

Power Ahead Colorado Technical Committee

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Introduction to the Building Policy Collaborative Roadmap

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Summary

The Building Policy Collaborative Roadmap establishes a shared regional vision and flexible policy framework to reduce pollution from buildings while improving affordability, health, and resilience. It is a long-term, non-mandating planning document designed to help local governments align building policies, reduce complexity, and accelerate collective progress.

Background

Buildings are a major source of climate and air pollution in the Denver region, with more than half of regional carbon emissions coming from energy use in residential and commercial buildings.

While many local governments are already taking action, differing approaches can create confusion for the market and slow overall impact. A regional roadmap provides consistency and clarity, supports local decision-making, and aligns local efforts with state and utility market-transformation initiatives already underway.

The Roadmap builds on DRCOG's adopted regional plans and establishes a clear vision for buildings that are efficient, comfortable, affordable, resilient, and powered by clean energy. It outlines policy pathways for both new and existing buildings, while explicitly respecting local control and accommodating communities at different levels of readiness. The Roadmap does not impose mandates or require adoption of specific building codes or policies.

The Roadmap organizes action around improving new construction, increasing transparency in existing buildings, and supporting incremental improvements to existing building stock over time, with affordability, clean air, quality of life, and resilience as guiding priorities

The draft Roadmap is currently being finalized and will be reviewed by Power Ahead Colorado committees and the DRCOG Board in the coming months, alongside the development of optional model policies to support local implementation.

Attachment

Staff presentation



For more information

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