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DRCOG Board Approves Freight Plan for the Region

May 22, 2020 (Denver, CO) - With COVID-19 affecting nearly every aspect of our lives, there are many unknowns regarding economic impacts and recovery. With the short-term specter of an economic downturn, the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG), which plans and coordinates funding for much of our regional transportation infrastructure, is focused on the long-term, and how best to make certain freight moves around the region as efficiently, and safely, as possible. To that end, the Denver Regional Council of Governments adopted the Multimodal Freight Plan at their Board of Directors' meeting on May 20, 2020.

The plan, which was developed with significant input from both private and public sector stakeholders, provides a strategic framework for coordination, planning and action to improve freight movement throughout the region. The plan addresses both challenges and opportunities and identifies significant areas of need. It also considers emerging issues related to highway, rail, air and pipeline movements, including the role of new technologies. It identifies a regional network of integrated priority highway freight corridors, and focuses on areas for improvement, including first-last mile and delivery issues.

Ultimately, the plan will act as a blueprint for the region by establishing a platform and encouraging integrated local planning, with freight being considered alongside other mobility needs. "The efficient movement of goods into, out of and throughout the region is essential to a strong economy," says Douglas Rex, executive director at DRCOG, "By taking action today, we're providing an excellent blueprint for future success."

For more information, visit the [Multimodal Freight Plan page](#) on the Denver Regional Council of Governments' [website](#).

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The Denver Regional Council of Governments is a planning organization where local governments collaborate to establish guidelines, set policy and allocate funding in the areas of transportation and personal mobility; growth and development; and aging and disability resources.