

# Board update

## Board meeting: February 21, 2024

### Action items



#### [Discussion of appointments to the Front Range Passenger Rail District Board](#)

**Presenter:** Jacob Riger, manager, Transportation Planning and Operations

**Background:** DRCOG has four representatives on the Front Range Passenger Rail District Board, all of whom were appointed by the DRCOG Board in February 2022. Two of the four representatives have four-year terms (Chris Nevitt, City and County of Denver, and Deborah Mulvey, Castle Pines), and the other two representatives have initial two-year terms expiring March 1.

DRCOG staff received six applications, of which the Nominating Committee recommended Joan Peck, Longmont mayor, and Sarah Nurmela, Westminster mayor pro tem, to serve four-year terms.

Directors representing member governments wholly or partly included within the Front Range Passenger Rail District were eligible to vote on the appointment.

DRCOG Board directors Claire Levy of Boulder County and Randy Wheelock of Clear Creek County are governor appointments on the Front Range Passenger Rail District Board.

**Result:** The Board appointed the recommended candidates to represent DRCOG on the Front Range Passenger Rail District Board.



#### [Discussion of the Denver Regional Council of Governments Priority Climate Action Plan](#)

**Presenters:** Robert Spotts, manager, and Maddy Nesbit, senior planner, Transportation Planning and Operations

**Background:** On April 19, 2023, the DRCOG Board voted unanimously to accept the role of lead agency for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. Through the program, DRCOG received a \$1 million planning grant to develop climate action plans in coordination with local stakeholders. A portion of the planning grant was designated for the completion of a Priority Climate Action Plan. At the January 17 Board meeting, Robert Spotts presented an overview of the draft Priority Climate Action Plan, which includes a greenhouse gas emissions inventory, a low-income and disadvantaged communities analysis, an overview of public and stakeholder feedback, and quantified climate pollution reduction measures.

A three-month planning process identified a set of eight voluntary strategies to reduce climate pollution. The interconnected strategies prioritize investment in the residential and commercial building sector, the transportation sector, and workforce development while addressing economic disparities.

**Result:** The Board approved the Priority Climate Action Plan to be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency by March 1.



**Election of officers**

**Background:** The Nominating Committee considered individuals who submitted their names to serve as Board officers and recommended the following candidates:

Jeff Baker of Arapahoe County for vice chair, Colleen Whitlow of the Town of Mead for secretary, and Richard Kondo of the City of Northglenn for treasurer. Wynne Shaw of Lone Tree will serve as chair, and Steve Conklin of Edgewater will serve as immediate past chair for the coming year.

**Result:** The Board unanimously appointed the nominated individuals to serve as Board officers.



**Discussion to select representatives to serve on the Regional Transportation Committee, Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee and E-470 board of directors**

**Presenter:** Douglas W. Rex, executive director

**Background:** DRCOG staff solicited interest for directors to serve on the organization’s behalf on several regional boards and committees. Appointments include two at-large representatives plus alternates to the Regional Transportation Committee, one representative and one alternate each to the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee and E- 470 board of directors, and representatives to the Advisory Committee on Aging.

The following directors submitted their names for consideration on the following bodies: Greg Mills (City of Brighton), Randy Weil (City of Cherry Hills Village) and Deborah Mulvey (City of Castle Pines) for the Regional Transportation Committee; Greg Mills and Steve O’Dorisio (both from Adams County) for the Statewide

Transportation Advisory Committee; and Mulvey for the E-470 board of directors.

New members of the Advisory Committee on Aging, appointed by the Board chair, include Paul Haseman (City of Golden), Judi Kern (City of Louisville) and Lisa Feret (City of Arvada). Existing board members on the Advisory Committee on Aging will remain on the committee.

**Result:** The Board approved Mills and Weil as representatives and Mulvey, Austin Ward (City and County of Broomfield) and Steve Conklin (City of Edgewater) as alternates to the Regional Transportation Committee. The Board also approved O’Dorisio as representative and Mills as alternate to the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee and Mulvey as representative to the E-470 board of directors.



**Discussion of state legislative issues: new bills for consideration and action**

**Presenter:** Rich Mauro, legislative affairs director

**Background:** The 2024 Colorado General Assembly convened on January 10.

DRCOG staff have compiled bills of interest with staff comments and recommended positions (relative to the Board-adopted [Policy Statement on State Legislative Issues](#)) for Board consideration. Throughout the legislative session, Mauro offers opportunities to the Board to provide feedback on established and new positions the Board may take.

**Result:** The Board took positions on the following bills:

House Bill 2024-1211 | State Funding for Senior Services Contingency Fund  
Position: Support  
Current status: Passed

Senate Bill 2024-032 | Methods to Increase the Use of Transit  
Position: Support  
Current status: Senate Finance

Senate Bill 2024-036 | Vulnerable Road User Protection Enterprise  
Position: Amend  
Current status: Senate Finance

Senate Bill 2024-065 | Mobile Electronic Devices and Motor Vehicle Driving  
Position: Support  
Current status: Senate Appropriations

House Bill 2024-1152 | Accessory Dwelling Units  
Position: Oppose unless amended  
Current status: House Transportation, Housing and Local Government

House Bill 2024-1083 | Construction Professional Insurance Coverage Transparency  
Position: Support  
Current status: House Appropriations

Senate Bill 2024-106 | Right to Remedy Construction Defects  
Position: Support  
Current status: Senate Local Government and Housing

Senate Bill 2024-112 | Construction Defect Action Procedures  
Position: Monitor  
Current status: Senate Local Government and Housing

**Bills on which positions have previously been taken:**

Senate Bill 2024-040 | State Funding for Senior Services  
Position: Support  
Current status: Senate Appropriations

House Bill 2024-1052 | Senior Housing Income Tax Credit  
Position: Support  
Current status: House Appropriations

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