



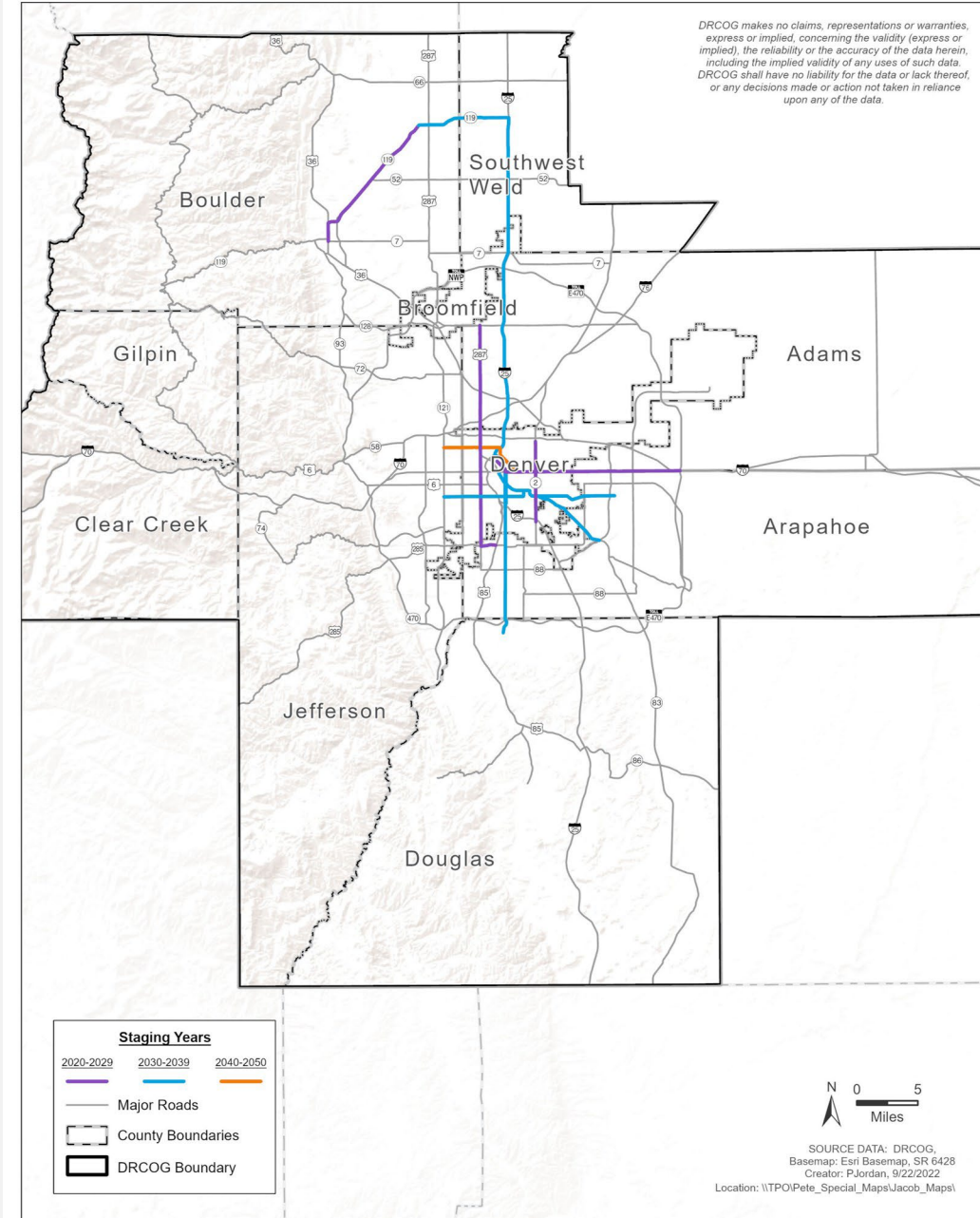
# Advancing BRT Implementation in the Denver Region Regional Transportation Committee

July 7, 2026

# The Regional BRT Partnership: 2023 - today

“Building a regional network and system, not 11 individual BRT projects.”

- Accelerate project development & implementation.
- Costs & funding:
  - Updating project costs, developing innovative funding/financing strategies.
- Design standards:
  - Defining BRT components/elements, how to apply at project and system levels.
- Partnership development and coordination.
- Pursuing federal grant(s) and potential consultant assistance.



