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City and County of Denver

Land Use Transportation & Infrastructure
Committee

The Denver Regional Council of Governments ...

functions as a regional planning commission

- per Colorado state statute
- prepares the plan for the physical development of the region

is the federally designated
Area Agency on Aging

serves as the region's
metropolitan planning organization

Mission

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DRCOG is a planning organization where **local governments** collaborate to **establish guidelines, set policy** and **allocate funding** in the areas of transportation, growth and development, and aging and disability resources.

Regional success depends on partnerships



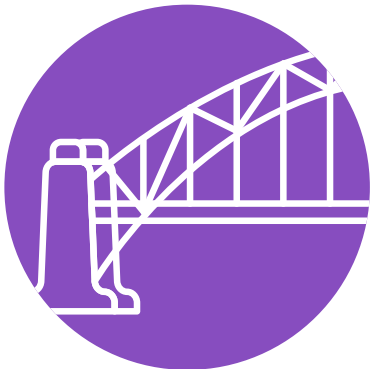
DRCOG **is not** a
regulator.



We are a
convener.



We provide **policy**
guidance.



We are a **bridge between**
partner jurisdictions and
agencies.



We identify
best practices.

The region

Area

~10 counties
(58 member governments)

5,288 square miles
(comparable to Connecticut)

3.4 million people
(comparable to Utah)

Ute, Cheyenne, and Arapaho peoples (traditional territory)

Elevation

From Grays Peak
(14,278 feet)

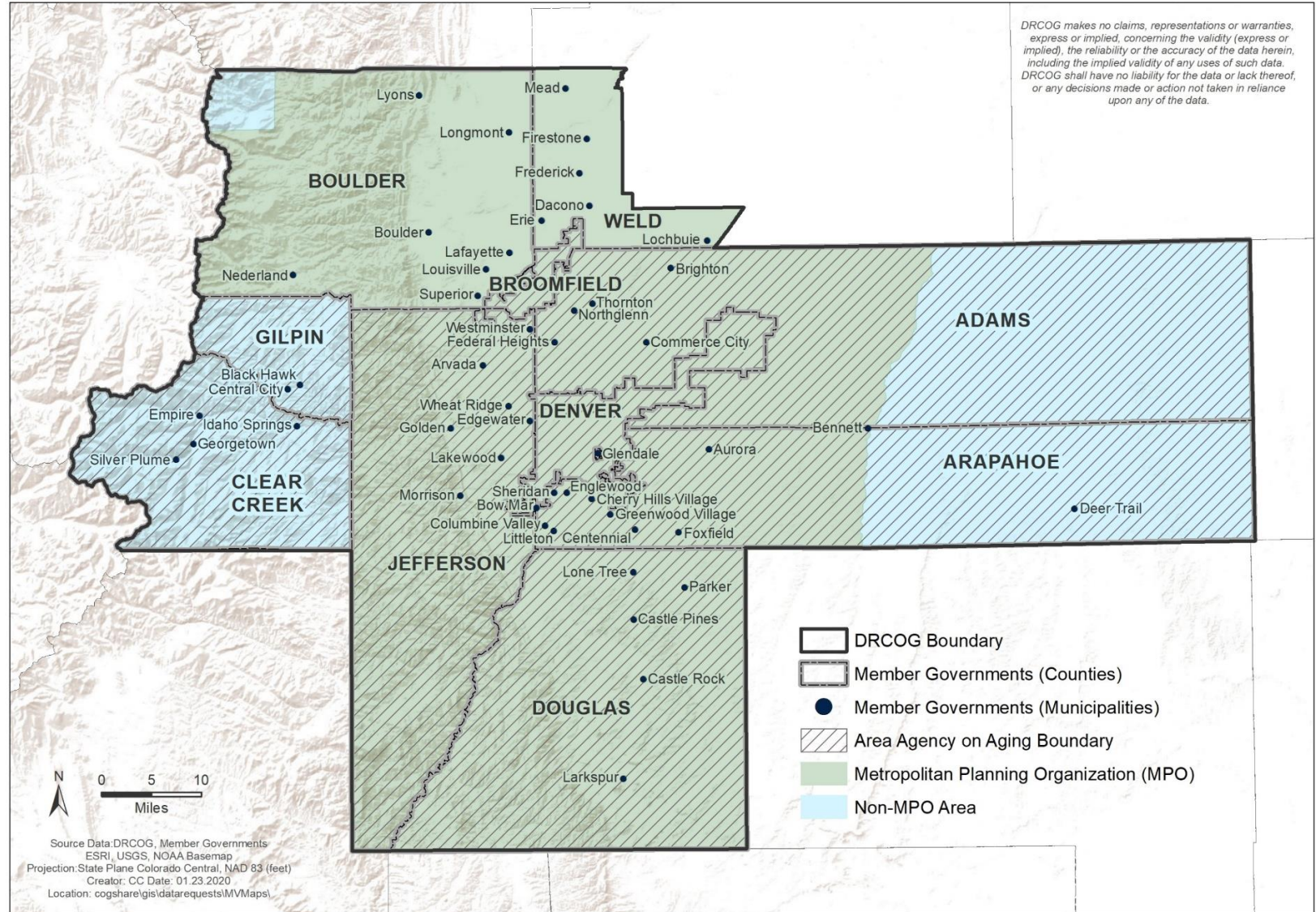
To Badger Creek
(4,505 feet)

