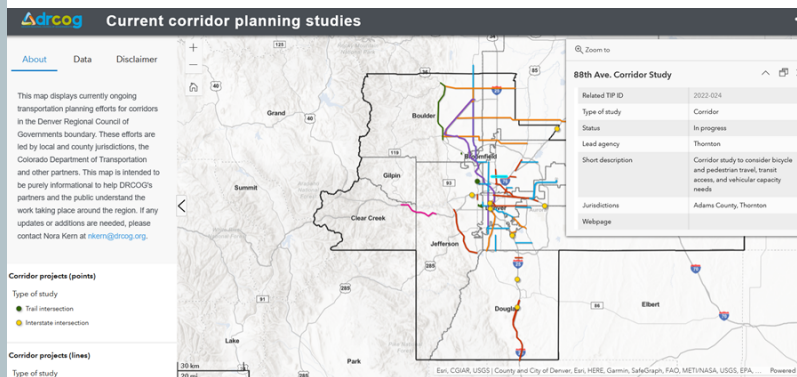




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## New web map to track regional corridor studies



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DRCOG staff have developed [a new web map](#) to track ongoing planning efforts on major corridors within the Denver region. The new map is intended to help regional partners, local jurisdictions, DRCOG staff and the public understand what major corridor and project development work is underway across the region and how to find more information on studies in their area.

A current DRCOG map reflects the major project investment priorities in the [2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation](#)

[Plan](#). There is also a database of transportation projects that DRCOG funds through the [Transportation Improvement Program](#). The new Regional Corridor Studies web map will help connect the dots between the 30-year Regional Transportation Plan and projects funded through the four-year TIP, displaying planning efforts on important regional corridors that may lead to future roadway, transit, or bicycle/pedestrian projects.

The Regional Corridor Planning web map shows the range of planning studies that are underway across the region, including bike/ped studies, transit studies, corridor studies, and environmental studies (National Environmental Policy Act and Planning and Environmental Linkages). The web map primarily focuses on studies related to transit service, arterial roads, state highways and the federal highway system. The web map also shares key information related to each study's status, whether it is funded through the TIP, and links to study websites for additional information.

This web map project is part of a new [DRCOG Corridor Planning Program](#), through which DRCOG staff are taking a more direct role in implementing the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan's investment priorities.

The Regional Corridor Planning web map will be updated regularly by DRCOG staff. If you have any updates to recommend or know of transportation planning studies not reflected on the map, please contact Nora Kern.

## CO EnviroScreen story maps

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[CO EnviroScreen](#) is Colorado's new bilingual interactive environmental justice mapping tool developed by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment in collaboration with Colorado State University. Launched in June 2022, CO EnviroScreen aims to provide data transparency and access to advance environmental justice in Colorado. The tool combines 35 environmental, health and demographic indicators to visualize areas in Colorado with higher environmental and socioeconomic burdens. Along

with the interactive map, key parts of the tool are the community StoryMaps created through the Colorado Environmental Justice Storytelling Project at the University of Colorado Boulder.

Over 200 community members, government officials and technical experts provided input to guide the development of CO EnviroScreen. Throughout the process, stakeholders emphasized the importance of including qualitative data in the tool to provide context and nuance to any quantitative data displayed. The CO EnviroScreen StoryMaps provide a space for community voice within the tool. Through the project, community members have shared what they value about their communities and the environmental justice work they are doing.

Currently, CO EnviroScreen has published StoryMaps for the Pueblo region, the Arkansas Valley region and the San Luis Valley region. CDPHE staff plan to release StoryMaps for the Commerce City/North Denver area and areas under Ute Mountain Ute jurisdiction this year.

The CO EnviroScreen StoryMap project aims to amplify the voices and lived experiences of disproportionately impacted communities across Colorado to complement CO EnviroScreen's quantitative data. The ideas and statements expressed in the StoryMaps may not reflect the views or positions of CDPHE as an agency, CU Boulder or all members of the community. Professor Phaedra C. Pezzullo organized the project through her Foundations of Environmental Justice class at CU Boulder, led by Anthony Albidrez, journalism graduate student at CU Boulder, with contributions from Sam Collier, Warren Cook and several others.

To learn more about the Environmental Justice StoryMap project, email the CDPHE Environmental Justice Program at [cdphe\\_ej@state.co.us](mailto:cdphe_ej@state.co.us).

## DRCOG data acquisition updates

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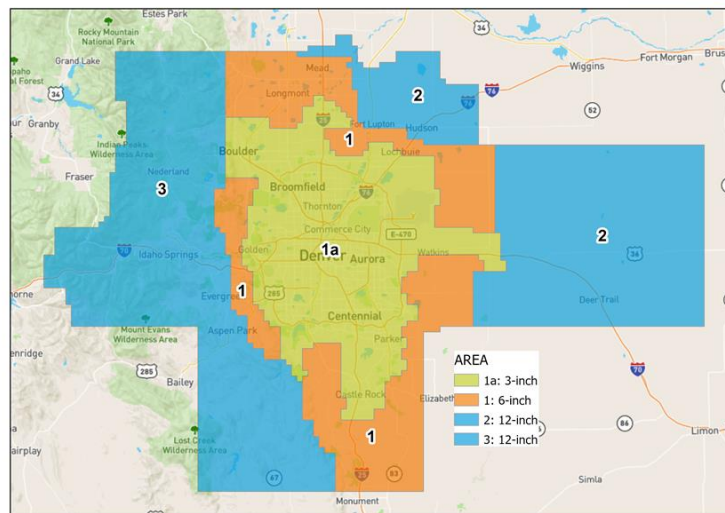
## The 2022 Denver Regional Aerial Photography Project wraps up

The 2022 imagery project is coming to a close. Data is being delivered to our 47 project partners throughout January and February. This project captured approximately 6,000 square miles of three-inch, six-inch, and 12-inch imagery. It will be made available to the public when superseded in March of 2024.

The completion of this project means that data from the previous project is now available in the public domain. Imagery from 2022 can be [downloaded here](#).

Planning for the 2024 project will begin in March. If your organization wants to be a project partner, please reach out to Ashley Summers at [asummers@drcog.org](mailto:asummers@drcog.org).

DRAPP 2022 Project Areas



## The 2022 Planimetric Data Project begins

DRCOG staff will begin the next iteration of planimetric data mapping in February 2023. This project will be very similar to [past projects](#) and will produce the same features, including building roofprints, edge of pavement, parking, sidewalks, sidewalk ramps, trails and driveways for about 1,600 square miles of the Denver metro area. Data will be delivered incrementally to project partners between June 2023 and March 2024. The public can expect to see this data available for download from the Regional Data Catalog in April 2024.

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