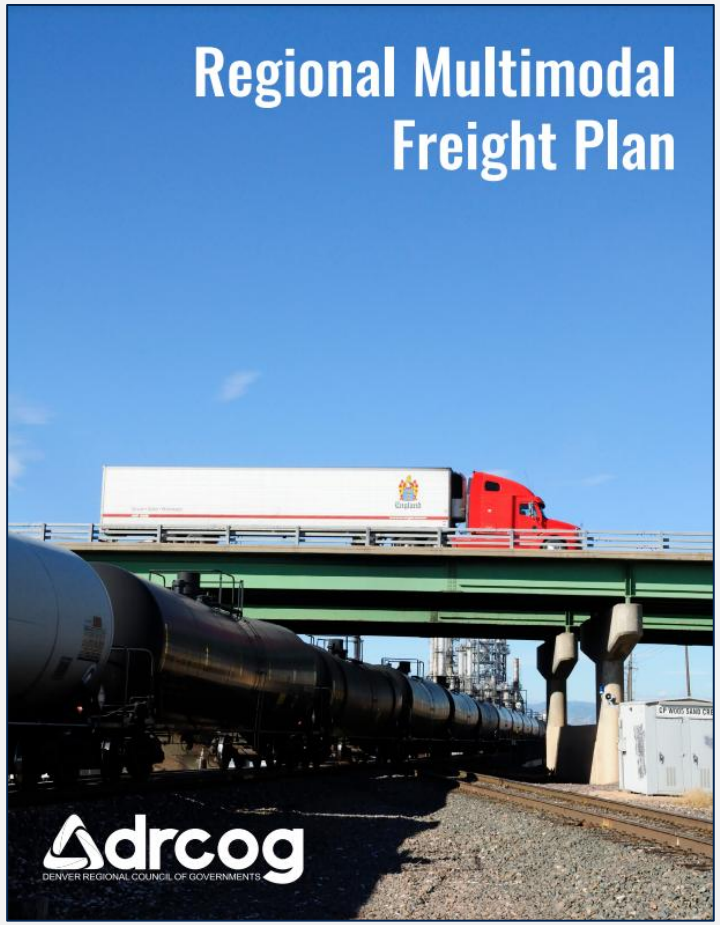
DRCOG Regional Multimodal Freight Plan Update

Colorado MPO Summit

November 5th, 2025



DRCOG Regional Multimodal Freight Plan



- First regional freight plan completed in 2020
- Plan update and expansion is underway
- Includes all surface transportation components
- Aligns with DRCOG's **Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan**

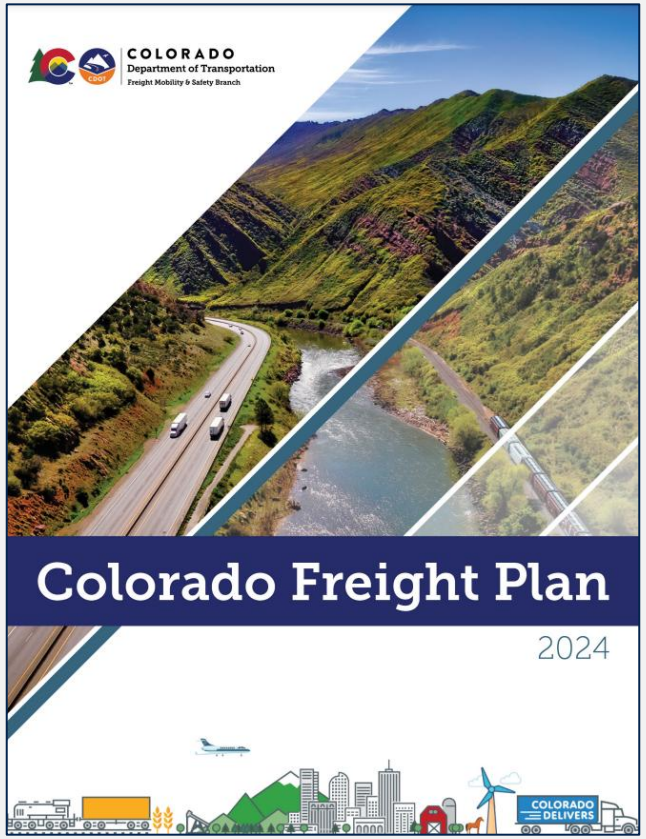
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Planning for freight movement

