

**Attachment A**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**Transportation Advisory Committee**  
**Monday, December 15, 2025**

**\*In-person meeting with Virtual Option for Public (Via Zoom)**

**Members (or Voting Alternates) Present:**

Kent Moorman	Adams County – City of Thornton
Chris Chovan (Alternate)	Adams County – City of Westminster
Michele Ricco	Adams County
Brent Soderlin	Arapahoe County – City of Littleton
James Katzer (Alternate)	Arapahoe County
Mac Callison (Alternate)	Arapahoe County – City of Aurora
Alex Hyde-Wright	Boulder County
Jean Sanson	Boulder County - City of Boulder
Michelle Melonakis	Boulder County – City of Lafayette
Sarah Grant (Chair)	Broomfield, City & County
Justin Begley	Denver, City & County
David Gaspers	Denver, City & County
David Krutsinger (Alternate)	Denver, City & County
Jacob Riger	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Justin Schmitz (Vice Chair)	Douglas County – City of Lone Tree
Zeke Lynch (Alternate)	Douglas County
Tom Reiff	Douglas County – Town of Castle Rock
Kellee Van Bruggen	Jefferson County – City of Arvada
Christina Lane	Jefferson County
Mike Whiteaker	Jefferson County – City of Lakewood
Miguel Aguilar	Southwest Weld County – Town of Erie
Brodie Ayers	Aviation Special Interest Seat
Hilary Simmons	Older Adults Special Interest Seat
Jeff Boyd	Housing Special Interest Seat
Angie Rivera-Malpiede	Equity Special Interest Seat
Frank Bruno	Via Mobility
Chris Quinn (Alternate)	Regional Transportation District
Jessica Myklebust	Colorado Department of Transportation Region 1
Jim Eussen (Alternate)	Colorado Department of Transportation Region 4
Carson Priest	Transportation Demand Management Special Interest Seat

**Members Attending Virtually or Additional Alternates Present:**

Eden Teklemariam (Alternate)	Adams County – City of Northglenn
Chris Hudson (Alternate)	Douglas County – Town of Parker
Art Griffith	Douglas County
Larry Nimmo (Alternate)	Douglas County – City of Castle Pines
Rocky Macsalka (Alternate)	Jefferson County – City of Wheat Ridge
Jordan Rudel (Alternate)	Colorado Department of Transportation Region 1

Wally Weart	Freight Special Interest Seat
Tom Moore	Regional Air Quality Council
Kyra Reumann-Moore (Alternate)	Regional Air Quality Council
Emma Belmont (Alternate)	Federal Transit Administration (ex officio)
Aaron Bustow (Alternate)	Federal Highway Administration (ex officio)

**Public:** DJ Beckwith, Ryan Arthur, Joellen Meyer, Camilla Soechtig, Madi Sydnor, JoAnn Mattson, Adrienne Razavi, David Netz, Elizabeth Simons, Ian Grant, Jack Wylie, Rich Christy, Rich Havel, Ant Devita, Devin Thomas, John Gardocki

**DRCOG staff:** Cam Kennedy, Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Emily Lindsey, Josh Schwenk, Kathryn Rush, Carolyn Klamm, Sang-Gu Lee, Steph Piperno, Brad Williams, Ala Alnawaiseh, Mahmudul Chayan, Cole Neder, Erik Braaten, Amber Leberman, Aaron Villere, Lauren Kirgis, Todd Cottrell

### **Call to Order**

Chair Sarah Grant called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

### **Announcements or Public Comment**

Jacob Riger announced that there is a new alternate in attendance today, Eden Teklemariam, representing Adams County – City of Northglenn, and welcomed her to the committee.

Sarah Grant announced that regarding the item on the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan Update, DRCOG had received 18 written public comments and shared those comments with the TAC members and alternates. Chair Grant noted the comments would be posted on the website after this meeting. Additional comments were welcome through the end of the day.

Elizabeth Simons spoke regarding the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan Update and stated that highway widening plans go against regional goals and she would like to see more emphasis and support given to alternative transportation methods, so people are not so reliant on cars.