# BRT Partnership Agencies

## BRT Partnership (meets monthly):

- DRCOG.
- CDOT.
- RTD.
- City and County of Denver.
- City of Aurora.
- CO-119 Coalition (City of Boulder, City of Longmont).
- City of Littleton.

## BRT Partnership Plus (meet 2-3 times a year):

- Arapahoe County.
- Adams County.
- Boulder County.
- Douglas County.
- Weld County.
- Centennial.
- Englewood.
- Federal Heights.
- Lakewood.
- Westminster.
- Wheat Ridge.



# Advancing BRT Implementation: Overview

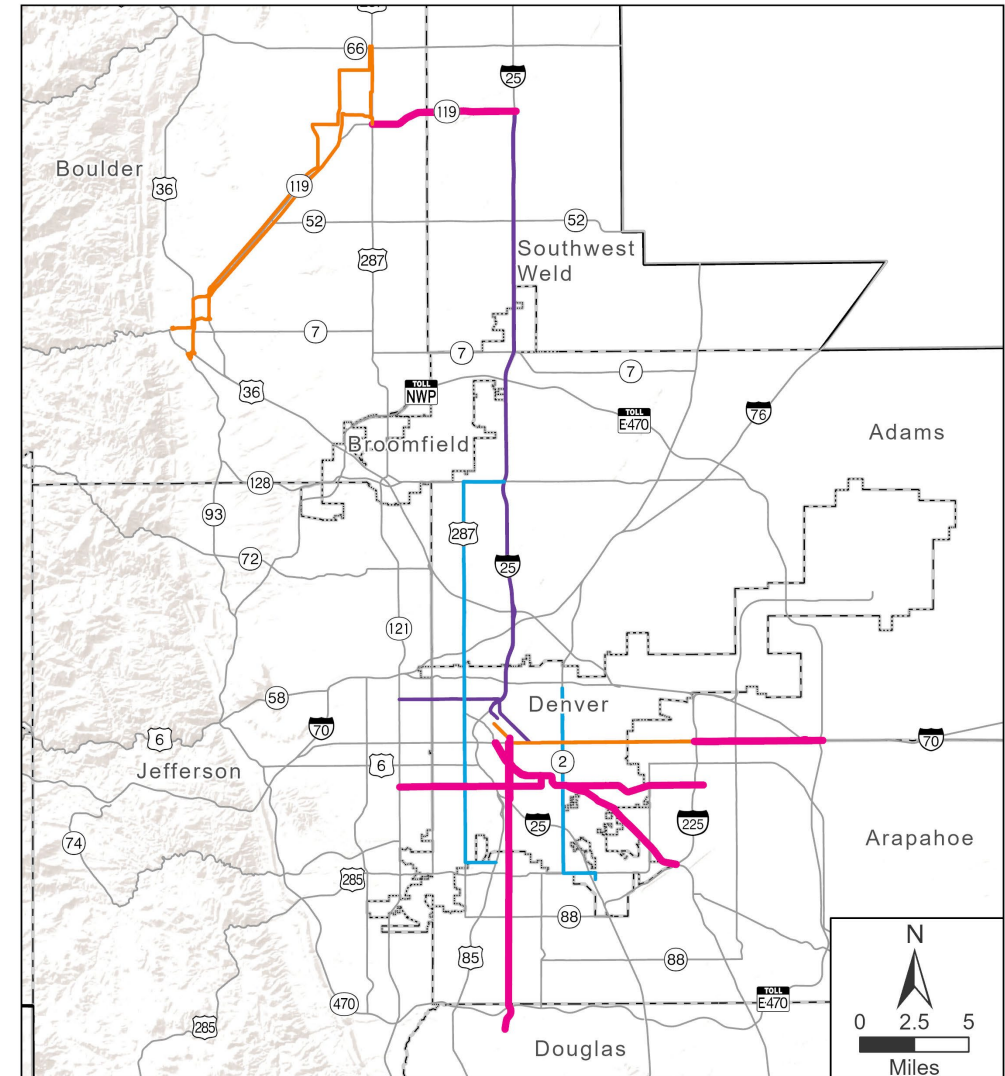
# Build America Bureau Grant

- US Build America Bureau (part of US Department of Transportation).
- Innovative Asset Finance and Asset Concessionaire grant.
- Won award of almost \$1 million in late 2024.
- Contracted with team led by HNTB.
- January 2026 – July 2027.