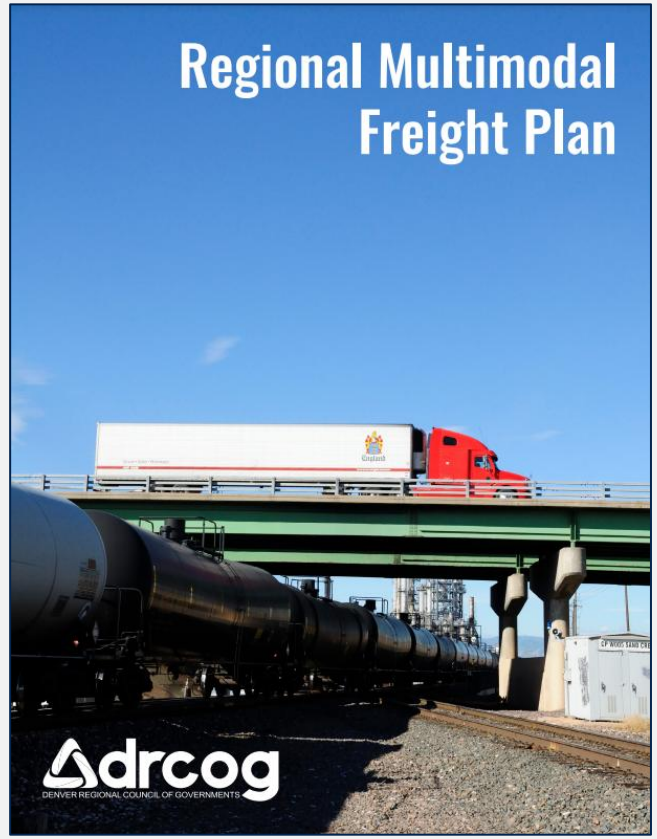
Federal Highway Administration (**FHWA**)



Colorado Statewide Freight Plan (**CDOT**)



Regional Multimodal Freight Plan (**DRCOG**)



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Regional freight plan goals

Recognizing the significant role goods movement plays in the regional economy, quality of life and transportation system, this plan is a **regionally focused approach** to safe, reliable, coordinated and sustainable transportation network.

- **Safety**
- **Connectivity**
- **Maintenance**
- **Reliability**
- **Environment**
- **Coordination**
- **Technology**

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Freight planning activities

1) Collect **baseline information and data** for local plans.
2) Stakeholder engagement and coordination.
3) Inventory of **current needs and challenges.**
4) Documenting regional freight trends and conditions.
5) Identify a **regional freight priority network.**

