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Adrcog 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)



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



Brief history of DRCOG

1955 – Denver Mayor convenes regional leaders to discuss shared issues and concerns related to post-war growth 1958 - First transportation plan for the Denver region 1968 – Inter-County Regional Planning Commission becomes the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) 1969 – Regional Transportation District (RTD) created 1971 – DRCOG, RTD, Colorado Department of Highways agree to jointly plan the region's transportation 1973 – designated the Area Agency on Aging 1977 – designated as the **MPO** for the Denver region



Regional collaboration among 58 cities, counties, towns and partner agencies

Mission

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 provide **policy** guidance.



We identify **best practices**.

We are a

convener.

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We are a bridge between partner jurisdictions and agencies.

Regional planning process



Adress Metro Vision

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.

Governance – Board of Directors

- 58 participating member governments and each has an elected official as its representative
- The governor appoints three non-voting representatives to the Board
- The Regional Transportation District has a non-voting representative
- Meets monthly
- Appoints Executive Director
- Adopts the agency budget
- Approves or adopts plans, policies, funding allocations

MPO decision-making structure

Metropolitan

planning agreement

requires that the Board and Regional

Transportation

Committee concur

Board of Directors

Voting members are local elected officials

Regional Transportation Committee (RTC)

Voting membership is:

- DRCOG five members (board members, executive directors)
- CDOT four members (commissioners, executive directors)
- RTD four members (board members, general manager)
- others three members

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Voting membership is staff/representative of:

- counties and municipalities
- C<u>DOT</u>
- RTD_
- DRCOG
- RAQC_____
- Via Mobility
- "special interests" (subject matter experts)
- TIP Policy Work Group
- Agency Coordination Team
 / Air Quality Interagency
 Consultation Group

Ad hoc committees

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Framework for Transportation Planning in the Denver Region

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Thank you! Questions?

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