



## Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Self-Certification

The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) is responsible for carrying out the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive metropolitan transportation planning process as required under Section 134 of Title 23 and Section 5303 of title 49, United States Code. This statement certifies that the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and DRCOG hereby certify the transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements including:

- **23 U.S.C. 134, and 49 U.S.C. 5303; and this subpart;**

DRCOG collaborates with local, state, and public transportation agencies to carry out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3C) metropolitan planning process through its Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), and other transportation planning activities.

- **Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;**

DRCOG is part of the nine county Denver/North Front Range 8-hour Ozone Nonattainment Area. We work closely and collaboratively with local agencies, the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO), CDOT, the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment (CDPHE) and their Air Pollution Control Division (APCD), the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC), FHWA, and FTA as part of the Interagency Consultation Group (ICG) to reduce pollutants.

- **Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;**

DRCOG adopted its [Title VI Implementation Plan](#) and [Limited English Proficiency Plans](#) in September 2021, which outline efforts to better serve and involve the protected classes under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

- **49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment of business opportunity;**

DRCOG last amended its [Public Engagement Plan; People-Centered Planning, Projects, and Services](#) in August 2021 to guide the DRCOG outreach efforts to ensure that no person is discriminated against on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age in the transportation planning process. This applies to DRCOG's RTP, TIP, UPWP, and other transportation planning activities.

- **Section 1101(b) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117-58) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects;**



DRCOG maintains a Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE)/Small Business Enterprises (SBE) Program for agency contract goals.

- **23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;**

DRCOG does not let construction contracts, but does hold calls for projects for various federal funds for member agencies. It is the responsibility of those agencies to ensure the implementation of equal employment opportunities through their construction contracting process.

- **The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et. seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38,**

**The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance,**

**Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender, and**

**Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.**

DRCOG provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment and prohibits discrimination and harassment of any type without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, religion, age, sex, disability status, genetic information, military status, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic protected by applicable law. This policy applies to all terms and conditions of employment including recruiting, hiring, placement, promotion, termination, layoff, transfer, leaves of absence, compensation, and training.

**Denver Regional Council of Governments**

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