

Attachment A: Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Monday, January 26, 2026

Meeting was held in-person with virtual option for public via Zoom

Members or Voting Alternates Present In-Person

Kent Moorman	Adams County – City of Thornton
Michele Ricco	Adams County
Jenna Hahn	Adams County – City of Commerce City
Brent Soderlin	Arapahoe County – City of Littleton
Bryan Weimer	Arapahoe County
Tom Worker-Braddock	Arapahoe County – City of Aurora
Gerrit Slater (Alternate)	Boulder County – City of Boulder
Angel Bond (Alternate)	Boulder County – City of Boulder
Cammie Edson (Alternate)	Boulder County – City of Longmont
Sarah Grant	Broomfield, City & County
Justin Begley (Vice Chair)	Denver, City & County
David Krutsinger (Alternate)	Denver, City & County
Jacob Riger	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Justin Schmitz (Chair)	Douglas County – City of Lone Tree
Zeke Lynch (Alternate)	Douglas County
Larry Nimmo (Alternate)	Douglas County – City of Castle Pines
Christina Lane	Jefferson County
Mike Whiteaker	Jefferson County – City of Lakewood
Rocky Macsalka (Alternate)	Jefferson County – City of Wheat Ridge
Marissa Gaughan (Alternate)	Colorado Department of Transportation
	Division of Transportation Development
Jessica Myklebust	Colorado Department of Transportation
	Region 1
Chris Quinn (Alternate)	Regional Transportation District
Frank Bruno	Via Mobility
Kyra Reumann-Moore (Alternate)	Regional Air Quality Council
Brodie Ayers	Aviation Special Interest Seat
Jeff Boyd	Housing Special Interest Seat

Members or Additional Alternates Present Virtually

Chris Chovan (Alternate)	Adams County – City of Westminster
Eden Teklemariam (Alternate)	Adams County – City of Northglenn
Mac Callison (Alternate)	Arapahoe County – City of Aurora
Art Griffith	Douglas County
Chris Hudson (Alternate)	Douglas County – Town of Parker
Tom Reiff	Douglas County – Town of Castle Rock
Kellee Van Bruggen	Jefferson County – City of Arvada
Evan Pinkham (Alternate)	Weld County
Jordan Rudel (Alternate)	Colorado Department of Transportation
	Region 1
Jim Eussen (Alternate)	Colorado Department of Transportation
	Region 4
Angie Rivera-Malpiede	Equity Special Interest Seat
Emma Belmont (Alternate)	Federal Transit Administration (ex officio)
Aaron Bustow (Alternate)	Federal Highway Administration (ex officio)

Others Present: Jenny Young, Shawn Poe, Denise Staley, John Gardocki, DJ Beckwith, Ryan Arthur, Ani Campbell, Edward Heyd, Annie Rice, Mac Shawn, Liam Platman, Paul Moreau, Josh Sender, Joellen Meyer, Madi Sydnor, JoAnn Mattson.

DRCOG Staff Present: Cam Kennedy, Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Emily Lindsey, Malorie Miller, Aaron Villere, Josh Schwenk, Jenny Wallace, Kathryn Rush, Carolyn Klamm, Sang-Gu Lee, Steph Piperno, Ala Alnawaiseh, Nora Kern, Erik Braaten, Amber Leberman, Todd Cottrell.

Call to Order.

Chair Justin Schmitz **called the meeting to order** at 1:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

Announcements or Public Comment.

Alvan-Bidal Sanchez announced that there is a new member in attendance today, Tom Worker-Braddock, representing Arapahoe County – City of Aurora, and welcomed him to the committee.

December 15, 2025, Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Summary.

The summary was accepted.

Action Items

2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Policy Amendments.

Josh Schwenk, Senior Planner, Programming and Project Delivery, reminded the committee that the region's transportation planning process allows for Board-approved amendments to the current TIP on an as-needed basis. Typically, these amendments involve the addition or deletion of projects, or adjustments to existing projects, and do not impact funding for other projects. The projects to be amended have been found to conform with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality.

Bryan Weimer **moved** to recommend to the Regional Transportation Committee the attached project amendments to the 2026-2029 TIP. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Community-Based Transportation Planning and Innovative Mobility Set-Asides Project Recommendations.

Nora Kern, Program Manager, Subarea and Project Planning; Emily Lindsey, Program Manager, Active and Emerging Mobility, announced that the total amount requested for two set-aside programs was \$5,455,000. There were three projects recommended for funding through the Community-Based Transportation Set-Aside for a total of \$800,000. Additionally, there are four projects recommended for funding through the Innovative Mobility Set-Aside for a total of \$1,050,000.

Each proposed project included an estimated budget; final budgets will be set during the procurement phase after DRCOG staff collaborate with project partner(s) for each selected project to develop detailed scopes of work and outline the expertise required to deliver each project.

Chair Schmitz inquired about the section panel, which decided which projects received funding, and asked who was on the panel. Emily responded that it was two separate panels, which had different subject matter expertise composed of DRCOG staff from the Transportation Planning and Operations Division, as well as the Regional Planning and Development Division.

