting.
• Existing Climate Action Plans and engagement efforts.
OVERVIEW

• Stakeholder Steering Committee (You!)
• Online engagement platform
• In-person and virtual public meetings
• DRCOG’s Civic Advisory Group
Steering committee members will:
- Recommend ideas
- Develop partnerships
- Develop goals
- Vet recommendations
2050 METRO VISION
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2022 UPDATE

Welcome to our on-demand virtual open house! This site was created to help you explore the 2022 update to the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (2050 RTP) and provide your comments. DRCOG, in coordination with local and regional partners, is updating the 2050 RTP to meet greenhouse gas emissions reduction levels set for the region by the state’s adopted Greenhouse Gas Planning Standard. Review the draft of the 2022 update to the 2050 RTP and learn how to provide feedback.

The 2050 RTP is a comprehensive vision for improving how we get around and guides the region's investments in our multimodal transportation system.
PUBLIC MEETINGS

- 9-10 total public meetings
  - Split in-person and virtual
- Various formats
  - DRCOG hosted meetings
  - Attend partners meetings
  - Co-host meetings with partners
- Prioritize vulnerable populations
  - Ex. Youth advisory panel
CIVIC ADVISORY GROUP

• Leverage the Civic Advisory Group
  • 25-30 members that reflect the demographics of the DRCOG region and project area.

• CAG members will:
  • Give feedback on project deliverables
  • Keep an equitable lens
TARGETED GROUPS & IDENTITIES

Personal Identities:
- Adults & children with disabilities (physical and cognitive)
- Aging community
- Youth
- Veterans
- Immigrants
- LGBTQ+ community
- People with low income

- People experiencing homelessness
- Local farmers
- Local artists
- Black community
- Indigenous community
- Latinx
- People of color
- AAPI community
TARGETED GROUPS & IDENTITIES

Initiatives/Interests/Expertise:
- Environmental Justice
- Active living initiatives
- Sustainability
- Agriculture
- Mental health support and services
- Social Justice
- Transportation
- Economic development
- Affordable housing advocates

Locations:
- Region’s Counties
- Urban areas
- Suburban areas
- Rural areas
- Identified EJ areas

• Public health
• Transportation safety advocates
QUESTIONS?
GROUP DISCUSSION
WE WANT TO KNOW...

• Do any of the strategies stand out to you? Why?
• What has worked well in your area?
• Do you have people in your organization we should work with to facilitate public engagement?
• Are there specific meetings or events in your area that we might leverage to get feedback?
• How would you see us involving business and industry in our engagement?
• How do our engagement efforts fit in with the existing engagement efforts regarding Climate Action Plans around the state?
THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

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