

## Regional Transportation Committee

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### Annual Transportation Advisory Committee Review

Agenda item type: Action

#### Summary

This item concerns the Regional Transportation Committee's annual review of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and appointment of several of the TAC's special interest seat representatives.

#### Background

The TAC assists the Board of Directors and the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) by reviewing the work of the transportation planning process, advising on methods of planning and implementation, and working with staff to develop policy options and, as appropriate, recommendations to the RTC.

The TAC's membership, responsibilities, and procedures are described in the [Transportation Planning Framework](#) and documented in DRCOG's [Committee Policy, Guidelines and Descriptions](#). Per the Committee Guidelines, the Board Chair and RTC review TAC membership annually. RTC also approves the TAC's "special interest seat" representatives that are nominated by the Board Chair every two years.

As a reminder, in 2023, the DRCOG Board approved updates to the Committee Guidelines that implemented three major changes for TAC:

- The six largest-population urban counties in the DRCOG region (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson) gained an additional local government representative and alternate. These counties now have three members and three alternates.
- The county subregional transportation forums now directly approve candidates to TAC's local government membership whenever a vacancy occurs within the jurisdiction of a particular forum. (Previously, the DRCOG Board Chair directly appointed local government members based on the forums' recommendations.)
- Three new special interest seats were created to expand the breadth of subject matter experts shaping TAC's work. All nine special interest seats are appointed by RTC with two year terms from the time of initial appointment.

This annual review exercise is meant to maintain the close bond between the Board Chair, RTC, and the membership and work of TAC. From DRCOG staff's perspective, there is a strong core of local government representatives, and alternates, who attend regularly and provide valuable input. The special interest seat representatives also contribute meaningfully to TAC's work. DRCOG's website includes the [TAC's current roster](#).



Of the nine special interest seats, the following six are due for appointment:

- Aviation: Brodie Ayers (Denver International Airport)
- Business: Frank Gray (Castle Rock Economic Development Corporation)
- Freight: Walter (Wally) Weart (retired freight expert)
- Housing: Jeffrey Boyd (semi-retired housing expert)
- Older Adults: Hilary Simmons (A Little Help)
- Transportation Demand Management: Carson Priest (Smart Commute)

All six members are interested in continuing, and DRCOG staff supports their re-appointment. Accordingly, per DRCOG's Committee Guidelines, DRCOG Board Chair Jeff Baker is nominating these six TAC special interest seat representatives for another two year term.

**Action by others**

None

**Previous discussion/action**

None

**Recommendation**

Move to approve the six Transportation Advisory Committee special interest seat representative appointments nominated by the DRCOG Board Chair.

**Attachment(s)**

None

**For more information**

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