Roles

Regional planning commission (state statute)

Area Agency on Aging (federal)

Metropolitan planning organization (federal)



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The **region's plan** to ensure **a high quality of life** for all **ages, incomes** and **abilities**.

Five overarching **Themes** in the areas of development, transportation, natural and built environment, livable communities, and economy.

Our shared vision

“ [I]ndividual communities will contribute to Metro Vision outcomes and objectives through **different pathways** and at **different speeds** for collective impact.





Regional housing assessment

Shiela Lynch, Director, Regional Planning & Development



healthy, inclusive and
livable communities

Desired outcome

diverse **housing options**
meet the needs of residents
of all ages, incomes and
abilities.

Objectives

Diversify the region's housing stock

Increase the regional supply of housing **attainable** for a variety of households.

Increase opportunities for diverse housing **accessible** by multimodal transportation

Learnings from other regions



- Puget Sound
- Central Ohio
- Dane County, Wisconsin
- Kansas City
- Houston
- Chicago
- Southwestern LA County

Takeaways from other regions

- Be responsive to your region's needs and unique context
- Action without strategy makes prioritizing resources and measuring progress difficult
- Clarity and alignment in regional actions and local actions
- Leveraging partnerships is essential
- Sustaining programming and implementation after the plan is complete

Transportation planning opportunity



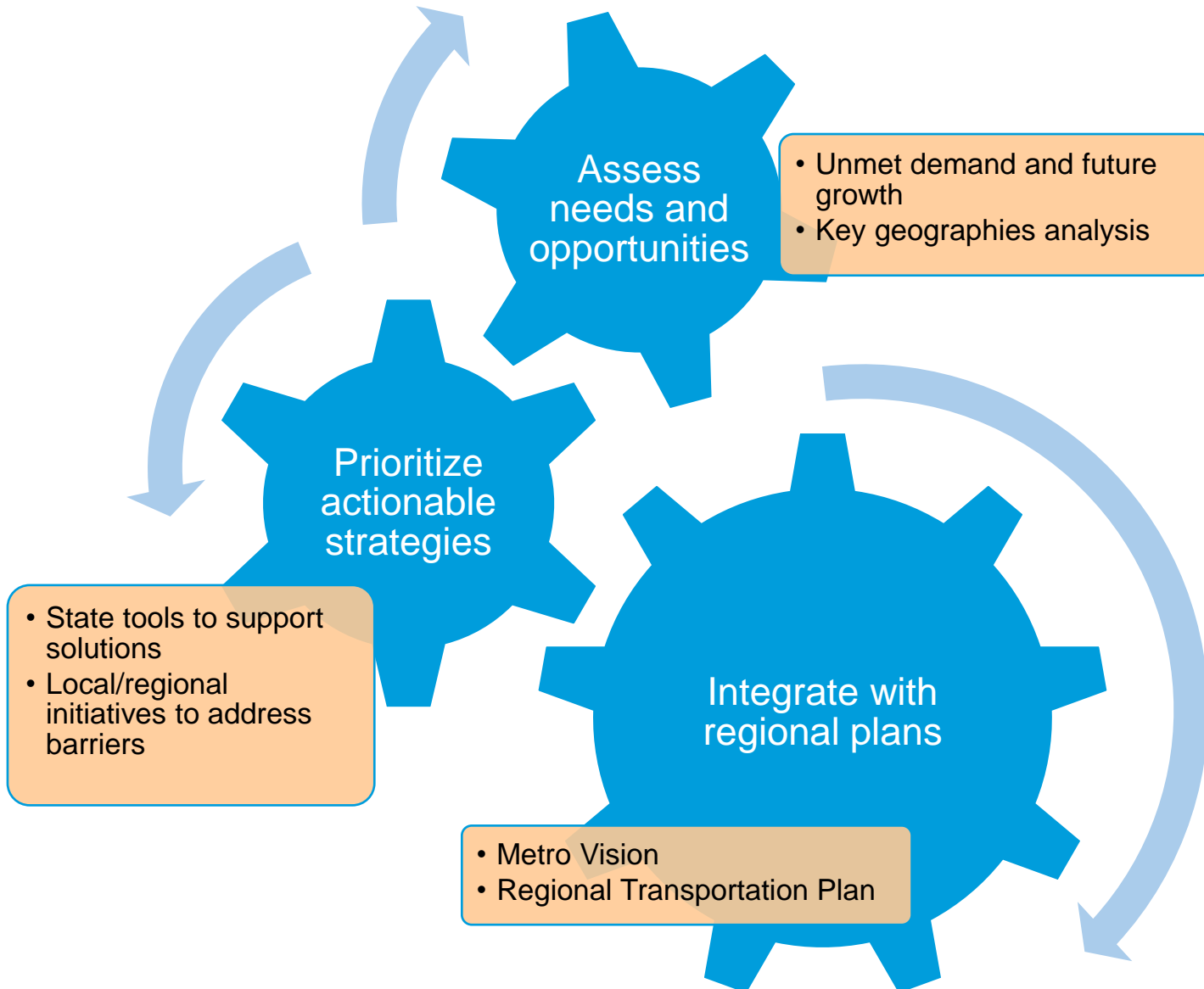
“The metropolitan planning process... ***shall*** provide for consideration of projects and strategies that will—

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(E) ...promote **consistency** between **transportation improvements** and State and local planned **growth, housing, and economic development** patterns

