

Regional Transportation Committee

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Agenda Item #7: (Attachment E)

Advancing Bus Rapid Transit Implementation Study Update

Agenda item type: Informational briefing

Summary

A brief overview of the Advancing BRT Implementation Study, which kicked off in January 2026.

Background

The Advancing Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Implementation Study is an 18-month effort with a primary goal to develop a roadmap for how the region can fund and finance the next five BRT corridors identified in the [2050 Regional Transportation Plan](#): Colfax BRT Next (from I-225 to E-470), Alameda Avenue, Speer/Leetsdale/Parker, Broadway/Lincoln, and the extension of CO-119 (from Longmont to I-25). The effort is led by DRCOG, in collaboration with the Regional BRT Partnership, which includes DRCOG, RTD, CDOT, the City and County of Denver, the City of Aurora, the City of Littleton, the City of Longmont, and the City of Boulder.

This project is funded by a grant from USDOT's Build America Bureau's [Innovative Finance and Asset Concessionaire](#) (IFAC) grant, which seeks to help public entities scan their existing assets to unlock their value and explore innovative financing, alternative delivery, and public-private partnership opportunities. DRCOG won this grant in late 2024 and officially kicked off the project in January 2026.

Through this project, DRCOG and its partners hope to advance the BRT network by establishing regional design guidelines, identifying funding and financing strategies, and outlining an implementation roadmap and timeline.

Key deliverables will include:

- **BRT Design Guidelines** to support a uniform user experience across the network while allowing for flexibility for different corridor contexts.
- Updated **capital, operating, and maintenance costs estimates** for the five BRT corridors to help agencies prioritize investments and compete for different funding opportunities.
- A menu of all possible **funding and financing strategies**, including local, state, and federal sources as well as potential innovative partnerships with the private sector.
- Build an understanding of **legal and regulatory** limitations and opportunities related to BRT project funding, financing, and delivery.



- Create corridor-specific **implementation roadmaps** to prioritize, fund, and finance the next five BRT corridors.
- Develop **reusable tools** to support future BRT planning work in the region.

Action by others

None.

Previous discussion/action

None.

Recommendation

None.

Attachment(s)

Staff presentation.

For more information

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