



Adopting resolution and conformity determination

Denver Regional Council of Governments
State of Colorado

Board of Directors

Resolution No. 5, 2024

A resolution adopting the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan and the associated Denver Southern Subarea 8-hour Ozone Conformity Determination, and Greenhouse Gas Transportation Report.

Whereas, the Denver Regional Council of Governments, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the continuing transportation planning process designed to prepare and adopt transportation plans and programs; and

Whereas, the transportation planning process within the Denver region is carried out by the Denver Regional Council of Governments through a cooperative agreement with the Regional Transportation District and the Colorado Department of Transportation; and

Whereas; Section 176(c)(3) of the federal Clean Air Act, as amended, requires that the Metropolitan Planning Organization not give its approval to a transportation plan or program unless such plan or program conforms to an approved or promulgated state implementation plan for air quality; and

Whereas; the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan identifies fiscally constrained air quality regionally significant highway capacity and rapid transit projects that can reasonably be provided over a 20+ year time horizon; and

Whereas; the financial plan of the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan meets fiscal constraint based on a reasonable estimate of funds available from 2020 to 2050; and

Whereas; an air quality analysis of the 2050 Fiscally Constrained Regional Transportation Plan has been prepared consistent with the requirements of the Clean Air Act as amended, and regulations promulgated by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, which indicates that the 2050 Fiscally Constrained Regional Transportation Plan and 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program conform to the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality; and

Whereas; the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan demonstrates compliance with the requirements 2 CCR 601-22, known as the Colorado Greenhouse Gas Planning Standard, as demonstrated by the Greenhouse Gas Transportation Report, which includes a Mitigation Action Plan; and

Whereas; the Transportation Advisory Committee and the Regional Transportation Committee have recommended that the Board of Directors adopt the

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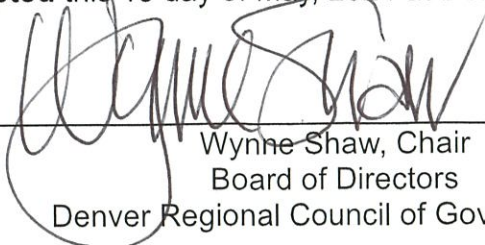
Now, therefore, be it resolved that pursuant to its Articles of Association, and the authority granted under sections 30-28-106 and 43-1-1101 through 1105 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Denver Region, the Denver Regional Council of Governments hereby adopts the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan. This updated plan supersedes any Regional Transportation Plan previously adopted by the Denver Regional Council of Governments.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors of the Denver Regional Council of Governments, and as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, hereby determines that the 2050 Fiscally Constrained Regional Transportation Plan conforms to the applicable implementation plans approved or promulgated under the Clean Air Act, as amended, by virtue of the demonstrations incorporated in the associated Denver Southern Subarea 8-Hour Ozone Conformity Determination.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors of the Denver Regional Council of Governments, and as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, hereby determines that the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan conforms to the applicable requirements of 2 CCR 601-22 by virtue of the demonstrations incorporated in the associated Greenhouse Gas Transportation Report and its appendices, including the Mitigation Action Plan.

Be it further resolved that the Chair of the Denver Regional Council of Governments is hereby authorized to certify copies of the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan to all counties and municipalities lying wholly or partly in the Denver region.

Resolved, passed, and adopted this 15 day of May, 2024 at Denver, Colorado.



Wynne Shaw, Chair
Board of Directors
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:



Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director



U.S. Department
of Transportation
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**Subject: Conformity Determination for the DRCOG 2024 Amended 2050 Metro Vision
Regional Transportation Plan**

Dear Mr. Rex:

In accordance with the Clean Air Act of 1990, as amended, and 23 CFR 450, the U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) is required to make an air quality conformity determination for Regional Transportation Plans (RTP) and Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) in non-attainment and maintenance areas. Consistent with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region 8 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Transportation Planning Oversight, the FHWA Colorado Division office signs the letter on behalf of FTA Region 8.

On May 15, 2024 the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) adopted an air quality conformity determination for the Denver Metro/North Front Range 8-hour Ozone nonattainment area for the DRCOG 2024 Amended 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the amended FY24-27 DRCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Southern Subarea of the Upper Front Range Transportation Planning Region (UFR TPR) 2045 RTP, and for the Southern Subarea of the UFR TPR portion of the FY24-27 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The DRCOG adopted the conformity determination in its capacity as the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Based on our evaluation of the DRCOG conformity determination, in coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 8, the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO), the DRCOG, the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC), the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC), and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), we have determined that the requirements of 40 CFR 51 and 93, 23 CFR 450, and 49 CFR 613 along with FHWA/FTA policies and guidance have been met. Furthermore, the conformity determination is consistent with the 2008 and 2015 DRCOG/NFRMPO 8-hour Ozone MOA.

A conformity determination for the 2024 Amended 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan is hereby made. We are also making a conformity determination for the FY24-27 DRCOG TIP, Southern Subarea of the UFR TPR 2045 RTP and UFR TPR portion of the FY24-27 of the STIP. This conformity determination does not restart the clock for conformity for the DRCOG 2050 RTP. Our action is consistent with the FHWA/FTA Transportation Planning MOA.

If you have any questions, please contact William Keenan of this office at william.keenan@dot.gov or (720) 963-3019.

Sincerely,

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