23 United States Code § 134(h)

Timeline and deliverables



Regional Housing Needs Assessment

- Oct 2023 – June 2024
 - Inform state policy development

Regional Housing Strategy

- July 2024-June 2025
 - Regional implementation structure

Regional Plans Updates

- 2025-2026
 - Guide Metro Vision and RTP updates



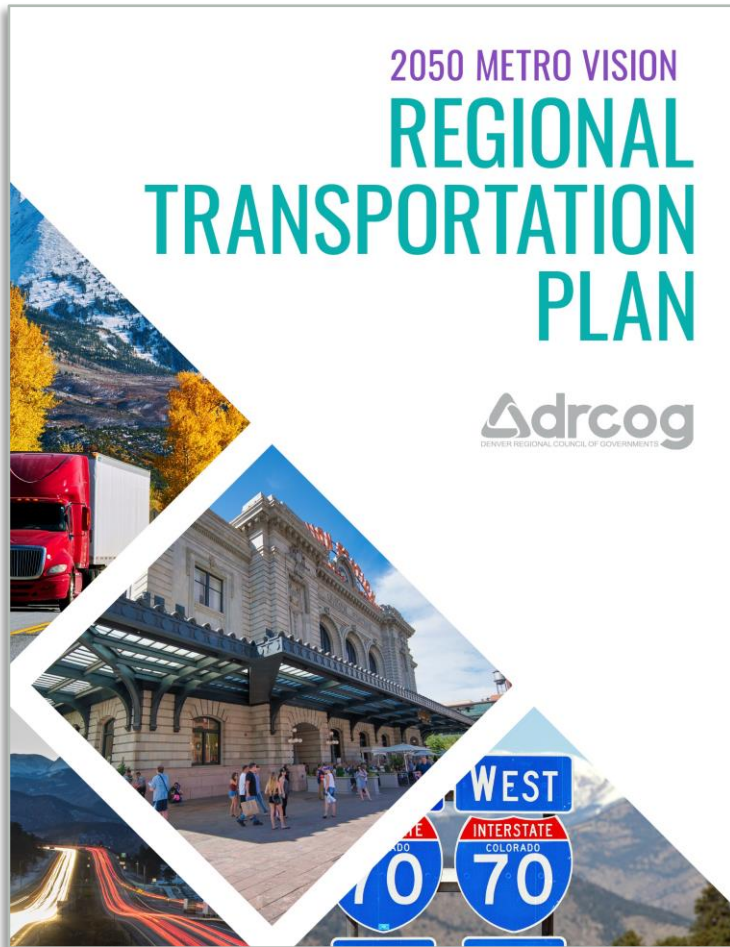
Regional transportation planning

Ron Papsdorf, Director, Transportation Planning & Operations

As Metropolitan Planning Organization

- Continuing, cooperative and comprehensive performance-based transportation planning process
- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Consolidated Transit Plan
- Congestion Management Process (CMP)
- Air Quality conformity
- Federal law/regulatory compliance-maintain eligibility for federal funding

Regional Transportation Plan



**Implements
Metro Vision**



**Region's
multimodal vision**



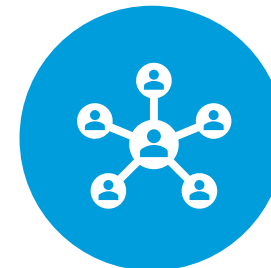
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(what's feasible)**



