

Agenda
Agency Coordination Team
Wednesday, February 26, 2025
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Virtual Meeting Only – Microsoft Teams

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1. Strategic topics.
 - Inactive projects (Federal Highway Administration).
 - Colorado Department of Transportation procurement process update.
 - Transportation Improvement Program/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program/Unified Planning Work program processes (Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration).
 - 2050 Regional Transportation Plan scenario planning overview (Denver Regional Council of Governments).
2. Agency news and updates.
 - Denver Regional Council of Governments.
 - Colorado Department of Transportation.
 - Regional Transportation District.
 - Federal Highway Administration.
 - Federal Transit Administration.
3. Administrative items.
 - Upcoming committee/Board/Commission agenda previews.
 - i. Denver Regional Council of Governments (attached).
 - ii. Colorado Department of Transportation.
 - iii. Regional Transportation District.
 - Discretionary Grants Tracking spreadsheet.
4. Agenda topics for next meeting.
5. Other items.



Denver Regional Council of Governments Draft Committee/Board Agendas

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Board Work Session (March 5)

- 2050 Regional Transportation Plan Mitigation Action Plan 2025 Annual Report (informational discussion).

Regional Transportation Committee (March 18)

- 2026 and 2027 Unified Planning Work Program Kickoff (informational discussion).
- 2050 Regional Transportation Plan – Regional Roadway System and Financial Plan (informational discussion).
- 2050 Regional Transportation Plan Mitigation Action Plan 2025 Annual Report (informational discussion).

Board (March 19)

- Public Hearing for the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (public hearing – no action).
- 2026 and 2027 Unified Planning Work Program Kickoff (informational discussion).
- Transportation Improvement Program Administrative Modifications (information/packet only).

Transportation Advisory Committee (March 24)

- 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (action).
- Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 and Denver Regional Council of Governments Human Service Transportation Project Funding Recommendations (action).
- 2050 Regional Transportation Plan and Colorado Department of Transportation Statewide Plan? (informational discussion).
- Colorado Department of Transportation Transit Connections Study (informational discussion).
- Denver Regional Council of Governments Ride Alliance Project Update (informational discussion).

Agency Coordination Team (ACT)

Meeting Summary

January 22, 2025

Attendees:

Aaron Bustow, FHWA
Aaron Villere, DRCOG
Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, DRCOG
Bill Haas, FHWA
Brad Williams, DRCOG
Carolyn Klamm, DRCOG
Chris Laplante, CDOT
Christa Curtis, CDOT
Christopher Quinn, RTD
David Messmer, CDOT
Emily Bardon, CDOT
Emily Lindsey, DRCOG
Erik Braaten, DRCOG
Erik Sabina, CDOT
George Gromke, CDOT
Greg Mackinnon, DRCOG
Jacob Riger, DRCOG
Jamie Collins, CDOT
Jo Myer, CDOT
JoAnn Mattson, CDOT
John Gardocki, CDOT
Jordan Rudel, CDOT
Josh Schwenk, DRCOG
Lawrence Tilong, DRCOG
Malorie Miller, DRCOG
Marissa Ganghan, CDOT
Max Monk, DRCOG
Nora Kern, DRCOG
Ron Papsdorf, DRCOG
Steph Piperno, DRCOG
Tom Moore

Strategic Topics

CDOT Transit Connections Study

Update by George Gromke, CDOT

- Purpose: strategic vision for statewide transit network

- Looking at: mobility hubs, gaps, ways to enhance accessibility
- Connected to the Bustang business plan and Bustang Asset Management Plan
- Gaps analysis:
 - Bustang market analysis, service evaluation, financial needs, focused review of I-25 and I-70 corridors
 - Statewide market analysis: Current and projected transit demand, population and employment indicators, statewide connectivity, geographic gaps
- Next steps: review findings and priorities
- Final list is not financially constrained, but provides high level gaps
- Inform future of Bustang
- Data to be used for other planning efforts
- Completion: Summer 2025

Q: Are there external folks weighing in on the prioritization?

