

Attachment A: Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Monday, February 23, 2026

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

Members or Alternates Present In-Person

Greg Labrie (Alternate)	Adams County – City of Brighton
Kent Moorman	Adams County – City of Thornton
Eden Teklemariam (Alternate)	Adams County – City of Northglenn
Mac Callison (Alternate)	Arapahoe County – City of Aurora
Jim Katzer	Arapahoe County
Brent Soderlin	Arapahoe County – City of Littleton
Tom Worker-Braddock	Arapahoe County – City of Aurora
Jean Sanson	Boulder County – City of Boulder
Gerrit Slater (Alternate)	Boulder County – City of Boulder
Sarah Grant	Broomfield, City & County
Colton Rohloff	Clear Creek County
Justin Begley (Vice Chair)	Denver, City & County
David Krutsinger (Alternate)	Denver, City & County
Jonathan Webster (Alternate)	Denver, City & County
Chris Hudson (Alternate)	Douglas County – Town of Parker
Zeke Lynch (Alternate)	Douglas County
Justin Schmitz (Chair)	Douglas County – City of Lone Tree
Christina Lane	Jefferson County
Rocky Macsalka (Alternate)	Jefferson County – City of Wheat Ridge
Mike Whiteaker	Jefferson County – City of Lakewood
Miguel Aguilar	Weld County – Town of Erie
Jacob Riger	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Marissa Gaughan (Alternate)	CDOT Division of Transportation
	Development
Jordan Rudel (Alternate)	CDOT Region 1
Chris Quinn (Alternate)	RTD
Frank Bruno	Via Mobility
Tom Moore	Regional Air Quality Council
Brodie Ayers	Aviation Special Interest Seat
Colleen Kirby Roberts	Environmental Special Interest Seat
Lisa Sakata (Alternate)	Environmental Special Interest Seat
Angie Rivera-Malpiede	Equity Special Interest Seat
Jeff Boyd	Housing Special Interest Seat
Hilary Simmons	Older Adult Special Interest Seat
Carson Priest	Transportation Demand Management
	Special Interest Seat

Members or Alternates Present Virtually

Art Griffith	Douglas County
Larry Nimmo	Douglas County – City of Castle Pines
Tom Reiff	Douglas County – Town of Castle Rock
Evan Pinkham (Alternate)	Weld County
Kyra Reumann-Moore	Regional Air Quality Council
Emma Belmont (Alternate)	Federal Transit Administration (ex officio)
Aaron Bustow (Alternate)	Federal Highway Administration (ex officio)

Others Present: DJ Beckwith – Douglas County Community Development, Joellen Meyer – CDOT, Josie Thomas – CDOT, Leslie Ewy – City of Lafayette, Cory Schmitt – RTD, Denise Staley – Weld County, Anthony Devita, Madi Sydnor – DEA, Eileen Yazzie, JoAnn Mattson – CDOT.

DRCOG Staff Present: Cam Kennedy, Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Malorie Miller, Josh Schwenk, Carolyn Klamm, Nora Kern, Todd Cottrell, Pavlo Krokidis, Jenny Wallace.

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 were three new members or alternates in attendance.

- Greg LaBrie, representing Adams County – City of Brighton.
- Colton Rohloff with Clear Creek County (member) and Jamie Boyle with Gilpin County (alternate), representing the Non-MPO Area.

Jacob Riger announced that there were two people leaving TAC.

- Mac Callison, representing Arapahoe County – City of Aurora, is retiring after 35 years of service to the region.
- Cam Kennedy, DRCOG staff, has accepted a position with the federal government and is moving to Miami after seven years with DRCOG.

There was no public comment.

January 26, 2026, Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Summary.

The summary was accepted.

Action Items

2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Policy Amendment.

Josh Schwenk, Senior Planner with the Programming and Project Delivery team, presented the item. The amendment was related to Senate Bill 230 funds dedicated to the Clean Transit Enterprise. Four project awards have been made, totaling \$10,568,000. The amendment would add the awards to the TIP.

Sara Grant **moved** to recommend to the Regional Transportation Committee the attached project amendments to the 2026-2029 TIP. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously. Frank Bruno **abstained**.

Informational Briefings

Metropolitan Planning Organization Expansion

Jacob Riger, Division Director, Transportation Planning and Operations, presented the item. Jacob provided an overview of an ongoing effort reviewing the metropolitan planning organization boundary. DRCOG staff have been exploring expanding the MPO boundary to encompass Clear Creek and Gilpin counties. Clear Creek and Gilpin counties already have

strong existing links to the front range metro counties. Briefings have been provided to the Board and Regional Transportation Committee, and meetings between CDOT and RTD have been held.

Chris Hudson asked about the potential impacts to the subregional share through the TIP Dual Model process. Jacob noted that financial calculations have not been completed yet, but staff recognize a small share of funding would move to Clear Creek and Gilpin counties to address their unique needs and these amounts would be an insignificant reduction to the other counties.

Sarah Grant asked if there might be additional federal funding available since the planning area was growing. Jacob confirmed that there would not be additional funding simply by growing the MPO area. Federal funding would also be dependent on reauthorization.

Colton Rohloff spoke in support of the boundary expansion. Colton noted the strong connection and unique challenges facing Clear Creek County through existing recreational ties and transportation impacts. Colton noted the impacts of COVID-19 on behavior of visitors to the counties and noted Gilpin County is also in support of the boundary expansion.