Funding Priorities



**Developed with
partners**

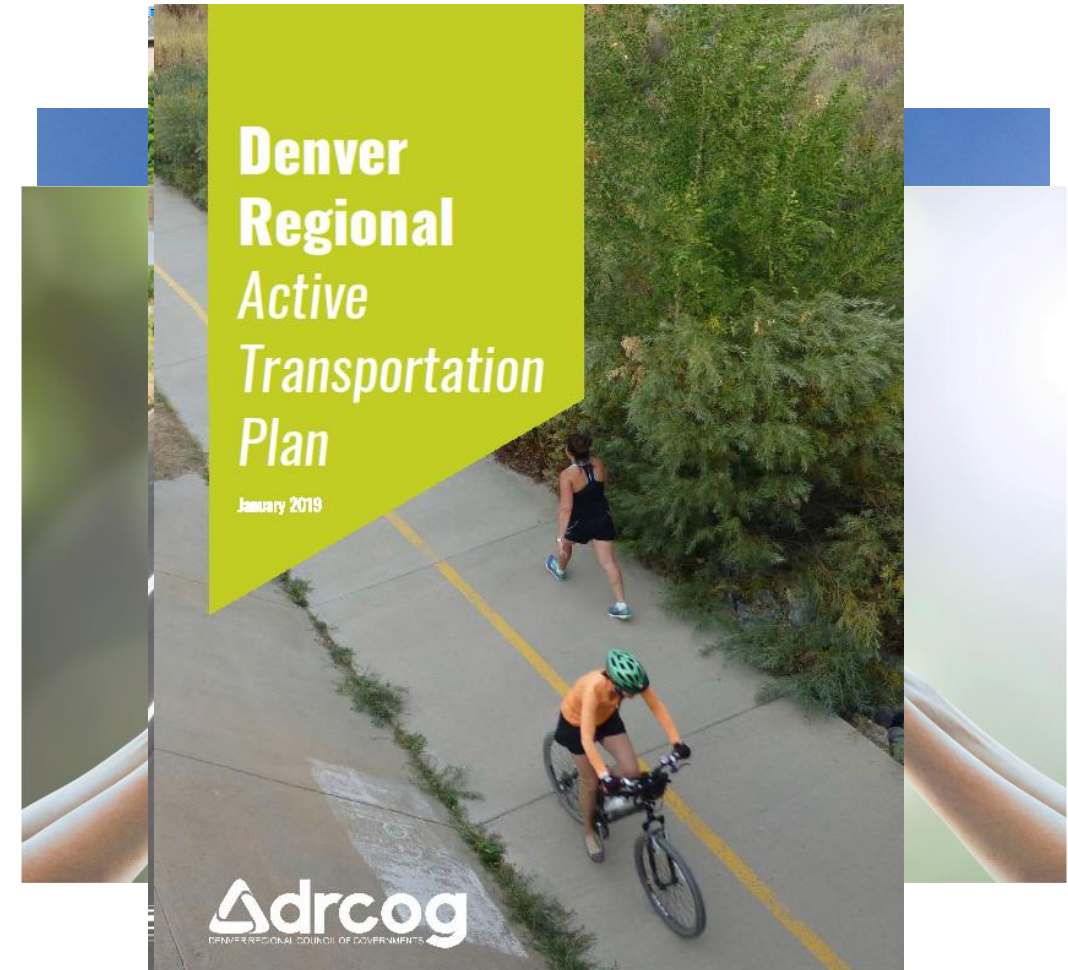


**Updated every 4
years**



Key transportation planning priorities

- Safety
- Air Quality and GHG emissions
- Regional Bus Rapid Transit
- Complete Streets
- Active Transportation
- Equity