# Advancing BRT Implementation

- Developing funding, financing and implementation strategy for next five BRT corridors:
  - Colfax BRT Next (I-225 to E-470).
  - Speer/Leetsdale/Parker.
  - Alameda Avenue.
  - Broadway/Lincoln.
  - CO-119 Extension (Longmont to I-25 Mobility Hub).
- Developing tools, best practices, and resources for future BRT corridors.
- Building staff knowledge and capacity.



2050 BRT Network

- Advancing BRT Implementation Project
- Under Construction
- Advanced Planning
- Future Projects
- Major Roads
- County Boundaries
- DRCOG Boundary

Source Data: DRCOG, Esri Basemap; SR 6428  
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# Key Regional Outcomes

## The Challenge:

- BRT projects led by different agencies.
- Projects in various planning stages
- Limited funding.
- Fragmented approach:
  - Difficult to build on lessons learned.
  - Potential to create competition instead of collaboration.



## Project Goals:

- Common understanding of “What is BRT in Denver Region”.
- Consistent methodology for possible project costs.
- Explore all possible funding and financing strategies, including partnerships with private sector.
- Create roadmap to fund and finance next corridors.

# Key Deliverables

1. Updated **cost estimates**.
2. Regional **design guidelines**.
3. Menu of **BRT funding options** for capital, operating and maintenance.
4. Clear understanding of **possible governance structures** and **legal feasibility**.
5. Identification of **possible private sector roles**.
6. Corridor specific **funding** and **delivery roadmaps**.

Common threads: improved regional collaboration, improved staff capacity and knowledge, and reusable tools.

# Tasks and Products

## 1. Project Management & Capacity Building

- Stakeholder engagement.
- Knowledge transfer to DRCOG and partners.

## 2. BRT Pipeline & Cost Framework

- Review **lessons learned** from regional and national BRT projects.
- Define **core components for BRT** in Denver Region.
- Update capital, operating and maintenance cost estimates.
- Develop a **cost estimation tool**.



# Tasks and Products



Regional  
design  
guidelines.

## 3. Regional BRT Design Guidelines

- Develop regional **menu of design options** (rather than corridor-specific designs).
- Develop **design guidelines** to support consistent regional network.



Menu of BRT  
funding  
options

## 4. Innovative Funding and Financing Strategies

- Identify federal, state, and local **funding sources**.
- Align **funding strategies** with corridors.
- Evaluate **financing tools** (e.g., TIFIA, PABs)

# Tasks and Products, continued



Legal and  
governance  
analysis.

- ## 5. Statutory and Regulatory Framework Analysis
- **Clarify legal authority** by agency and funding type.
  - Identify approvals, constraints, and risks.
  - Craft corridor-specific **implementation framework.**

# Tasks and Products



Identify possible private sector roles.

## 6. Identifying Private Sector Roles in Project Development, Construction, and Operations

- Assess P3, alternative delivery, and joint development opportunities.
- Define when and how private partners could add value.
- Create project identification and screening toolkit.



Funding and financing roadmaps.

## 7. Final Plan

- July 2027

# Project Schedule

Key Milestones	2026												2027						
	Q1			Q2			Q3			Q4			Q1		Q2		Q3		
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<b>1. Coordination</b>																			
- Partnership and Stakeholders		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
<b>2. BRT Pipeline Assessment</b>																			
- Project Reviews and Profiles					☑														
- Cost Estimate Tool and Memorandum								☑											
<b>3. Update BRT Design Guidelines</b>																			
- Design Guideline Typologies													☑						
<b>4. Innovative Funding and Finance Strategies</b>																			
- Funding and Finance Memorandum																			☑
<b>5. Regulatory Framework Analysis</b>																			
- Implementation Memorandum																			☑
<b>6. Private Sector Roles Analysis</b>																			
- Partnerships Framework Memorandum																			☑
- Partnership Engagement Toolkit																			☑
<b>7. Final Documentation</b>																			
- Final Report and Technical Products																			☑



# Questions?

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