

Attachment A: Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Monday, August 24, 2026

Meeting was held in-person with virtual option for public via Zoom

Attendance Log

Agency or interest	Member or alternate name	Attendance
Adams County	Bradyn Nicholson (Adams County)	In person
Adams County	Cathleen Valencia (Aurora)	Virtual
Adams County	Chris Chovan (Westminster)	In-person
Adams County	Eden Teklemariam (Northglenn)	Not present
Adams County	Greg LaBrie (Brighton)	Not present
Adams County	Jenna Hahn (Commerce City)	In-person
Arapahoe County	Ant Devita (Centennial)	In person
Arapahoe County	Brent Soderlin (Littleton)	Not present
Arapahoe County	James Katzer (Arapahoe County)	In-person
Arapahoe County	Ryan Seacrist (Arapahoe County)	Not present
Arapahoe County	Tom Worker-Braddock (Aurora)	In-person
Arapahoe County	Victor Rachael (Englewood)	In-person
Boulder County	Alex Hyde-Wright (Boulder County)	Not present
Boulder County	Angel Bond (Boulder)	Not present
Boulder County	Cammie Edson (Longmont)	Not present
Boulder County	Gerrit Slater (Boulder)	In-person
Boulder County	Jean Sanson (Boulder)	Not present
Boulder County	Michelle Melonakis (Lafayette)	In-person
Broomfield, City and County	Bryce Hammerton	Not present
Broomfield, City and County	Sarah Grant	In-person
Colorado Department of Transportation Division of Transit and Rail	Jan Rowe	Not present

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Colorado Department of Transportation Division of Transit and Rail	Vacant	Vacant
Colorado Department of Transportation Division of Transportation Development	Darius Pakbaz	Not present
Colorado Department of Transportation Division of Transportation Development	Marissa Gaughan	In-person
Colorado Department of Transportation Region 1	Jessica Myklebust	Not present
Colorado Department of Transportation Region 1	Jordan Rudel	In-person
Colorado Department of Transportation Region 4	Heather Paddock	Not present
Colorado Department of Transportation Region 4	Jim Eussen	In-person
Denver Regional Council of Governments	Douglas W. Rex	Not present
Denver Regional Council of Governments	Jacob Riger	In-person
Denver, City and County	David Gaspers	Not present
Denver, City and County	David Krutsinger	In-person
Denver, City and County	Jennifer Hillhouse	Not present
Denver, City and County	Jonathan Webster	In-person
Denver, City and County	Justin Begley (Vice Chair)	In-person
Denver, City and County	Riley LaMie	Not present
Douglas County	Chris Hudson (Parker)	In-person
Douglas County	Jason Oldham (Douglas County)	Not present
Douglas County	Justin Schmitz (Lone Tree) (Chair)	In-person
Douglas County	Larry Nimmo (Castle Pines)	Not present
Douglas County	Tom Reiff (Castle Rock)	In-person
Douglas County	Zeke Lynch (Douglas County)	In-person
Federal Highway Administration	Aaron Bustow	Not present

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Federal Highway Administration	Paige Cipperly	Not present
Federal Transit Administration	Emma Belmont	Not present
Federal Transit Administration	Tracey MacDonald	Not present
Jefferson County	Christina Lane (Jefferson County)	In-person
Jefferson County	Kellee Van Bruggen (Arvada)	In-person
Jefferson County	Matt Wempe (Golden)	Not present
Jefferson County	Mike Vanatta (Jefferson County)	Not present
Jefferson County	Mike Whiteaker (Lakewood)	In-person
Jefferson County	Rocky Macsalka (Wheat Ridge)	In-person
Non-metropolitan planning organization area	Colton Rohlof (Clear Creek County)	In-person
Non-metropolitan planning organization area	Jamie Boyle (Gilpin County)	Virtual
Regional Air Quality Council	Kyra Reumann-Moore	Virtual
Regional Air Quality Council	Tom Moore	Virtual
Regional Transportation District	Chris Quinn	In-person
Regional Transportation District	Kiernan Maletsky	Not present
Southwest Weld County	Evan Pinkham (Weld County)	Not present
Southwest Weld County	Miguel Aguilar (Erie)	In-person
Special interest seat: Aviation	Brodie Ayers (Denver International Airport)	In-person
Special interest seat: Aviation	Lisa Nguyen (Denver International Airport)	Not present
Special interest seat: Business	Frank Gray (Castle Rock Economic Development Council)	Not present
Special interest seat: Environment	Colleen Kirby Roberts (Peak)	Not present
Special interest seat: Environment	Lisa Sakata (HNTB)	Not present

