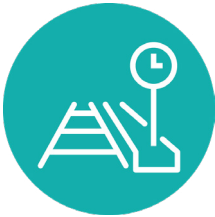


Board update

Board meeting: March 20, 2024

Strategic information briefing



[Colorado Freight Plan](#)

Presenters: Cole Neder, senior transit planner, Transportation Planning and Operations; Erica Denney, freight planner, Colorado Department of Transportation

Background: Over the past year, the Colorado Department of Transportation has been conducting workshops, research and stakeholder outreach activities to update the Colorado Freight Plan. Updates include key outcomes and guiding principles, as well as the plan's approach to engagement and outreach. The updated plan also covers new mobility and safety strategies, infrastructure conditions, and economic approaches. During her presentation, Denney indicated the Federal Highway Administration approved the Colorado Freight Plan in February.

Action items



[Discussion of the Community-Based Transportation Planning Program: project selection recommendations](#)

Presenter: Nora Kern, subarea and project planning manager for the Multimodal Transportation Program, Transportation Planning and Operations

Background: The Community-Based Transportation Planning Set-Aside, a

DRCOG planning program in the 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, supports transportation planning for historically marginalized or underserved communities. DRCOG staff solicited letters of interest for the first two years of funding for the set-aside. A selection committee composed of representatives from DRCOG, CDOT and the Regional Transportation District evaluated the 10 letters received. The committee recommended five projects for approximately \$1.35 million in funding in 2024 and 2025:

- Advancing the 303 Artway and the Montbello Loop in Northeast Park Hill and Montbello.
- A microtransit feasibility study in Commerce City.
- A corridor study along 92nd Avenue in Federal Heights.
- A multimodal corridor study along Pecos Street in Adams County.
- Core city circulation plan in Brighton.

Result: The Board approved funding the five recommended community-based planning projects through the first two years of the Community-Based Transportation Planning Program Set-Aside.



[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 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 2024-1322 | Medicaid Coverage Housing and Nutrition Services
Position: Support
Current status: House Appropriations

House Bill 2024-1341 | State Vehicle Idling Standard
Position: Support
Current status: House Floor

Senate Bill 2024-165 | Air Quality Improvements
Position: Amend
Current status: Senate Finance

Senate Bill 2024-174 | Sustainable Affordable Housing Assistance
Position: Support with amendments
Current status: Senate Local Government and Housing

House Bill 2024-1366 | Sustainable Local Government Community Planning
Position: Amend
Current status: House Transportation, Housing and Local Government

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

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

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

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

Senate Bill 2024-065 | Mobile Electronic Devices and Motor Vehicle Driving
Position: Support
Current status: House Transportation, Housing and Local Government

House Bill 2024-1304 | Minimum Parking Requirements
Position: Oppose
Current status: House Appropriations

House Bill 2024-1313 | Housing in Transit-Oriented Communities
Position: No position
Current status: House Finance

House Bill 2024-1152 | Accessory Dwelling Units
Position: Oppose unless amended
Current status: House Appropriations

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 Floor

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

Informational briefings



Corridor Planning Pilot Program Update

Presenter: Nora Kern,
subarea and project planning
manager for the Multimodal
Transportation Program,
Transportation Planning and
Operations

Background: In fall 2022, DRCOG staff piloted the Corridor Planning Program to advance projects and priorities identified in the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan. DRCOG staff led initial planning efforts on two corridors starting in 2023: Alameda Avenue and South Boulder Road. After a second public engagement phase this spring, staff expects the Alameda Avenue corridor study to conclude this summer. The first phase of public engagement is underway for the South Boulder Road corridor study. The project team is developing a conceptual vision for the corridor with character area mapping and potential future cross sections, with a second engagement phase to review the proposed vision to follow.

The Corridor Planning Program is now a 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program set-aside. The set-aside will fund phase two of the planning work on South Boulder Road, related to transit. The selection committee designated a Sheridan Boulevard safety study and East Colfax Avenue bus rapid transit extension study (from I-225 to E-470) to receive funding in 2024-2025. Staff anticipates a summer 2025 call for proposals for 2026-2027.



Federal Greenhouse Gas Performance Measure Introduction

Presenter: Alvan-Bidal
Sanchez, Regional
Transportation Planning
Multimodal Transportation
Planning program manager,
Transportation Planning and
Operations

Background: In December 2023, the Federal Highway Administration issued a final rule establishing a new greenhouse gas performance measure, which assesses the percent change in carbon dioxide emissions on the National Highway System relative to 2022 levels. The Federal Highway Administration requires state departments of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations to establish declining targets and report on progress. The deadline for the Colorado Department of Transportation's targets is March 29; and as a metropolitan planning organization, DRCOG must establish its targets within 180 days (by September 25). As with previous federal performance measures, DRCOG will have the flexibility to support the state's targets or establish its own specific targets. Sanchez presented information about the travel time reliability measure, which would demonstrate the percent change in carbon dioxide tailpipe emissions on the National Highway System within the metropolitan planning organization boundary.

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