

Regional Transportation Committee

Meeting date: April 15, 2025

Agenda Item #: 6 (Attachment D)

Transportation Advisory Committee Environmental Special Interest Seat

Agenda item type: Action

Summary

The RTC is asked to consider approving the appointment of a new environmental special interest seat member on the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) as nominated by the DRCOG Board Chair.

Background

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) assists the Board of Directors and the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) by reviewing the work of the transportation planning process, advising on methods of planning and implementation, and working with staff to develop policy options and, as appropriate, recommendations to the RTC.

The committee's membership, responsibilities, and procedures are described in the [Transportation Planning Framework](#) and documented in DRCOG's [Committee Policy, Guidelines and Descriptions](#). Per the Committee Guidelines, the DRCOG Board Chair nominates, and RTC approves, the TAC's "special interest seat" representatives as needed.

The environmental special interest seat is currently vacant due to a recent retirement. This seat focuses on the formal project development (National Environmental Policy Act) aspects of environmental transportation planning and is typically filled by a private sector consultant with this expertise (to complement the committee's primarily public sector membership).

DRCOG staff conducted a competitive recruitment in partnership with the American Council of Engineering Companies of Colorado, known as [ACEC Colorado](#), and received four excellent applications. DRCOG staff conducted informal interviews with all four applicants to select a preferred candidate. The preferred candidate is formally nominated by the DRCOG Board Chair and approved by the RTC. Board Chair Jeff Baker is nominating Colleen Kirby Roberts, co-founder and principal of Peak Consulting Group, for this seat.

Colleen's application is included as Attachment 1. If approved, she would begin serving at the April 28, 2025 TAC meeting.

Action by others

None

Previous discussion/action

None



Recommendation

Move to approve the appointment of Colleen Kirby Roberts as the environmental special interest seat member of the Transportation Advisory Committee as nominated by the DRCOG Board Chair.

Attachment

Transportation Advisory Committee environmental special interest seat recommended candidate application.

For more information

If you need additional information, please contact Jacob Riger, Multimodal Transportation Planning Manager, at 303-480-6751 or jriger@drcog.org.



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Tell us about your experience/qualifications and your interest in serving on DRCOG's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Hi. Thank you for the opportunity to apply for the Environmental Special Interest Seat on DRCOG's Transportation Advisory Committee. I'm interested in the seat because I'd like to contribute to DRCOG's role in improving safety, mobility, air quality, equitable access to jobs and resources, and quality of life in the Denver region.

I've devoted my career to delivering public transportation projects in the Denver area. I've worked with many current TAC members on local and regionally significant projects in DRCOG's boundaries, and I have over 20 years of private sector subject matter expertise in environmental stewardship and NEPA compliance and advisory services. Through my work, I'm well-versed in the transportation planning process, transportation policy, and providing advisory services to public agencies.

I own a small woman-owned business specializing in environmental and NEPA planning and compliance for public transportation projects. My business partner and I started Peak Consulting Group in 2017 after working together at CH2M HILL for 12 years. I've worked as a consultant environmental planner in the transportation industry in Denver since 2002, and I spent three years prior to that working on transit-oriented development at David Owen Tryba Architects, a local architecture and urban planning firm.

My business partner and I founded Peak to contribute to projects and programs that make a difference in our communities. Since our inception, we have managed pre-NEPA planning, NEPA processes, and design and construction environmental compliance for many of the Denver region's largest projects. These projects rely on DRCOG's Regional Transportation Plan and associated travel demand model, and many of the local projects we work on have been made possible through DRCOG TIP funding. A number of these projects have been through the TIP amendment process after project limits or parameters have changed. Stakeholder partnerships, public input, air quality conformity, and greenhouse gas emissions reductions are all key components of project development and approval.

My company and I have managed planning and NEPA compliance for a variety of local and regional projects, including:

- I-25 South Gap and associated I-25 Denver to Colorado Springs PEL
- I-70 Floyd Hill
- I-25 Segment 2
- I-270 EIS
- Front Range Passenger Rail alternatives analysis and service development plan
- Mountain Passenger Rail service development plan
- Northwest Rail Peak Service Study
- 16th Street Mall reconstruction
- Colfax BRT
- Lincoln/I-25 corridor for Lone Tree and Douglas County
- Castle Rock Mobility Hub
- Facilitation of RTD's Citizens Advisory Committee

Peak was recently selected to manage design and NEPA for the Pena Boulevard project at DEN; I'm the principal in charge for that project. We also hold environmental on-call contracts for RTD and DEN, and we provided environmental advisory services for the past two years through DRCOG's grant navigator program.

Prior to founding Peak, I held planning roles on the US 36 EIS, RTD's Northwest Rail Environmental Evaluation, the Gold Line EIS, CDOT's high speed rail Interregional Connectivity Study, the I-70 Mountain Corridor PEIS and associated tier 2 projects including the Twin Tunnels, and smaller local projects like the US 6/Wadsworth corridor and interchange.

The foundation of our work as transportation professionals is to improve the safety and resilience of our transportation system, provide mode choice and equitable access, and contribute to livable communities and environmentally responsible growth. I would be thrilled to leverage my private sector environmental and NEPA expertise to contribute to these goals on a regional level through DRCOG's TAC.

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You can upload your bio here (optional)

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The DRCOG TAC usually meets in-person on the 4th Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m. for 1.5 to 2 hours. Are you able to regularly attend and participate in TAC meetings? Any potential conflicts?

Yes, I am able to regularly attend and participate in monthly meetings the 4th Monday of the month at 1:30pm.
