



**Executive Committee**

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Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director

**AGENDA**  
**DRCOG Board Work Session**  
**WEDNESDAY, November 1, 2023**  
**4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**  
**VIDEO/WEB CONFERENCE**  
**Denver, CO**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Summary of the June 7, 2023 Board Work Session  
(Attachment A)
4. Discussion with the Governor's Office Policy and Legislative Teams  
Regarding the 2024 Legislative Session  
(Attachment B) Douglas Rex, Executive Director
5. Adjourn

# ATTACH A

## BOARD WORK SESSION SUMMARY

June 7, 2023

**Note: Meeting held virtually via Zoom**

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### **Directors present:**

Wynne Shaw, Chair	Lone Tree
Steve O’Dorisio	Adams County
Jeff Baker	Arapahoe County
Claire Levy	Boulder County
Austin Ward	City and County of Broomfield
Kevin Flynn	City and County of Denver
Nicholas Williams	City and County of Denver
George Teal	Douglas County
Marie Mornis	Gilpin County
Tracy Kraft-Tharp	Jefferson County
Lisa Smith	Arvada
Dustin Zvonek	Aurora
Nicole Speer	Boulder
Jan Pawlowski	Brighton
Deborah Mulvey	Castle Pines
Tim Dietz	Castle Rock
Tammy Maurer	Centennial
Randy Weil	Cherry Hills Village
Steve Conklin	Edgewater
Ari Harrison	Erie
Lynette Kelsey	Georgetown
Paul Haseman	Golden
Stephanie Walton	Lafayette
Jeslin Shahrezaei	Lakewood
Rich Olver	Lakewood
Stephen Barr	Littleton
Colleen Whitlow	Mead
Richard Kondo	Northglenn
John Diak	Parker
Jessica Sandgren	Thornton
Bud Starker	Wheat Ridge

Others present: Doug Rex, Executive Director; Chris Chovan, Victoria Hafele, Adams County; Mac Callison, Mindy Parnes, Aurora; Kent Moorman, Thornton; Heath Klein, Westminster; Danny Herrmann, CDOT; Chessy Brady, RTD; Benjamin Wells, Citizen; and DRCOG staff.

Chair Wynne Shaw called the session to order at 4:00 p.m.

### Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Update on development of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Flo Raitano provided an update to the directors. Staff are currently in Phase 1 of the development, which includes engaging strategic partners and garnering support for/interest in joining the proposed effort of DRCOG to create a CEDS for the DRCOG region. Directors were also given information about the future direction of these efforts including a timeline and an initial, partial list of partners.

Discussion on development of a Regional Housing Strategy

Sheila Lynch began the discussion with the directors. Metro Vision identifies the need to support local governments and housing experts to understand the housing-related data/analysis gaps and identify the regional planning products that will expand opportunities for affordable, accessible, and livable housing options for all ages, incomes, and abilities. DRCOG's board explored the role and scope for regional coordination to address housing. Through facilitated discussions at board retreats and work sessions, three important roles emerged for DRCOG: (1) data analysis, (2) regional planning activities, and (3) convening.

Discussions that emerged during the 2023 legislative session reinforced the need to better understand the current housing challenges in our region and explore solutions. At the DRCOG Board retreat in May, participants discussed development of a regional housing strategy as a vehicle for assessing the needs and opportunities across the region and prioritizing strategies for addressing those needs. Directors reviewed and discussed the purpose, deliverables, and timeline for the development of a regional housing strategy. Proposed next steps for initiating this work:

- Approve UPWP Amendment
  - Technical Advisory Committee – June 26
  - Regional Transportation Committee – July 18
  - DRCOG Board – July 19
- Request for Proposals (RFP)
  - Publish RFP – June/July
  - Finance and Budget review and approval – early August
  - Consultant under contract – August

The work session ended at 5:05 p.m.

**ATTACH B**

To: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

From: Douglas W. Rex, Executive Director  
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Meeting Date	Agenda Category	Agenda Item #
November 1, 2023	Informational Briefing	4

**SUBJECT**

A discussion regarding the 2024 state legislative session

**PROPOSED ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS**

This item is for information only.

**ACTION BY OTHERS**

N/A

**SUMMARY**

At the November meeting, members of the Governor’s Office Policy and Legislative Teams will provide a primer to the upcoming 2024 legislative session. Specifically, state staff will brief the board on key concepts under consideration related to the intersections of housing and transportation. The goal of this initial discussion will be to collect Board input and map out next steps regarding ongoing opportunities for collaboration with DRCOG members.

**PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS**

N/A

**PROPOSED MOTION**

N/A

**ATTACHMENT**

N/A

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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