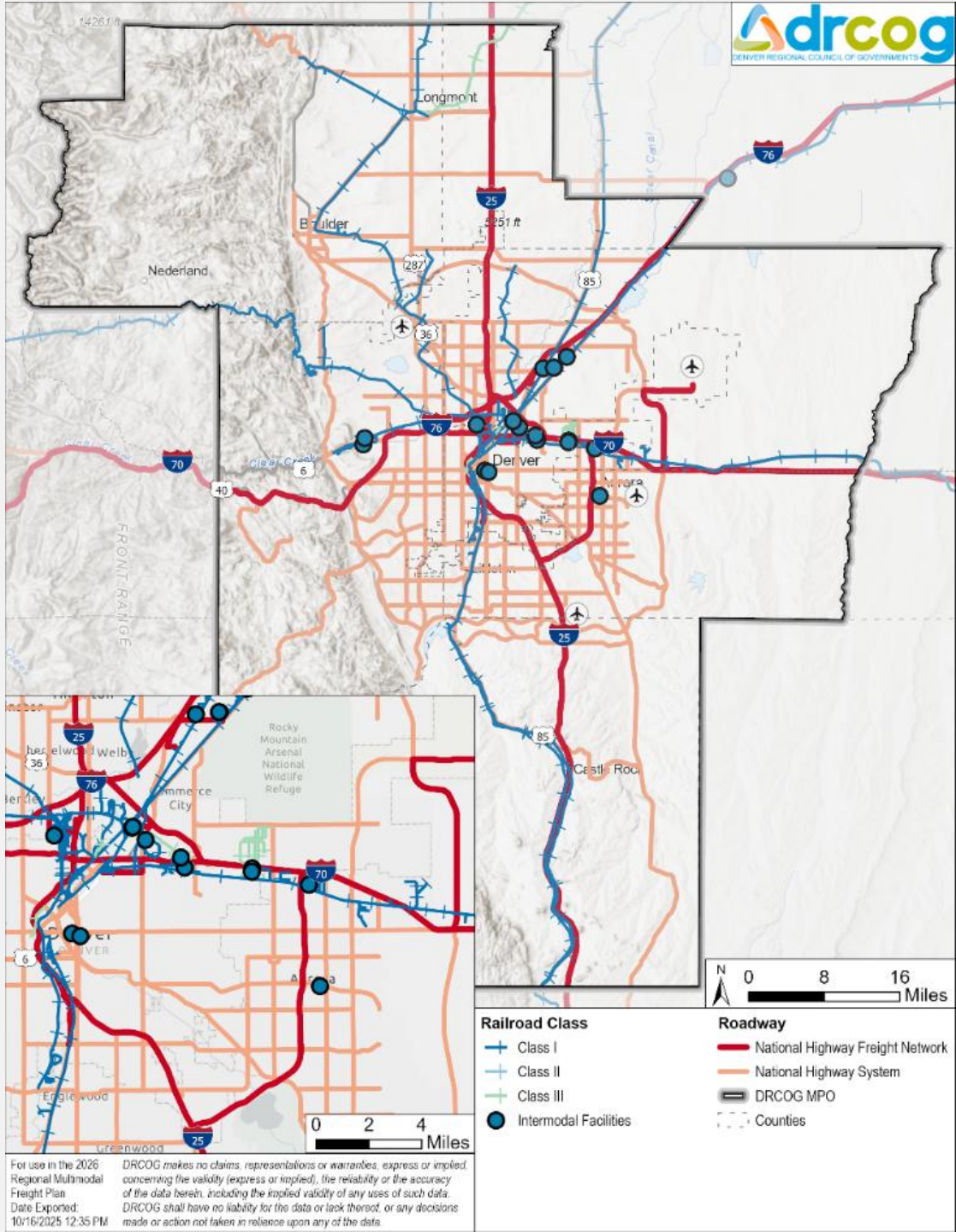
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Updating the plan

Deliverable	Description	Action
Regional freight profile	Overview of the regional freight transportation system, description of major facilities by mode.	Existing plan update
Freight cluster analysis	Analysis to identify current and future locations of freight clusters.	Existing plan update
Freight policy analysis	Assessment of municipal policies on freight and goods movement.	New plan addition
Study of best practices	Report on other regional models that identify modal trends and strategies, planning practices.	Existing plan update
Performance measures	A targeted, quantitative set of regional freight performance measures and metrics.	New plan addition
Project identification framework	Established criteria and/or matrix for evaluating projects and regional priorities.	New plan addition
Interactive freight data dashboard	Publicly accessible GIS data available in one location for the region.	New plan addition