A: Steps shared with transit partners, but the prioritization is internal.

Q: DRCOG is kicking off a transit plan update, can you share the existing conditions data so we do not duplicate?

A: Yes, absolutely.

Q: What is the scale of the work and the gaps analysis?

A: Statewide at interregional gaps, not looking at DRCOG's transit network. More high level analysis.

DRCOG UPWP Kickoff

Update by Josh Schwenk, DRCOG

- UPWP covers work tasks over the next two years
- Federal FY 2026 and 2027
- Expecting the next ones to look fairly similar to the current UPWP

Menti: Internal engagement exercise

- Most people have used the UPWP document, and found it easy to navigate!
- Potential regional challenges: Trip choice, congestions, Reducing VMT, changes in federal administration, climate change and resilience,
- Program's strengths: TIP set asides, regional data catalog,
- What should DRCOG do in the future?: Coordination, working with local govts on land use, public awareness of burden of car ownership,
- What issues are urgent: Transportation and land use connections, complete streets and multimodal safety, funding limitations,

CDOT Procurement

Update by Greg MacKinnon, DRCOG

- Has been an issue for Greg's program
- Delays in procurement agreement delay projects
- A couple of 2025 projects in this boat
- A challenge to understand why there is an extended period of dealing with this
- Things are kicked up to HQ level where local agency has prepared guidance
- Expectation is that we can proceed after that meeting
- Proceeding as personal service agreements instead of IGAs?

Q: Delays in this process and not having definitive answers is delaying action on real projects with awarded federal dollars. We are wondering if there are updates with CDOT partners.

A: From Marissa: I thought these contracts went well, but I'm not the best person to talk to. Maybe we need to do more investigation.

Would be helpful to have an email from DRCOG documenting this problem, so that CDOT can coordinate internally and find the right people.

Could there be new regulations that are causing this slowdown? This didn't used to be a problem.

Marrissa will reach back out after interrogating this problem internally.

Marissa invited to present on Grants program at a future ACT meeting.

Agency News

DRCOG

- No time to give update

CDOT

- Carrie Tremblat has moved on from CDOT, working to fill that position ASAP. Send bike/ped inquires to John.

RTD

- January swore in 7 new directors (big turnover), big changes could be coming
- Transit equity day on Feb 4
- January service changes
- Added 200 hours of additional daily services!

FHWA

- At the end of the year, approved adjusted urban boundaries
- Meeting about current projects upcoming, details to come.
- Finished review and acceptance of CDOT RIP (Resilience Improvement Plan)
- Allows for PROTCT formula and PROTECT discretionary funds to receive a higher federal share
 - Additional 3% if project is consistent
 - Additional 7% if project is directly included in the RIP

- Inactive ratio is too high, going to start working on them
- Many of these are locally sponsored projects
- For discretionary grant projects, our inactive rate is 50% ish
- Criteria: submit a bill for reimbursement in the last 6 months. Project could be moving but not having a reimbursement request
- Stay tuned for funding issues
- From Ron: can we get FHWA in front of TAC to present on this issue?
- Some projects are also complete, but they haven't submitted the official paperwork so they are marked as "incomplete"
- Two project end dates: one where it's the last day to spend money, one when the final paperwork is submitted

FTA

- Did not attend meeting

Administrative Items

Upcoming committee/board/commission agenda previews

DRCOG

- No time for update

CDOT

- No time for update

RTD

- No time for update

Federal discretionary grants awards tracker

- No time for update, but updated as of January

Agenda Topics for Next Meeting

- No time for update

Executive Committee

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Agenda Interagency Consultation Group

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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1. Regional Air Quality Council updates.
2. Denver Regional Council of Governments updates.
 - Public comment period open for the new Transportation Improvement Program.
3. North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization updates.
4. Air Pollution Control Division/Air Quality Control Commission updates.
5. Colorado Department of Transportation updates.
6. Environmental Protection Agency updates.

Note: Interagency Consultation Group meeting summaries for previous meetings can be accessed on [DRCOG's air quality planning website landing page](#).