Tom Worker-Braddock asked about the timing for action and next steps. Jacob responded that in the next month or two, DRCOG staff expect to be back before TAC for action. Steps following DRCOG Board action include sending materials through CDOT for action by the governor, with the goal of completing by the end of the year.

David Krutsinger noted that there is also an additional overlaying interest that governs the I-70 Mountain Corridor that speaks to the connections and needs for traffic management in the full region.

Brodie Ayers asked if there would be any impacts to 5310 funding and potential opportunities related to Mountain Rail. Jacob noted that being in the MPO should have no impact to a potential stop in Rollinsville. Jacob also clarified that there would be no impacts to 5310 funding as that comes through the Denver-Aurora Urbanized Area (UZA) and other small UZA geographies that would not be affected by this change.

Justin Begley asked if there was an impetus that initiated this conversation. Jacob provided some background, noting that there have been some new funding ties with Clear Creek and Gilpin counties that added to the other work. Colton also noted that the change was also the result of COVID-19 and the unique challenges of I-70 and the land use context of Clear Creek County. Jacob added that there would be some changes in process, but the two counties are already incorporated into the larger planning process, including the Regional Transportation Plan. Justin Schmitz also noted some earlier planning work on the Regional Roadway System that brought in additional rural and mountain roadways.

2029-2032 Transportation Improvement Program Policy Document Draft Edits.

Todd Cottrell, Program Manager of the Programming and Project Delivery team, presented the item. Todd highlighted the track changes in the attachment focused on minor

comments, a great majority likely being clarification. The TIP Policy document will continue to be a work in progress until later in the year for action.

Chris Hudson noted that many of the changes are grammatical but asked about the changes in the shifting of percentages of how projects would be scored, specifically the Regional Share criteria. Todd responded that discussions on the Regional Share have started, but the weight changes were from a staff perspective on topics such as project readiness.

Tom Moore asked about the connections between the RTP and the TIP, and the current RTP investment priorities. Todd noted that some of those could shift to incorporate more ideas and topics based on what's being heard through the RTP process. Tom Moore followed-up with a question about project based emission reduction options, and Jacob Riger noted that air quality modeling is done at the regional level for the RTP and TIP.

Justin Begley asked about the weighting of the criteria. Todd responded that ultimately the TIP implements the RTP's priorities, and that is one of the reasons the weighting has been revised upward for the RTP connection.

Zeke Lynch asked about the eligible projects and programs table, specifically the clarifications around transit projects. Todd noted that the proposed revisions that add restrictions are based on feedback from the regional partners and the second change is a re-emphasis of what is already practice.

Mac Callison asked about the financial capability or capacity section of the TIP document and how to confirm that commitment. Todd responded that the funding is ideally known by the time applying, and preferably already available.

David Krutsinger asked about the elimination of advance construction. Todd noted that section and the section on freight are no longer requirements for the TIP process, but are available for applicants to work on with CDOT as desired.

Rocky Macsalka commented on the budget/matching funds question, building off of Mac's comment and encouraged DRCOG staff to be careful of the language used as these applications are often years before getting through an IGA process.

Sarah Grant asked about the concurrence requirement from CDOT or RTD and asked if extra time could be provided to allow time to provide that request and receive those responses. Todd confirmed that the language could be clarified.

Jacob Riger provided a final thank you to those who attended the TAC TIP Subcommittee meeting earlier in the month.

Sheridan Corridor Safety Study Final Report.

Nora Kern, Program Manager of the Subarea and Project Planning team presented this item. Nora noted that this study is part of the Corridor Planning Program and the goal of the study was to reduce serious and fatal crashes on the corridor.

Chris Quinn commented on the study addressing the sidewalk issue and its connections to RTD's service. Chris also asked about the extents of the hardened median proposal and the gap in the recommendations. Nora noted that the gap is because Edgewater is already planning to install a hardened median in that section.

Justin Begley expressed thanks to Nora and the team for addressing the corridor. Justin acknowledged all the wins achieved through the project and its alignment with Denver's understanding of the corridor.

Chair Justin Schmitz asked how many corridor planning studies have been completed so far. Nora noted that this is the first one completed through the formal set-aside process. Chair Schmitz expressed congratulations to the DRCOG team for completing the study.

Ride Alliance Stage One Report Out.

Malorie Miller, Senior Planner with the Regional Transportation Planning team presented this item. Malorie provided an overview of the Ride Alliance project, the results of the pilot, and the next steps for the project.

Sarah Grant expressed excitement for the progress on the project and Easy Ride's participation.

Chris Quinn asked about clarification on the trip cancellations seen during the pilot. Malorie clarified that those trips were cancelled by the user who had asked for the trip, so there were no denials by providers during the pilot.

Informational Items

Grant Informational Form: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development

Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Program Manager of the Regional Transportation Planning team, noted this item was available for review in the meeting packet. Eight forms were received from applicants intending to submit for a BUILD grant. If there were specific questions, members and alternates were encouraged to reach out to specific applicants.

Administrative Items

Member Comment/Other Matters.

Alvan-Bidal Sanchez acknowledged the departure of Mac Callison and Cam Kennedy a final time.

Next meeting – March 23, 2026.

Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.