### **October 27, 2025, Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Summary**

The summary was accepted.

### **Action Items**

#### *Election of Transportation Advisory Committee Chair and Vice Chair*

Jacob Riger, Director, Transportation Planning and Operations, reminded the committee that at the October 27 Transportation Advisory Committee meeting, a nominating panel comprised of Brodie Ayers, Frank Bruno, Sarah Grant, Jessica Myklebust, and Jean Sanson was formed to help solicit and propose nominations for TAC Chair and Vice Chair. After discussion and consideration, the nominating panel is recommending the following candidates for officers of the Transportation Advisory Committee for 2026 and 2027:

- Chair: Justin Schmitz, City of Lone Tree
- Vice Chair: Justin Begley, City and County of Denver

Kent Moorman moved to elect the Transportation Advisory Committee Chair and Vice Chair for the 2026-2027 term. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

*2050 Regional Transportation Plan Update – Recommend Investment Priorities*

Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Regional Transportation Planning Program Manager, announced that the call for candidate projects for the 2050 RTP closed October 17, and DRCOG staff received 133 applications, 109 through the subregional/county track and 24 through the interagency track. The candidate projects were scored by DRCOG staff using the six adopted RTP priorities and three Metro Vision themes.

The qualitative scores are only one consideration in the development of recommended investment projects and programs. The panel met three times in November to identify additional considerations DRCOG staff and the regional partners could consider in evaluating the candidate submittals. DRCOG staff had also been meeting weekly since late October with planning staff from CDOT and RTD to review all the information and combine that information with the draft financial plan to recommend a list of project and program investment priorities.

Kent Moorman recommended moving the item regarding I-25 84<sup>th</sup> to 104<sup>th</sup> to 2025-2029 rather than 2040 since it's been promised to start construction in 2027 if funding is available. Alvan noted that the project was shown incorrectly on the attachment and would be corrected in future meeting packets. He also noted additional changes that had come in since the packet went out that would be reflected in the attachments before RTC and the Board.

Angie Rivera-Malpiede stated that with all the public comments surrounding this item, what is the plan for active transportation? Alvan responded that DRCOG left it up to county forums to identify what the priorities were to each jurisdiction; some leaned more towards regional trails, while others focused on bicycle and pedestrian facilities along particular corridors. \$800 million is available in the active transportation side of the project program list. Jacob noted that the Active Transportation Plan is also how DRCOG incorporates active transportation priorities into its work.

David Krutsinger inquired how truck, rail, aviation, and freight interests were considered and what avenue private corporations have to provide input. Alvan responded that through the RTP process, DRCOG leans into priorities from local partners, but there is a separate process ongoing related to updating the multimodal regional freight plan, where DRCOG works directly with stakeholders. Alvan also noted that often the projects sought related to freight can continue forward without being included in the RTP as they are not regionally significant.

Justin Schmitz moved to recommend to the Regional Transportation Committee adoption of the recommended investment priorities for the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

*Transportation Improvement Program Policy Amendments*

Josh Schwenk, Senior Planner, discussed that the region's transportation planning process allows for Board-approved amendments to the current TIP on an as-needed basis. The projects to be amended have been found to conform to the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality.

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

*Fiscal Year 2025 Transportation Improvement Program First Year Delays*

Brad Williams, Planner, stated that at the beginning of September, staff requested that CDOT and RTD conduct a comprehensive review of all DRCOG-selected projects receiving TIP funds in Fiscal Year 2025. CDOT and RTD reviewed all such project phases, identifying those that have not been initiated and therefore delayed. In early October, DRCOG staff notified first-year delayed project/phase sponsors and requested a discussion regarding the delay.

Kent Moorman moved to recommend to the Regional Transportation Committee the staff recommendation to continue each project. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

*2026 Federal Safety Targets*

Carolyn Klamm, Planner, stated federal regulations require state departments of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations to set targets and report on progress towards achieving the targets for several performance areas in support of a performance-based approach to transportation planning and programming. The region has the option of supporting the state's targets established by CDOT or establishing its own targets for the metropolitan planning organization area. As in previous years, staff are proposing that the region set its own safety targets. When the Board adopted Taking Action on Regional Vision Zero in 2020, the region committed to a target of zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries. This Vision Zero target was reflected in the May 2024 amendment to Metro Vision that revised the performance target to 0 traffic fatalities by 2040. The proposed 2026 safety targets continue this practice.