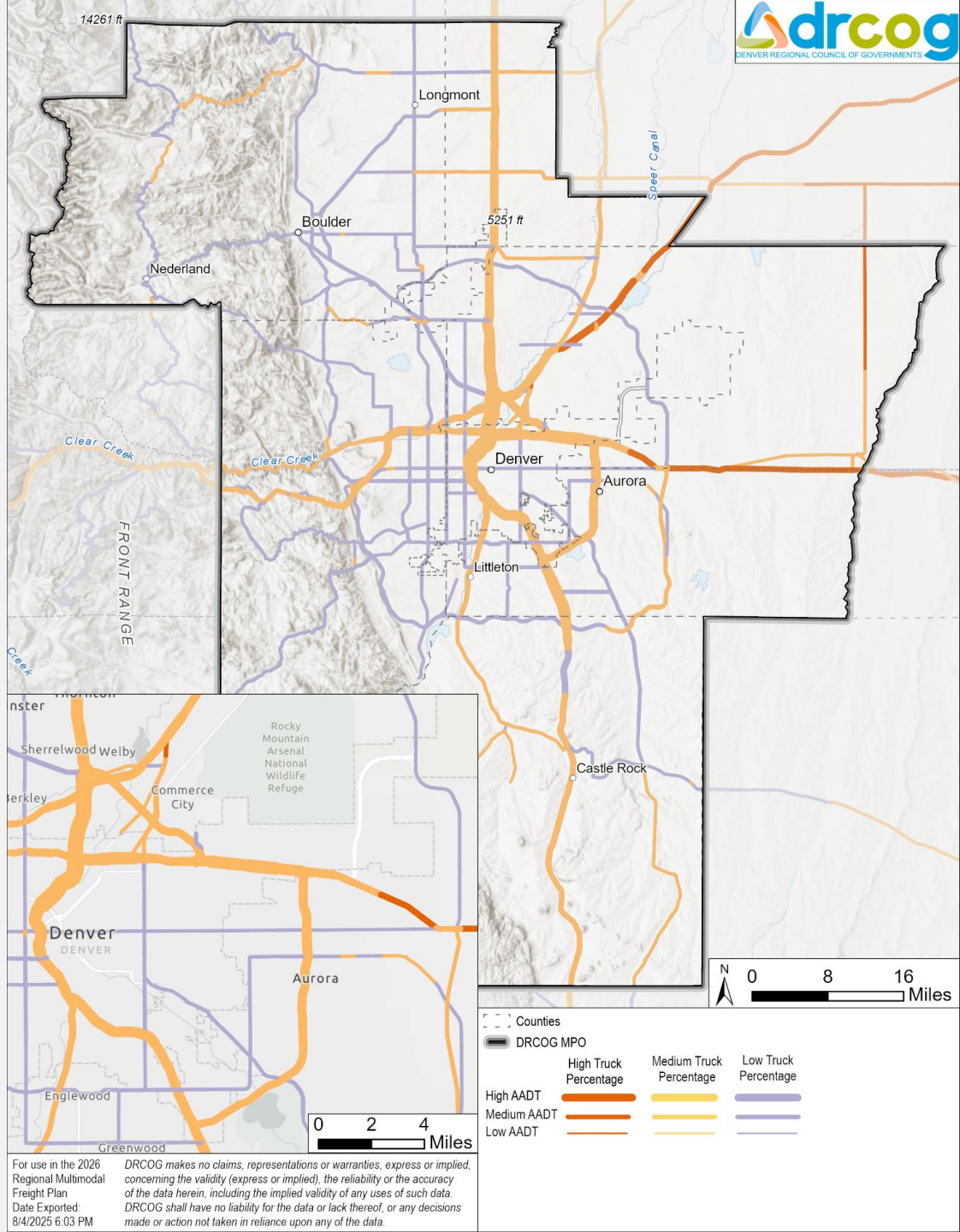
Intermodal Network

- The Region Contains:
- Major Interstate Connections
- Multiple Class I Rail Operators
- Public Rail-Truck Intermodal/Transload Terminals
- Fuel Hubs
- Warehousing and Distribution
- DEN Airport