- Housing and Transportation Coordination



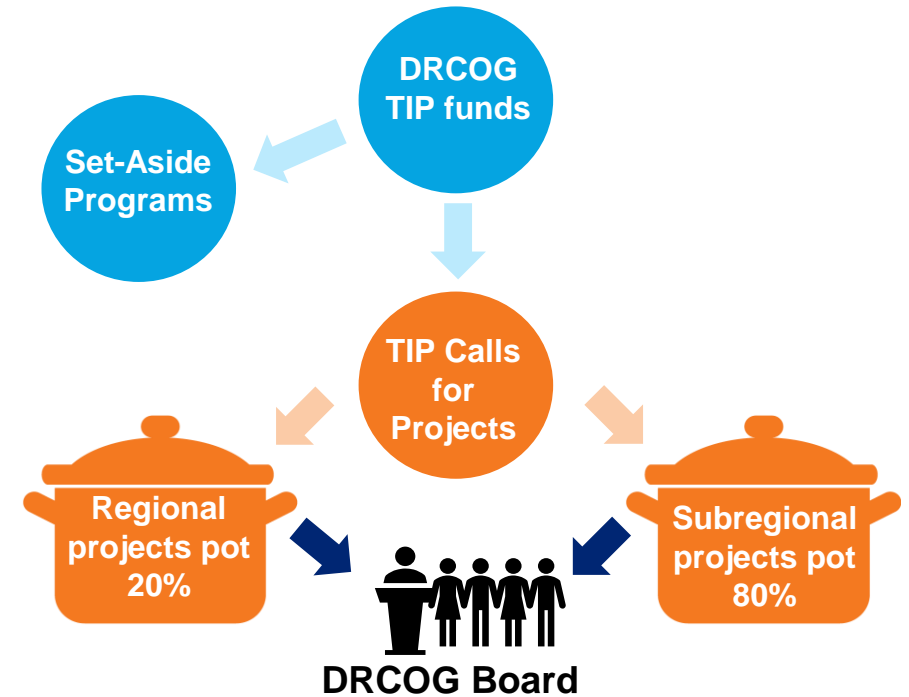
The TIP process

Regional Share – up to three applications from each subregion

- Compete regionally
- Applications reviewed by DRCOG and a Review Panel to develop recommendation to the DRCOG Board