Justin Schmitz inquired about the trendline since 2024 was so much higher than prior years; it has now forced the project line to begin so much higher than previous data points. Carolyn responded that it is a five-year average, and staff wanted to accurately reflect what has happened so far and what needs to happen to change the current trajectory. Jacob Riger added that the five-year average is federally prescribed and that determines how we set our targets. Since last year was a rough year for safety, staff did recalibrate where we could to help highlight what desperately needs to change.

Chris Chovan stated that there is an urgent need to have a genuine conversation about safety in this region since what the region has done in the past clearly didn't work, and what is currently being done is not solving the problem either. The numbers continue to rise, and the region is nowhere near making Vision Zero a reality.

Justin Schmitz moved to recommend the Regional Transportation Committee adopt the 2026 safety targets for the metropolitan planning organization area. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### **Informational Briefing**

#### *Taking Action on Regional Vision Zero – Minor Update Kickoff*

Kathryn Rush, Senior Planner, discussed that in Fall 2025 that DRCOG staff kicked off a minor update to Taking Action on Regional Vision Zero. The objectives for this update are to:

- Update the Regional High Injury Network, Regional Crash Profiles, and other crash data analysis elements of the plan using more recent crash data. The current plan used 2013-2017 crash data; it will be updated with 2020-2024 crash data.
- Add high-risk networks to the plan to support more proactive improvements and systemic projects. These high-risk networks would identify roadway segments that are high risk for Regional Crash Profile crash types, such as pedestrian crashes.
- Add the Vision Zero target that was adopted in 2024 and other elements that have been flagged as missing by the U.S. Department of Transportation feedback through DRCOG's regional Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) applications. This includes a description of how progress will be measured.

The minor update is being guided by participants in the Regional Vision Zero Working Group, which meets on a bi-monthly basis.

Frank Bruno stated that what is missing in the Regional Vision Zero conversation is speed; engineering and construction can only do so much. The type of enforcement needed to truly drive down speeding is far larger than the budget municipalities have. The Vision Zero plan should at least incorporate speed as an element that needs to be addressed. Kathryn agreed with the sentiment and said she'll see if speed can be incorporated.

Michele Ricco inquired about whether a local jurisdiction is working on its own safety action plan and how those local plans will be incorporated into this. Kathryn responded that at the upcoming Vision Zero meeting in February, everyone is invited to bring their own plans so several different methodologies can be reviewed to decide how best to highlight the biggest safety issues in the region.

Michelle Melonakis, Zeke Lynch, David Krutsinger, and Angie Rivera-Malpiede thanked Kathryn for this regional approach and for all the collaboration and communication that have gone into developing the Regional Vision Zero initiative.

### **Informational Item**

#### *Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects*

Josh Schwenk, Senior Planner, attached to the packet this informational item, which is required by federal law. The report lists all surface transportation projects in the Denver region that received obligations of federal funds in the federal fiscal year 2025. A net total of \$380.8 million of federal funds was obligated in fiscal year 2025 for 88 transportation projects throughout the region.

### **Administrative Items**

#### **Member Comment/Other Matters**

Jacob Riger took the opportunity to thank Chair Grant for her tenure leading the committee and voiced his support for all that she's done to make the committee function so well. Jacob also mentioned that this will be the last TAC meeting that he is the DRCOG staff lead, as he will be turning that position over to Alvan-Bidal Sanchez starting next month.

Chair Grant thanked Jacob for his kind words and thanked the TAC for this opportunity; she also stated her enthusiasm for Justin Schmitz and Justin Begley to assume the roles of Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, starting next month for a two-year term and wished them well.

Next Meeting – January 26, 2026

### **Adjournment**

There were no additional comments, and the meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.