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Special interest seat: Equity	Angie Rivera-Malpiede	In-person
Special interest seat: Freight	Wally Weart	Virtual
Special interest seat: Housing	Jeffrey Boyd	In-person
Special interest seat: Non-motorized	Sue Prant (Community Cycles)	Not present
Special interest seat: Older adults	Hilary Simmons (A Little Help)	In-person
Special interest seat: Older adults	Karie Erickson, (Aging Resources, Douglas County)	Not present
Special interest seat: Transportation demand management	Carson Priest (Smart Commute)	In-person
Via Mobility	Dawn Sluder (Lakewood Rides)	Not present
Via Mobility	Frank Bruno	Not present

Others present: John Gardoki – CDOT, Kyle Finseth, Shawn Poe – WSB, Patrick Picard – Fehr & Peers, JoAnn Mattson – CDOT, DJ Beckwith – Douglas County, Neysa Bermingham – CDOT, Amanda Cabot – CDOT, Joellen Meyer – CDOT, Elizabeth Cramer – FHWA, Josh Sender – Adams County, Ryan Arthur – Douglas County, Shweta Iyer – Clear Creek County.

DRCOG staff present: Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Aaron Villere, Emily Lindsey, Erik Braaten, Nora Kern, Jhas Cooper-Moore, Todd Cottrell, Greg MacKinnon, Sang Gu Lee, Steph Piperno, Kathryn Rush, Josh Schwenk.

Call to Order.

Chair Justin Schmitz **called the meeting to order** at 1:33 p.m. with a quorum present.

Announcements or Public Comment.

Alvan-Bidal Sanchez announced several membership updates to the Transportation Advisory Committee.

- Adams County delegation:
 - Chris Chovan (City of Westminster) now a Member.
 - Bradyn Nicholson (Adams County) appointed as a new Member.
 - Cathleen Valencia (City of Aurora) appointed as a new Alternate.
- Douglas County delegation:
 - Zeke Lynch (Douglas County) now a Member.
 - Jason Oldham (Douglas County) appointed as a new Alternate.
- Special interest seats:
 - Sue Prant (Community Cycles) appointed to the Non-motorized seat.
 - Angie River-Malpiede reappointed to the Equity seat.

Jacob Riger announced that this would be Michelle Melonakis' final TAC meeting. He thanked her for her service to the committee, the City of Lafayette, Boulder County, and the region, recognizing her contributions during her approximately five years on TAC.

There was one public comment. Tom Moore, representing the Regional Air Quality Council, noted his attendance at the meeting and requested that it be reflected in the record.

July 27, 2026, Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Summary.

The summary was accepted.

Action Items

Regional Transportation Operations and Technology Set-Aside Recommendations

Greg MacKinnon, Program Manager of the Transportation Operations team, presented this item.

Greg provided an overview of the Regional Transportation Operations and Technology Set-Aside Program, which supports implementation of the Regional Transportation Operations and Technology Strategic Plan. The program is intended to strengthen collaboration among agencies and transportation modes to support multimodal and cross-jurisdictional transportation system management. He also reviewed the 2027-2028 call for projects process, noting that the two-year funding cycle was used to align future funding with the upcoming Transportation Improvement Program cycle.

Ten project applications were submitted for consideration. Following review by the evaluation committee, funding was recommended for the top nine projects. Greg also described a proposed DRCOG-led initiative, the Mobility Analytics and Coordination Ecosystem (MACE), which would support regional situational awareness, performance monitoring, and coordinated transportation system operations through partnerships with local agencies, consultant support, and third-party data resources.

David Krutsinger **moved** to recommend to the Regional Transportation Committee. The motion was **seconded** and **passed** unanimously. Zeke Lynch and Rocky Macsalka **abstained**.

Informational Briefings

2050 Regional Transportation Plan Update

Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, Program Manager of the Regional Transportation Planning team, presented this item.

