

Board update

Special Board meeting: April 5, 2023

Action items



[Review of Senate Bill 23-213](#)

Presenter: Sheila Lynch, director, Regional Planning and Development

Background: 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.

Lynch provided the Board with an overview of the bill.

Result: The Board voted to oppose the bill.

Informational briefings



[Briefing on Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant](#)

Presenters: KC Becker, administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency's Mountains and Plains Region

Robert Spotts, program manager, Transportation Planning and Operations

Summary: 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 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, announced on March 1 by the Environmental Protection Agency, 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 \$1 million.

Becker and Spotts presented an overview of the program and discussed the option of DRCOG becoming the lead agency and planning grant recipient for the Denver-Lakewood-Aurora Metropolitan Statistical Area.