

Transportation Advisory Committee

Meeting date: April 28, 2025

Agenda Item #: 5 (Attachment C)

2050 Regional Transportation Plan Update: Regional Roadway System Submissions

Agenda item type: Discussion

Summary

Update on the submissions received through the Call for Revisions for the Regional Roadway System.

Background

For transportation planning purposes, DRCOG designates a Regional Roadway System consisting of freeways (including managed lanes), tollways, major regional arterials, and principal arterials. The system is the planning network DRCOG uses for air quality conformity and greenhouse gas emission reduction analyses and for establishing project eligibility in the Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program.

DRCOG reviews the system at the beginning of each major Regional Transportation Plan update cycle as the basis for developing the plan. In addition to the review and proposed adjustments by DRCOG staff (missing CO state highways, expansion in rural areas), a Call for Revisions soliciting local government revisions was held March 17-April 14 and submissions will be shared at the April meeting.

Action by others

None.

Previous discussion/action

[February 24, 2025](#) – Transportation Advisory Committee.

Recommendation

None.

Attachment

1. DRCOG staff presentation.
2. Map.

For more information

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Basics of the Regional Roadway System

- Currently made up of existing and future **freeways, tollways, major regional arterials**, and **principal arterials**.
- Planning network for **federal air quality conformity** and **state greenhouse gas emission reduction** analyses.
- Network for **eligible capacity projects** in the Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program.
- Most **heavily traveled & important connecting** roadways.
- **Targets limited federal funding** to the most important roadways in the region.

Actions this update cycle

- Vetting proposed expansion to add roadways classified as **Major Collectors and above in rural areas** and **all Colorado state highways**.
- Held a **Call for Revisions** from March 17 to April 14.
- **Presenting at County Transportation Forums** on the Regional Roadway System and the proposed expansion.
- **Meeting 1:1 with local agencies** to answer questions and provide an overview.

Call for Revisions

Requestor	Number of submissions
Adams County	8
Aurora	9
Castle Pines	5
Castle Rock	2
Denver International Airport	6
Douglas County	8
Littleton	1
Lochbuie	1
Thornton	4





Next steps

- Review the submissions **for revisions to the Regional Roadway System.**
- Continue to meet with local agencies on the proposed expansion to **vet the proposals.**
- Future **action item** at the upcoming TAC meeting.

Thank you! Questions?

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