Alvan provided an update on development of the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), including revisions to the plan's priorities, updated population and employment forecasts, expanded multimodal investments, enhancements to the plan document and supporting materials, and ongoing public engagement efforts. He noted that while the region is expected to continue growing through 2050, growth is anticipated to occur at a slower pace than previously forecast and the region's population is expected to age more rapidly than earlier projections indicated.

Alvan highlighted revisions to the RTP's six priorities, including replacing the existing multimodal mobility priority with a new reliability priority focused on providing a quality travel experience through innovation, maintenance, and system management. Additional updates included strengthening the safety priority's emphasis on vulnerable road users and incorporating language from the region's Active Transportation Plan.

Alvan also reviewed updates to the plan document, including accessibility improvements, revised mapping and graphics, consolidation of appendices, and development of a new online dashboard to improve public access to RTP project and investment information. He summarized recent engagement activities conducted throughout the region and outlined the upcoming review process, including a public review period anticipated to run from September 6 through October 7 and a public hearing later this year. He noted that the schedule was adjusted to allow additional work related to air quality and greenhouse gas analyses and that the RTP must be adopted by December 8 to meet federal requirements. Jacob Riger added that the Board of Directors received a similar briefing and that staff expected to release the draft plan for TAC and Board review prior to the public comment period.

Chris Chovan asked whether potential federal transportation reauthorization changes could affect the plan schedule. Alvan responded that staff is continuing to work toward TAC recommendation in October and Board adoption in November, noting that the plan can be amended in the future if necessary. Jacob added that no immediate federal reauthorization actions are expected to affect the current RTP schedule and emphasized that the plan must meet a federal certification deadline in December.

Brodie Ayers asked whether revisions to the active transportation priority could unintentionally narrow the types of users included. Alvan responded that staff would review the language to ensure the priority remains inclusive and does not limit users or transportation modes.

Zeke Lynch expressed appreciation for the inclusion of motorcyclists as vulnerable road users within the safety priority and for the addition of the reliability priority. He also asked whether any major themes emerged from the Board discussion. Alvan responded that Board members were generally supportive of the direction of the RTP and appreciated the effort to incorporate feedback from member governments and stakeholders into the plan.

Hilary Simmons asked how the RTP addresses the needs of the region's growing older adult population beyond updated demographic forecasts. Alvan highlighted related planning efforts, including Ride Alliance, the Coordinated Transit Plan update, and regional housing strategy planning, noting that these efforts help inform transportation investments and services that support older adults and other priority populations.

Chair Justin Schmitz thanked staff for the presentation and emphasized the importance of safety improvements for bicyclists and other vulnerable road users.

Innovative Mobility St-Aside: Thornton Near Miss Analytics

Eric Bratten, Senior Planner with the Regional Transportation Planning team, presented this item.

Eric provided an overview of the Thornton Near Miss Analytics project, one of the first projects funded through the Innovative Mobility Set-Aside Program. The project was completed in partnership with the City of Thornton and evaluated 10 high-risk signalized intersections identified through Thornton's Vision Zero Action Plan and DRCOG's High Injury Network. The study combined historical crash data with video-based near miss analytics to identify conflict patterns and develop potential safety countermeasures.

Using machine vision technology, the project team collected and analyzed 14 days of video data at the selected intersections. The analysis focused on interactions between motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists, including left-turn conflicts, red-light running, right-turn conflicts, and instances of pedestrians or bicyclists crossing against signals. Eric explained that the study evaluated near misses using post-encroachment time measurements and examined how those interactions related to historical crash patterns.

The analysis found that left-turn conflicts were the most common type of near miss observed and were strongly associated with locations that had histories of left-turn crashes. While red-light-running crashes represented a significant share of fatal and serious injury crashes, relatively few near misses related to red-light running were observed during the data collection period. Eric noted that near miss data can provide valuable insight into intersection operations and safety risks, even when a direct relationship between crashes and near misses is not evident.

Eric also summarized key risk factors identified through the study, including protected-permissive left-turn operations, high conflicting traffic volumes, wide intersection geometry, and high vehicle speeds. He noted that the findings could help inform future Vision Zero efforts, site-specific safety improvements, and future safety analyses throughout the region.

