

Board update

Board meeting: Aug. 16, 2023

Action items



[Fiscal years 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program and associated air quality conformity and greenhouse gas documents](#)

Presenter: Todd Cottrell, program manager, programming and project delivery, Transportation Planning and Operations

Background: The Transportation Improvement Program is a four-year program of projects laying out how federal, state and local transportation funding is assigned in the Denver region. The Transportation Improvement Program includes projects selected by the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Regional Transportation District and DRCOG, each with its own selection processes and funding sources.

DRCOG staff evaluated the fiscal years 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program investments through the previous 2050 Regional Transportation Plan greenhouse gas emissions analysis. The draft fiscal years 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program is therefore in compliance with the greenhouse gas planning rule.

Result: The Board approved the fiscal years 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program and associated air quality conformity determination and greenhouse gas documents.



[Fiscal years 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program for the Denver region](#)

Presenter: Josh Schwenk, planner, Transportation Planning and Operations

Background: The Unified Planning Work Program is the two-year list of major public planning activities for DRCOG and serves as the management tool for scheduling, budgeting and monitoring the planning activities of participating entities. The DRCOG Board adopted the fiscal year 2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program in July 2021 and most recently amended in July 2023.

The fiscal years 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program outlines activities to be conducted from Oct. 1, 2023, through Sept. 30, 2025, and was prepared with staff input from the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Regional Transportation District and local governments.

The fiscal years 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program represents over \$18 million in planned expenditures over more than 120 deliverables.

Result: The Board approved the fiscal years 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program for the Denver region.

Informational briefings



[Front Range Passenger Rail District Board update](#)

Presenter: Chrissy Breit, program coordinator, Front Range Passenger Rail District

Background: DRCOG was a member of the Southwest Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission during its 2017-2022 legislative authorization. Colorado Senate Bill 21-238 replaced the rail commission with the Front Range Passenger Rail District in 2022, of which DRCOG has four representatives.

The new district was created for “planning, designing, developing, financing, constructing, operating and maintaining a passenger rail system” along Colorado’s Front Range.

Breit provided an overview of the Front Range Passenger Rail District and its planned activities.



[Update on the statewide transportation program distribution process](#)

Presenter: Ron Papsdorf, director, Transportation Planning and Operations

Background: The Colorado Department of Transportation’s Program Distribution provides a long-term view of estimated state and federal transportation revenues and how staff will allocate funding among programs and regions.

Funding is broken into program areas and includes existing federal and state sources. The Program Distribution process is led by the Colorado Department of Transportation every four years in collaboration with the state’s 15 transportation planning regions, including the five metropolitan planning organizations.

Papsdorf provided an update on data and activities related to Program Distribution.



[Regional bus rapid transit partnership](#)

Presenter: Jacob Riger, manager, Transportation Planning and Operations

Background: Member governments within the Denver region have committed to implement a regional bus rapid transit network of 11 corridors. A bus rapid transit network is included in the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan, the Colorado Department of Transportation’s Statewide Transportation Plan and in applicable local plans.

As part of meeting state greenhouse gas transportation planning requirements (and federal air quality conformity requirements), the region’s member governments have committed to an assertive implementation schedule for the regional bus rapid transit network – five corridors open for revenue service by 2030, another five by 2040 and the final one by 2050.

Riger provided an overview of the regional bus rapid transit network and the regional bus rapid transit partnership.