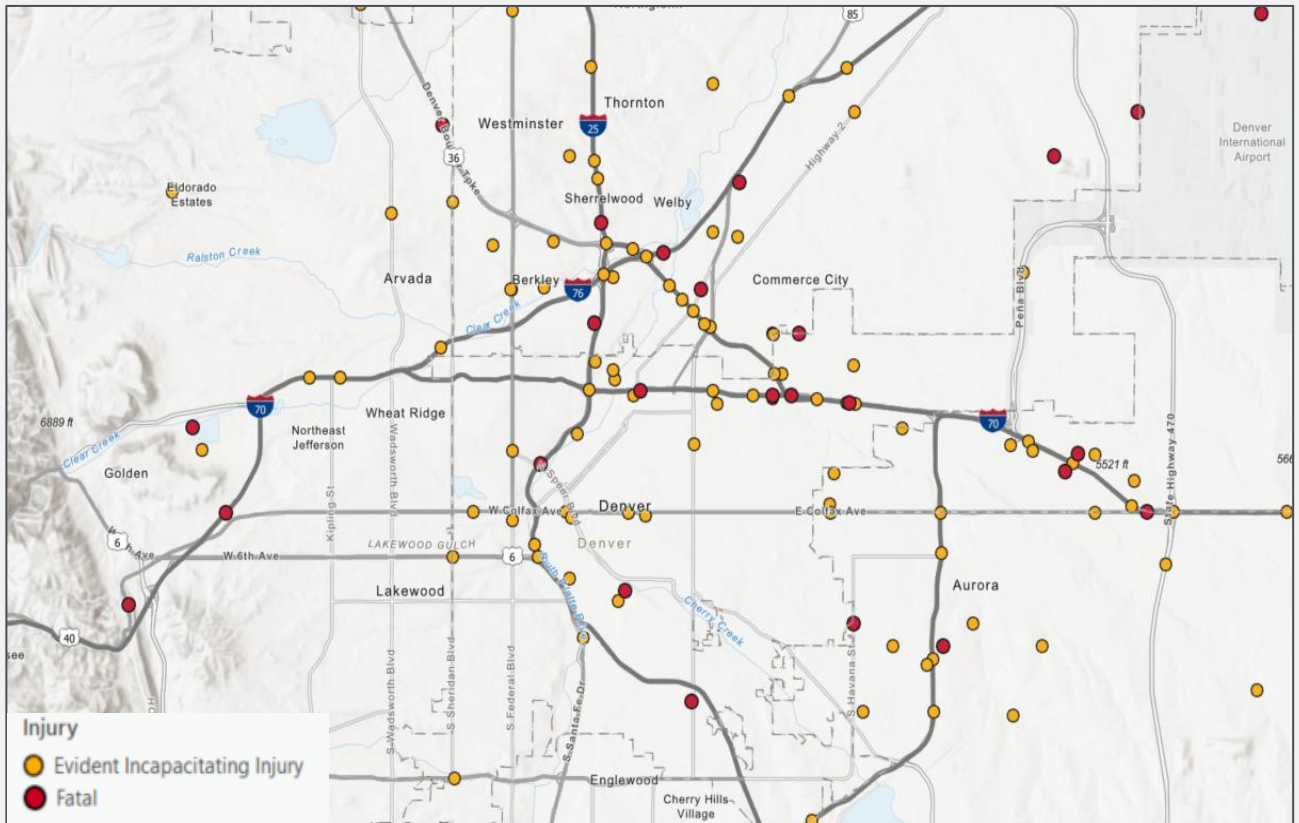
Truck AADT

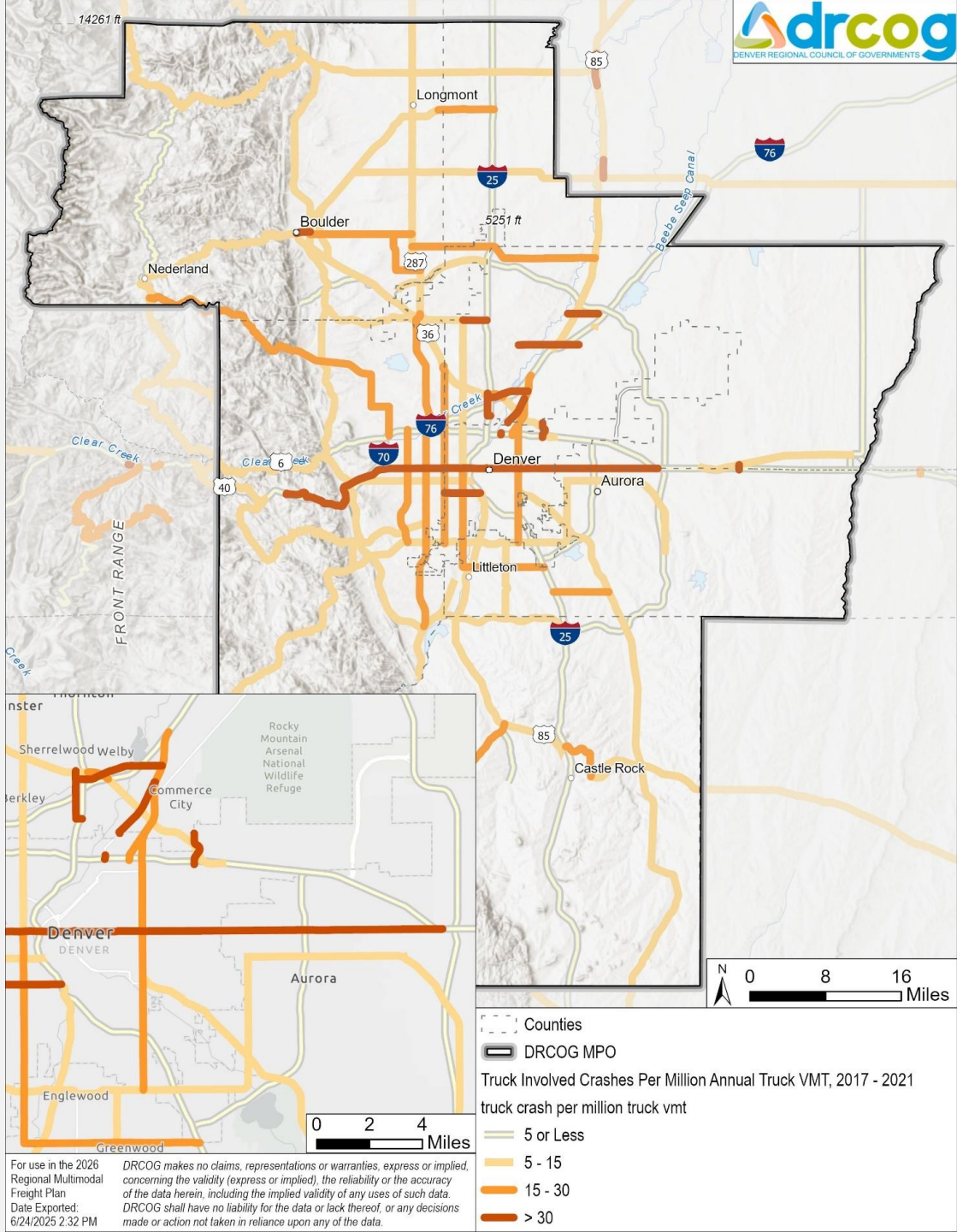
- Highest truck volumes along I-25 near I-270, I-76, and I-70 junctions
- Highest truck percentage east of CO-470 on I-70, and north of the US-85 junction on I-76.
- I-270 and I-225 reasonably high truck AADT and percent connecting the mainline interstate routes