Tom Worker-Braddock asked whether the video footage collected during the study could be used as part of future public education and safety awareness efforts. Eric responded that both DRCOG and the City of Thornton have access to the video data and expressed interest in exploring its use as an educational tool due to its ability to illustrate risky roadway behaviors.

Angie Rivera-Malpiede asked whether the study considered traffic calming measures and other potential safety improvements. Eric explained that the study included recommendations tailored to individual intersections, including measures such as advanced detection, centerline hardening, curb radius modifications, and other proven safety countermeasures supported by benefit-cost analyses.

Michelle Melonakis asked whether the analysis distinguished between near misses caused by unlawful behavior versus routine interactions between roadway users. Eric responded that while certain actions, such as red-light running or crossing against a signal, could be clearly identified, the study generally focused on conflict patterns rather than assigning

fault. Michelle also asked whether education and enforcement strategies were considered. Eric noted that some enforcement-related countermeasures, including red-light cameras and signal-based enforcement tools, were included among the recommendations, though the study primarily focused on engineering and planning solutions.

Chris Hudson asked what the most effective improvements would be based on the findings. Eric identified three primary areas of opportunity: expanding the use of protected left-turn phasing, implementing measures to manage vehicle speeds, and improving intersection geometry to reduce crossing distances and to better accommodate pedestrians.

Jacob Riger thanked staff for the work and noted the potential for the findings and video footage to support future safety and education efforts. He emphasized that the study's findings are applicable across the region and are intended to better understand and influence roadway user behavior rather than focus on any individual jurisdiction.

Active Transportation Gaps Analysis

Aaron Villere, Senior Planner with the Active and Emerging Mobility team, presented this item.

Aaron provided an overview of the Active Transportation Gap Analysis, which implements a recommendation from the Active Transportation Plan adopted earlier this year. The analysis evaluates pedestrian, bicycle, and micromobility infrastructure across the region to identify gaps in accessibility, continuity, and comfort. Preliminary findings identified approximately 1,420 miles of regional roadways lacking a compliant sidewalk on one or both sides of the street, although most of those miles are located in rural areas. The analysis also examined access to low-stress pedestrian crossings and evaluated the Regional Active Transportation Corridor network to identify bicycle and micromobility facilities that do not currently meet low-stress travel conditions. Aaron noted that the analysis is intended to serve as a planning resource and sought feedback from TAC members on potential applications and future use of the data.

Tom Worker-Braddock suggested incorporating the analysis into DRCOG's TIP application tools to help local governments better demonstrate the benefits of active transportation projects. He also asked about locations where the analysis identified missing sidewalks despite existing facilities being present. Aaron explained that the sidewalk inventory relies largely on aerial imagery and automated analysis, which can occasionally miss newer or unique facilities and may require additional ground-truthing and local agency review.

David Krutsinger suggested combining the analysis with activity or demand data to better estimate where closing infrastructure gaps could have the greatest benefit. Aaron noted that DRCOG is currently working with the City and County of Denver on a bicycle and micromobility activity modeling project that could support future analysis.

Chris Hudson and Gerrit Slater asked questions regarding data accuracy, methodology, and opportunities to incorporate local data sources. Aaron encouraged member governments to share updated inventories and local data to improve the accuracy of the analysis.

Chris Chovan asked whether the analysis could identify locations where physical constraints or infrastructure challenges would make sidewalk improvements difficult. Aaron responded that the current methodology is based primarily on aerial imagery and is not detailed enough to identify site-specific engineering constraints, but local knowledge could help provide appropriate context.

Michelle Melonakis expressed support for incorporating the analysis into future project evaluation and regional prioritization efforts, particularly when combined with land use and safety data.

Chair Justin Schmitz commented that while the analysis presents a broad regional picture, it may be particularly valuable as a tool for local governments to identify priorities and coordinate active transportation improvements across jurisdictions.

Administrative Items

CDOT Grant Program Updates

Alvan-Bidal Sanchez highlighted upcoming Colorado Department of Transportation grant opportunities, including the Transportation Alternatives Program, Safe Routes to School Program, and the new Safe Routes Activating Communities Program. Additional information regarding eligibility, activities, and application timelines was included in the meeting packet. Members were encouraged to contact CDOT staff with any questions regarding the programs.

Member Comment/Other Matters.

There were no additional member comments or other matters.

Next meeting – September 28, 2026

Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.