Sarah Grant **moved** to recommend to the Regional Transportation Committee the selection of recommended projects presented for the Community-Based Transportation Planning and Innovative Mobility Set-Asides. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously.

Informational Briefings

2029-2032 Transportation Improvement Program Kick-Off.

Todd Cottrell, Program Manager, Programming and Project Delivery, discussed that the development of the Fiscal Year 2029-2032 TIP is anticipated to last until Fall 2028, and the first step in developing the next TIP is to review and amend as necessary the existing TIP policy document. The discussions at TAC throughout this year will center around policy updates considered "major". To provide adequate time for discussion, staff intend to form a TIP subcommittee focusing on the larger, more time-consuming major items. Membership of the TIP subcommittee is intended to be informally structured, with the expectation that one or two TAC volunteers from each county would be willing to serve, in addition to at least one representative from CDOT and RTD.

Zeke Lynch asked for clarification when Todd mentioned that DRCOG is contemplating changes to the regional share policy. Todd responded that DRCOG wants to develop a goal that, at the end of those four years, we can definitively say something has been accomplished, and that there are better ways to think about the regional share. Without going into detail, things can be changed for the betterment of the region. Jacob Riger added that we want to make the most efficient use of those regional share dollars, and we want to deploy that money to get the most bang for our buck.

Mac Callison inquired if this effort will move the needle more effectively on topics such as MetroVision and the RTP. Todd confirmed that this is the case since this effort will focus on a variety of projects and programs, and for the time being, staff want to be careful with providing too much information on this too soon.

Gerrit Slater asked for more information on the subcommittee proposal. Todd elaborated that it will be one subcommittee that will meet for up to a year to discuss TIP topics, and both members and alternates can be a part of this subcommittee.

Regional Transportation Operations Program and Signal Timing Brief.

Greg MacKinnon, Program Manager, Transportation Operations, discussed that the Regional Transportation Operations and Technology program is a Transportation Information Program set-aside that benefits from close coordination with staff from the region's partner jurisdictions. The program provides funding for capital and other improvements and funds staff to provide interjurisdictional coordination. The program has evolved as new technology and management processes are deployed.

Tom Worker-Braddock inquired about how adaptable and reactive the signal timing program is, since Greg mentioned that coordination is extensive between DRCOG and local jurisdictions. Greg responded that the program has a scheduled review of corridors in a four to five-year timeframe, and the program has evolved to allow real-time collaboration to allow for changes to be implemented in a dynamic rather than a static fashion.

Advanced Mobility Partnership Annual Update.

Steph Piperno, Senior Planner, Active and Emerging Mobility, informed the TAC that in 2025, the Advanced Mobility Partnership Working Group convened to discuss innovative topics and share information on a variety of emerging trends. Working group presentations included examples from regional and statewide programs as well as a guest presentation from the City of Portland, Oregon. Topics discussed throughout 2025 included: innovative mobility funding sources, automated vehicles, connected work zone data standards, bike plus data collection, and electric vehicle charging technologies.

Tom Worker-Braddock stated that a topic of interest that a lot of jurisdictions are grappling with right now, and the AMP should consider discussing in 2026, relates to the emergence of higher speed, higher-powered e-bikes, since they fall in almost a new category; they aren't motorcycles, but they are also not as simple as a standard bicycle. Jurisdictions are working to accommodate this new form of transit and are working to change the design guidance of facilities and figure out how to accommodate them. Steph replied that it would be a great topic to discuss, for example, Boulder County just released a video explaining the differences between e-bikes and e-motos, and the City of Boulder just updated its website with new information to distinguish the differences between the two.

Zeke Lynch responded that he'd love to see a topic this year at AMP related to automated speed enforcement around the region and how it has been implemented since some jurisdictions are all in on it, and others do not want it in their neck of the woods. Steph responded that it could absolutely be a topic at a future meeting.

Informational Items

None.

Administrative Items

Member Comment/Other Matters.

Alvan-Bidal Sanchez took the opportunity to announce that staff is beginning to work to fill the vacancy on the non-motorized special interest seat, and a solicitation will eventually open up to candidates. Parking vouchers, which had previously been provided only to the Board and RTC, are now allowed to be distributed to the TAC as well. Additionally, as we encourage different modes of travel in the region, staff are working to acquire public transit passes for this committee, and a portable bike rack has been placed outside the Aspen Birch Conference Room so those biking to the meeting can feel more secure with where they leave their bike.

Alvan also noted that DRCOG staff were aware of the April TAC conflicting with the Colorado Transportation Symposium, the TAC meeting will be rescheduled, and a poll will be sent out to the committee this week suggesting alternative dates for the meeting.

Lastly, a NOFO has been sent out regarding the BUILD Grant, and as has been done previously, DRCOG is asking local jurisdictions to submit a discretionary grant form back to us so the region can all be on the same page regarding who is submitting for what, and DRCOG will provide letters of support upon request.

Next meeting – February 23, 2026.

Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.