

Attachment A
Meeting Summary
Transportation Advisory Committee
Monday, April 28, 2025

***In-person meeting with Virtual Option for Public (Via Zoom)**

Members (or Voting Alternates) Present:

Kent Moorman	Adams County – City of Thornton
Jenna Hahn	Adams County – City of Commerce City
Michele Ricco	Adams County
Mac Callison (Alternate)	Arapahoe County – City of Aurora
Jeff Dankenbring	Arapahoe County – City of Centennial
Brent Soderlin	Arapahoe County – City of Littleton
Michelle Melonakis (Alternate)	Boulder County – City of Lafayette
Alex Hyde-Wright	Boulder County
Jean Sanson	Boulder, City & County
Justin Begley	Denver, City & County
David Krutsinger (Alternate)	Denver, City & County
Jonathan Webster (Alternate)	Denver, City & County
Art Griffith	Douglas County
Chris Hudson (Alternate)	Douglas County – Town of Parker
Justin Schmitz (Vice Chair)	Douglas County – City of Lone Tree
Christina Lane	Jefferson County
Mike Whiteaker	Jefferson County – City of Lakewood
Maria D’Andrea	Jefferson County – City of Wheat Ridge
Hilary Simmons	Older Adults Special Interest Seat
Jeff Boyd	Housing Special Interest Seat
Angie Rivera-Malpiede	Equity Special Interest Seat
Brodie Ayers	Aviation Special Interests Seat
Colleen Kirby Roberts	Environmental Special Interest Seat
Ron Papsdorf	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Kyra Reumann-Moore (Alternate)	Regional Air Quality Council
Chris Quinn (Alternate)	Regional Transportation District
Jessica Myklebust	Colorado Department of Transportation Region 1
James Eussen (Alternate)	Colorado Department of Transportation Region 4
Marissa Gaughan (Alternate)	Colorado Department of Transportation Division of Transportation Development
Carson Priest	Transportation Demand Management Special Interest Seat

Members Attending Virtually or Additional Alternates Present:

Phil Greenwald (Alternate)	Boulder County – City of Longmont
Wally Weart	Freight Special Interest Seat
Larry Nimmo (Alternate)	Douglas County – City of Castle Pines
Tom Reiff	Douglas County – City of Castle Rock
Zeke Lynch (Alternate)	Douglas County

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Evan Pinkham (Alternate)	Southwest Weld County
Chris Chovan (Alternate)	Adams County- City of Westminster
Kellee Van Bruggen (Alternate)	Adams County – City of Arvada
Jordan Rudel (Alternate)	Colorado Department of Transportation Region 1
Lisa Sakata (Alternate)	Environmental Special Interest Seat
James Katzer (Alternate)	Arapahoe County – City of Englewood
Aaron Bustow (Alternate)	Federal Highway Administration (ex-officio)

Public: Shawn Poe, Dee McIntosh, John Gardocki, Camilla Soechtig, CP Fisher, Jeanne Shreve, Ryan Arthur, Matt Slagel, Joellen Meyer, JoAnn Mattson, DJ Beckwith, Hannah Polow, Robert Simmons

DRCOG staff: Nora Kern, Cam Kennedy, Todd Cottrell, Cole Neder, Kathryn Rush, Ala Alnawaiseh, Nora Kern, Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Carolyn Klamm, Sang Gu Lee, Josh Schwenk, Jacob Riger, Brad Williams, Steph Piperno, Erik Braaten

Call to Order

Vice Chair Justin Schmitz called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Public Comment

Jacob Riger announced that Colleen Kirby Roberts has been appointed as the member while Lisa Sakata has been appointed as the alternate for the Environmental Special Interest seat.

March 24, 2025 Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

The summary was accepted.

Discussion Items

2050 Regional Transportation Plan Update and Colorado Department of Transportation 10-Year Plan

Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Regional Transportation Planning Program Manager, introduced Marissa Gaughan, CDOT Multimodal Planning Branch Manager, who stated that CDOT is currently developing the 2050 Statewide Transportation Plan, which outlines the vision for the future of transportation statewide through a performance-based approach and input from regional needs and modal planning efforts. CDOT Region 1 is also holding “4P” meetings with the relevant counties and DRCOG staff are presenting at them jointly with CDOT and RTD. Additionally, DRCOG is updating the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan, the region's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan.

David Krutsinger asked what portion of the CDOT budget will be asset-oriented vs expansion-oriented. Marissa replied that there were targets but exact allocations have not yet been set through the planning process.

Ron Papsdorf asked about the timeframe for updating revenue forecasts to inform the 10-Year Plan given the situation with the state budget. Marissa replied that CDOT is estimating \$200-\$250 million statewide each year for the first four years and each CDOT region will work with partners regarding specific funding allocations.

