

# Board update

Board meeting: Jan. 17, 2024



## Strategic information briefing



### [Housing-related legislation for 2024](#)

**Presenters:** Eleni Angelides, deputy director and special advisor on housing, Colorado Office of the Governor;

Jonathan Moore, policy advisor, Colorado Office of the Governor; and Nathan Lindquist, senior land use planner; Colorado Department of Transportation

**Background:** During the strategic informational briefing, presenters provided an overview of the governor's budget request, which would include a \$136.7 million housing package; \$10 million for planning and assessments to align housing needs and goals; and \$5 million for adaptive reuse and \$5 million for historic preservation reuse. Presenters also covered related bills likely to be considered by the 2024 General Assembly related to strategic growth, accessory dwelling units, financing and transit-oriented communities. The Office of the Governor's policy and legislative teams had previously provided the Board with a presentation on anticipated bills related to the intersection of housing and transportation at the November 2023 Board work session.

## Action items



### [Discussion of DRCOG's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant: Priority Climate Action Plan update and implementation grant proposal](#)

**Presenter:** Robert Spotts, manager, Transportation Planning and Operations

**Background:** : In April 2023, the DRCOG Board of Directors voted unanimously to accept the role of lead agency for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, through which DRCOG received a \$1 million planning grant to develop climate action plans in coordination with local stakeholders. DRCOG staff, through a consultant, has developed its first product under the grant, a Priority Climate Action Plan, due March 1. The Board will consider adoption of the plan at its February meeting. Completion of the plan is a prerequisite for competing in the second phase of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program, which will competitively award \$4.6 billion for implementation projects. In January, the DRCOG Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Stakeholder Steering Committee recommended the region apply for an implementation grant program proposed by the Front Range Beneficial Electrification Network. The proposal would provide services to households and businesses to accelerate energy efficiency improvements and building electrification.

**Result:** The Board of Directors approved DRCOG submitting a grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant for the Decarbonize DRCOG program.



### [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 Jan. 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:

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

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