Subregional Share – local applications within each subregion

- Compete at the subregion level
- Subregions review, discuss, prioritize, and recommend projects to the DRCOG Board



Denver Subregional Funding Target: 24.22%

TIP set aside programs ~ \$63M (4 years)

TDM Services (TDM)	\$15.4m	Marketing, outreach and research projects that reduce single-occupant vehicle (SOV) travel and and improve regional air quality. Funds Way to Go.
Regional Transportation Operations & Technology (RTO&T)	\$20m	20% to DRCOG Traffic Signal Program Remaining for project solicitation-signal operations and technology projects
Air Quality Improvements (to RAQC)	\$7.9m	Direct allocation to Regional Air Quality Council for outreach, education, marketing, modeling, and AQ improvement programs.
Human Service Transportation (HST)	\$8m	Projects and programs to improve service and mobility options for vulnerable populations.
Community Mobility Planning & Innovation (CMPI)	\$12m	Corridor planning, community mobility planning, innovative mobility.

TIP Process – 2022 through 2027 allocations

1. **FY 2022-2025 Regional Call (~ \$44m)**
 2. **FY 2022-2025 Subregional Call (~ \$174m)**
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3. **FY 2024-2027 Regional Call (~ \$54m)**
 4. **FY 2024-2027 Subregional Call (~ \$215m)**
- **Air Quality/Multimodal Track only**
 - **All unprogrammed FY22-25 funding, except STBG**
 - **January to September 2022, amend FY 2022-2025 TIP**
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- **AQ/MM and STBG Tracks**
 - **All unprogrammed FY 2026-2027 funding, plus FY 2022-2025 STBG**
 - **September 2022 to April 2023, adopt FY 2024-2027 TIP in August 2023**

Denver allocations

Project	Project Type	DRCOG	Total Cost
South Platte River Trail Improvements: West Virginia to W. Bayaud	Active Transportation	\$6,405	\$10,000
East Colfax Bus Rapid Transit	Rapid Transit	\$19,729	\$47,000
Buchtel Complete Street/Evans Intersection Improvements	Roadway Operational Improvements	\$21,800	\$24,240
Bike/Ped Bridge over Santa Fe: Jewell to Evans Station	Active Transportation	\$12,000	\$15,002
South Platte River Trail Improvements: Mississippi to City Limits - Preconstruction	Active Transportation	\$4,000	\$5,000
South Platte River Trail Improvements: Bayaud to Phil Milstein Park	Active Transportation	\$8,500	\$11,600
Alameda Underpass Improvements - Preconstruction	Roadway Reconstruction	\$7,800	\$9,750
High Line Canal Trail Underpass at Yale	Active Transportation	\$11,000	\$15,700
North Central Denver Community Multimodal Improvements	Active Transportation	\$4,537	\$5,671
Peña Capacity Improvements: I70 to E470 - Preconstruction	Roadway Capacity	\$5,000	\$18,500
South Platte River Trail Improvements: Mississippi to Florida	Active Transportation	\$4,800	\$6,000
Denver V2X Communications Devices	Traffic Signals/ITS	\$1,700	\$1,700



Area Agency on Aging

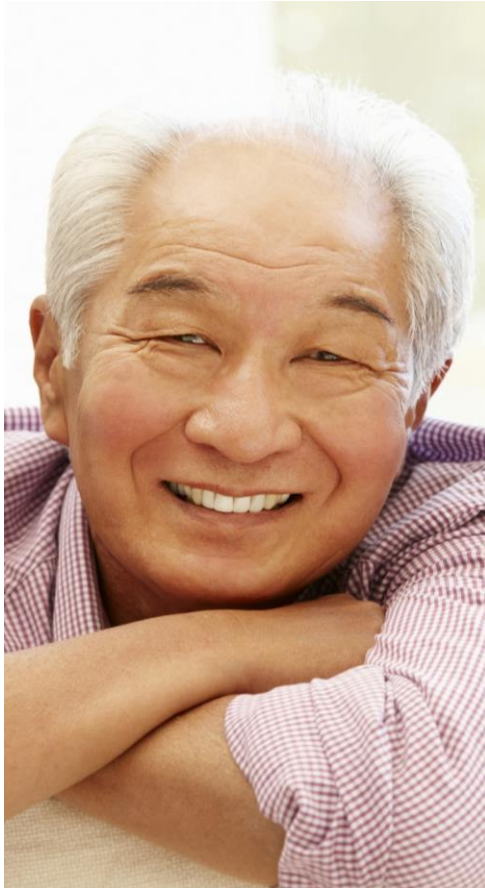
Jayla Sanchez-Warren, Director, Area Agency on Aging