Justin Begley inquired about the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan candidate projects solicitation process. Alvan stated that staff will go through DRCOG's committees to reaffirm what the process will look like but regarding the last cycle, each county forum was eligible to submit a specific number of candidate projects based on population, employment, and VMT of each county and the process this time will likely be similar.

2050 Regional Transportation Plan Update: Regional Roadway System Submissions

Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Regional Transportation Planning Program Manager, discussed that the Regional Roadway System is the planning network DRCOG uses for air quality conformity and greenhouse gas emission reduction analyses and for establishing project eligibility in the Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. DRCOG reviews the system at the beginning of each major Regional Transportation Plan update cycle as the basis for developing the plan. Alvan reviewed the submittals received to modify the Regional Roadway System.

Future Transportation Improvement Program Programming Year Adjustments

Todd Cottrell, Project and Program Delivery Manager explained that, as a result of several factors, the regular schedule for developing the next TIP for FY 2028-2031 would include TIP policy development in 2025 and calls for projects in 2026, during the 2050 RTP Update. That misalignment creates an undue burden on DRCOG staff and project sponsors and does not give the region the opportunity to align TIP investment priorities with the priorities of the updated RTP.

To remedy this situation, DRCOG staff are suggesting two one-time adjustments to the TIP process: "off-setting" the every-two-year TIP schedule to account for the current 2050 RTP major update schedule, resulting in a Fiscal Year 2029-2032 TIP; and, program Fiscal Year 2028 funding separately.

Art Griffith inquired if staff could start working through the waitlist first with Board approval. Todd replied that the waitlist is reserved for unexpected funding, not funding already planned so at a minimum action would be required to make that happen.

Chris Quinn inquired about the \$15.7 million for the Regional Share and whether there will be a call for projects. Todd stated that the Regional Waitlist is quite extensive, so a call for projects is unlikely. Ron Papsdorf added that a modified accelerated call for projects would only happen if the waitlist has been exhausted and if there was still remaining Fiscal Year 2028 funding available.

Alex Hyde-Wright asked if forums would be allowed to make adjustments for inflation since all the projects on the waitlist were submitted for FY24-27 but looking at FY28 they are expected to all be more expensive. Todd replied that funding based on the formula is limited, no additional money would be coming in regardless of whether a project sponsor is on Step 1 or Step 2, and the scope must be delivered as submitted. Ron added that

current projects are already facing the same headwinds regarding increased inflation increases.

Michelle Melonakis inquired if regional projects include multiple agencies and one can't fulfill their part, but the rest could, would DRCOG allow a partial application? Todd stated there can only be one TIP project sponsor, regarding the match perspective, the project sponsor enters into an IGA and is responsible for that project. Partners can help with reaching the local match, but the responsibility is on the primary project sponsor.

Corridor Planning Program Update

Nora Kern, Subarea and Project Planning Program Manager explained that the goal of this program is for DRCOG to take a more direct role in advancing planning for projects and priorities contained in the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (2050 RTP) and move them towards implementation. As part of this program, DRCOG is funding and leading planning studies to advance infrastructure investment priorities along regional arterial corridors identified in the 2050 RTP. \$3,000,000 is available for the full four-year set-aside program, with \$1.5 million expected to be allocated each two-year cycle. Nora then summarized the studies completed so far and the two currently underway, as well as noting the current open solicitation for the next funding cycle.

Administrative Items

Member Comment/Other Matters

Mac Callison thanked DRCOG for its involvement at the recent Engage Aurora Live event and management of the Colfax BRT Next project. Jacob Riger thanked Aurora staff in kind for their time and partnership.

Maria D'Andrea thanked Nora and her team for the Sheridan Study and stated her support for the work that is currently being done.

Jacob Riger stated that DRCOG received a NAAPME CCTAP Informational Form after last month's TAC meeting from Adams County which has been included in the packet for the committee to review.

Jean Sanson stated that last week the Secretary of Transportation, Sean Duffy, extended requirements applied to discretionary grants to include formula grants as well and asked if anyone has figured out the implications of this notice. Ron Papsdorf replied that we don't really know the implications yet but are researching the issue. Jean Sanson stated she was on a NACTO call earlier today where it was announced some state DOTs have confirmed they are compiling with Secretary Duffy's announcement.

Ron Papsdorf announced he has accepted the position of Chief Transportation Officer at the Houston-Galveston Area Council and will begin that new role at the end of June. He thanked the TAC and his team for their work and collaboration during his tenure at DRCOG. His response was met with well wishes, appreciation, and applause.

Next Meeting – May 19, 2025

Adjournment

There were no additional comments and the meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.