Crash Hotspot

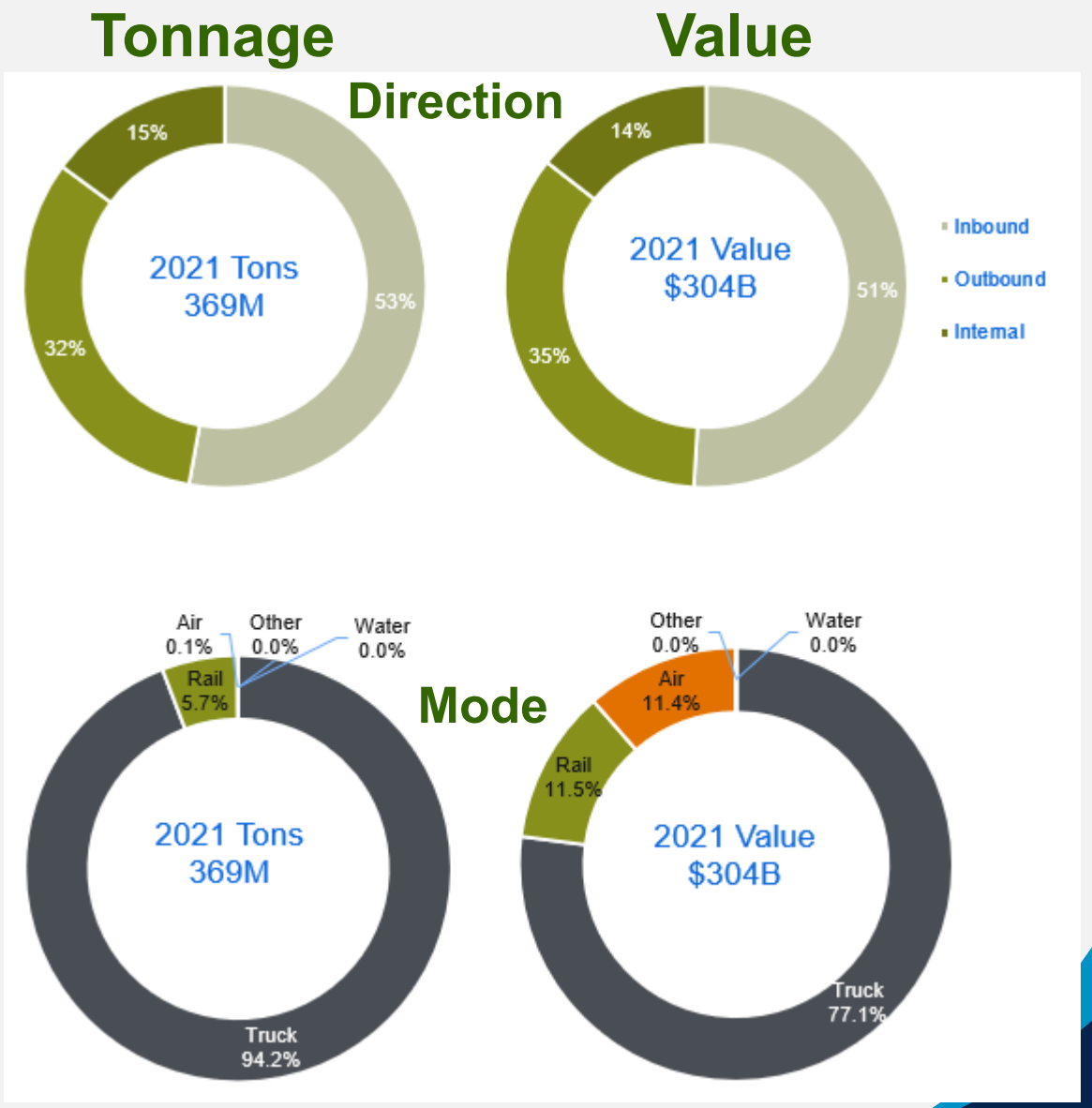
- Highest severity crashes widely distributed in region





Commodity Flow

- In-State commerce 54% of total flow for region
- Key non-Colorado trading partners
  - California
  - Illinois
  - Texas
- DRCOG's largest industry is transload/secondary traffic, making the region a key goods movement and distribution hub



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Project timeline

	2025				2026			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Stakeholder engagement								
Existing conditions analysis								
Land use, policy, and market analysis								
Emerging trends and technology								
Prioritization framework								
Implementation recommendations								
Plan adoption								

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