

Civic Advisory Group

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Welcome and introductions

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Interpretation

Glenaro, Community Language Solutions

Civic advisory group role

DRCOG will use your feedback to:

- Gain a community perspective on key milestones.
- Find missing priorities.
- Inform the plan's vision.

We asked: What does your ideal Denver region feel like?

We heard:

The ideal Denver region is **comfortable**.

- Soft.
- Shade.
- Lots of space for everyone.
- Safe.
- Green space.

The ideal Denver region is **connected**.

- Easy to go anywhere.
- Accessible to all.
- Lots of mobility.

The ideal Denver region connects us to **community and culture**.

- Outdoor spaces with purpose.
- Arts and culture at home.

- A comfortable place to raise a family.
- New and interesting things.

We asked: What's missing in our region? How would it look to include that missing thing?

We heard:

Safety is missing in our region.

- Safe from cars.
- Safe to be outside without fear of being criminalized.
- Shade/heat safety.

Access to food is missing.

- No particular sub-bullets here, but this item came up so much I made it a stand-alone.

Strategic **community** building is missing.

- Pedestrian centers and festivals.
- Places to hang out (without spending money).
- Community accountability.
- Creative problem-solving.

System-wide **solutions**.

- Options for transportation, housing, and more.
- Neighborhood centers.
- Rapid transit.
- Using multiple levels of transit (subways, etc).
- Creativity.

We asked: What do you want your neighborhood to look like in 25 years?

We heard:

Access to **recreation**.

- Outdoors.
- Recreation.
- Common space.
- Trail access.

Thriving **community**:

- Common space (could include pedestrian only space).
- Arts and culture.
- Cooperation between people and businesses.
- Youth.
- Gardens.

Neighbor's **basic needs** are met:

- Diverse housing.
- Food.
- Space for everyone.
- Peaceful atmosphere.
- Money available for improvements.

Transportation options:

- A place for people walking and biking.
- Housing connected to green space.
- Pedestrian only space.
- Quality transit.

Presentation/discussion

RTP priorities:

- No priority missing.
- Freight is complex—how do we handle the difference between semi trucks and Uber Eats all under “freight”?
- Is it right to include “driving” under “multimodal”, since it is already over-emphasized?
- Access to restrooms in public space is important.

Additional resources

As promised, here are the links to relevant information for this plan.

[DRCOG's boundary.](#)

[The Metro Vision Plan.](#)

[The existing Regional Transportation Plan.](#)

[The engagement webpage for this project.](#)

Next steps

- In a few weeks, Carolyn will reach back out to begin scheduling the next meeting.
- At our next meeting (late summer/early fall), we will discuss investment priorities.

Please email cklamm@drcog.org if you need clarification, or if DRCOG staff have documented anything incorrectly.

Thank you for participating!