Purpose of Area Agencies on Aging

- Fund and provide services to help people
- age with dignity and in the least restrictive environment.
- Support family caregivers
- Advocate for older adults
- Plan for current and future needs



Part of a national network



- 620 Area Agencies on Aging nationwide
- 16 area Agencies on Aging in Colorado
- Colorado has 516,000 older adults in the state - about **half** live in the DRCOG region
- DRCOG's AAA prioritizes services for individuals who:
 - Are 75-plus
 - Have lower incomes
 - Are more socially isolated
 - Are more geographically isolated
 - Are part of the low-income minority

Providing and funding services

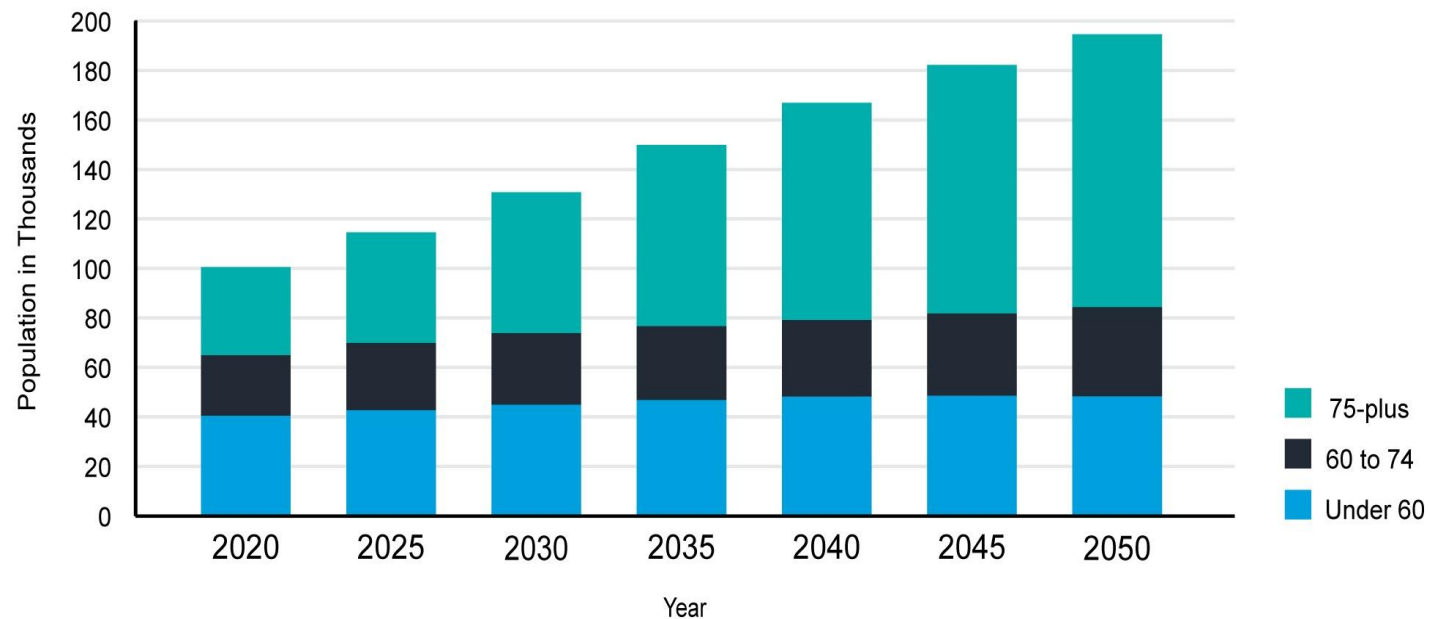
Provide Services

- Information and assistance
- Options counseling
- Case management
- Ombudsman program
- State Health Insurance program
- Community transitions
- Older Adult Refugee and Friends program
- Veterans Directed Care
- Denver Health Navigation
- Network of Care
- Administration
- AAA business and contract management

