

Board update

Board meeting: April 19, 2023

Action items



[Environmental Protection Agency Climate Pollution Reduction Grant](#)

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

Background: The Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program will provide grants to states, local governments, tribes and territories to develop and implement plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful forms of air pollution. The Inflation Reduction Act provides an investment of \$5 billion to support efforts by states, municipalities and other groups to develop and implement robust, local greenhouse gas reduction strategies. The two-staged grant program provides a total funding of \$250 million for noncompetitive planning grants, and \$4.6 billion for competitive implementation. Under the first phase, metropolitan statistical areas would receive a \$1 million planning grant.

DRCOG has the option of becoming the lead agency and planning grant recipient for the Denver-Lakewood-Aurora Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Result: The Board adopted a resolution authorizing the executive director to submit, to the Environmental Protection Agency, a notice of intent to participate and designating DRCOG as the lead agency and grant recipient for Denver-Aurora-Lakewood metropolitan statistical area climate pollution reduction grant.



[Discussion on state legislative issues](#)

Presenter: Rich Mauro, director, legislative affairs

Background: DRCOG staff regularly compile bills of interest to the Board 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: Staff provided an update on Senate Bill 23-213, including proposed amendments to the bill.

The Board has approved positions on the following bills:

Senate Bill 23-002 | Medicaid Reimbursement for Community Health Services

Board position: Support

Current status: House Public and Behavioral Health and Human Services

Senate Bill 23-031 | Improve Health Care Access for Older Coloradans

Board position: Support

Current status: Senate floor

Senate Bill 23-064 | Continue Office of Public Guardianship

Board position: Support

Current status: Senate Appropriations

House Bill 23-1243 | Hospital Community Benefit

Board position: Support

Current status: House Public and Behavioral Health and Human Services

Senate Bill 23-016 | Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Measures
Board position: Amend
Current status: Senate floor

House Bill 23-1101 | Ozone Season Transit Grant Program Flexibility
Board position: Support
Current status: Senate Rejected Report of First Conference Committee

House Bill 23-1123 | Move Over or Slow Down Stationary Vehicle
Board position: Support
Current status: Signed by Gov. Jared Polis

Senate Bill 23-001 | Authority of Public-Private Collaboration Unit for Housing
Board position: Support
Current status: House Transportation, Housing and Local Government

Senate Bill 23-035 | Middle-Income Housing Authority Act
Board position: Oppose
Current status: House Appropriations

House Bill 23-1115 | Repeal Prohibition Local Residential Rent Control
Board position: Monitor
Current status: Senate Local Government and Housing

Senate Bill 23-213 | Land Use
Board position: Oppose
Current status: Senate Local Government and Housing

House Bill 23-1255 | Regulating Local Housing Growth Restrictions
Board position: Oppose
Current status: House floor

Informational briefings



[Story map: Senate Bill 23-213](#)

Presenter: Sheila Lynch, director, Regional Planning and Development

Summary: State Senate Bill 23-213 addresses land use requirements

related to residential development, establishes a statewide housing needs assessment and planning process, and seeks to address consistency of housing planning with other planning efforts across the state.

DRCOG staff have developed a [story map](#) to illustrate the application of the bill, as introduced, geographically across DRCOG's member governments and show the spatial extent of the recommended policy areas. Staff presented the story map to the Board.



[Update on the Way to Go program](#)

Presenter: Nisha Mokshagundam, Way to Go program and marketing manager, Communications and Marketing

Summary: Mokshagundam presented two ongoing initiatives to the Board.

The first, Colorado Clean Commute, is a marketing program to provide recognition to businesses that invest in commute benefits for employees. The program also helps employers leverage the House Bill 22-1026, the Alternative Transportation Options Tax Credit.

The second initiative presented was Bike to Work Day. Mokshagundam shared opportunities for DRCOG's member governments to support the June 28 event.