Fund 33 Service Organizations

- Transportation
- Nutrition
- In-home services
- Chore services
- Counseling
- Caregiver support
- Material aide
- Legal services
- Fall prevention/balance
- Education and training
- And more...

Colorado's population is growing older



Region	1990-2020	2020-2050
0 to 17	47% growth	2% growth
18 to 64	75% growth	17% growth
65 plus	166% growth	99% growth
Total population	76% growth	25% growth

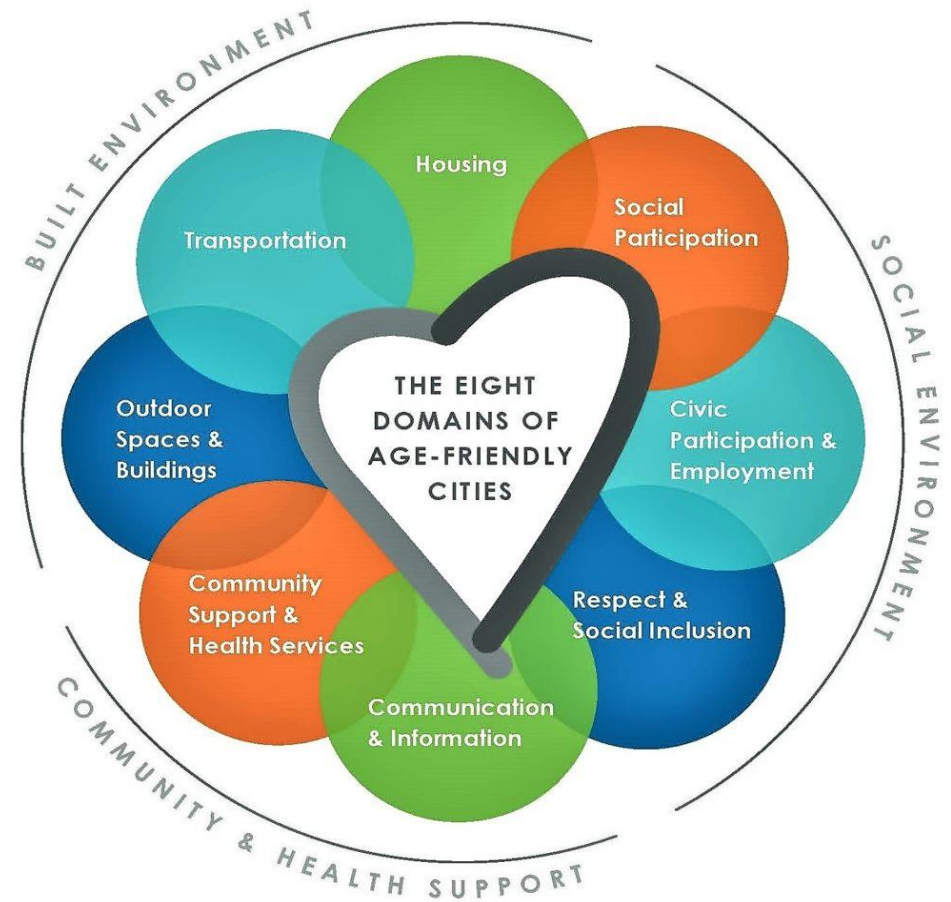
An Aging Population Impacts Everything

Infrastructure

- Transportation
- Housing
- Workforce
- Service needs
- Safety
- Communication

Business

- Opportunities
- Partners
- Accessibility
- Education
- Employee/Caregiving





Thank you!

Questions?