

BROOMFIELD CITY COUNCIL TRAINING AND TRAVEL REPORT



Council Member Denny McCloskey

February 22 &23, 2013

DRCoG ANNUAL WORKSHOP

**CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN RETREAT
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO**

TOTAL NACO COSTS:	\$92.96
DRCoG registration:	\$0
HOTEL COSTS:	\$92.96
MILEAGE:	\$0
PER DIEM:	\$0

Each year as a new Chair begins the annual role as elected Board leader, DRCoG convenes a Workshop to focus on areas of concern. This year will be dominated by the 2040 update of the Metro Vision Plan. With that in mind, Sue Horn, Mayor of Bennet asked that we do an overall assessment of what should be considered, and what facts are likely to need attention. Below is a draft of results from the group effort.

(In the world of term limits, the workshop also is a time for

members to become more acquainted. Over time, this has helped Members work through issues more objectively and meaningfully. This is the first year the workshop has been held out of town since the fiscal downturn. The last three efforts had been held at the DRCoG offices in downtown Denver.)

2013 DRCOG Board Workshop – Break-Out Groups (Group #2)

Participants: Dennis McCloskey (Broomfield), Tim Mauck (Clear Creek County), Beth Humenik (Thornton), Roger Partridge (Douglas County), Tom Quinn (Lakewood), Joyce Thomas (Federal Heights), Julie Van Domelen (Lyons), Joyce Jay (Wheat Ridge), Elise Jones (Boulder County), Joyce Downing (Northglenn)

Morning Session – Metro Vision 2040

Notes from Flipchart	Context / Additional Discussion (staff notes)
<p><u>Local Opportunities/Challenges (Bold/underline = regional)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aging • Changing Demographics • Funding (sales tax / reduced sales tax) • High Density/TOD • Nowhere to go • Large lots in the wrong places • Housing • I-70 • Connectivity/Mobility/Transportation • Urban Growth Boundaries • Amendment 64 • Safety • Infrastructure • Quality of Life – Open Space • Quality of Life – Medical (access to) • Quality of Life – Restaurants/Amenities • Education <p>TOP 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #1 – Demographic Shift - Aging • #2 – Fiscal Framework/Funding • #3 – Transportation/Mobility/Connectivity <p><u>Initial ideas on #1 (Aging)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adapt codes – municipalities/counties need to make certain to address demand for mother-in-law apartments, senior-friendly building codes • Gather data – conduct research to determine transportation and mobility needs for seniors – map their destinations • Also study regional stock of senior-friendly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large and aging population in Federal Heights • Federal Heights very dense already, surrounded by other metro areas – “no room to grow” (Northglenn too) • Lack of multi-modal options in parts of Boulder County • Lakewood has large/sparse lots along West Line • Many residents in Lakewood don’t want to see density increase • Clear Creek County – limited housing available for young families • Clear Creek County concerned about what will happen with I-70 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Decisions will have major effect on smaller roadside communities • Lyons fiscal base hard to maintain – more residential growth, less retail • Lyons residents like small town feel and sense of community • Everyone in Lyons has an Eco-Pass (3-year grant) so ridership has increased dramatically • Connectivity between communities is the issue in Lyons (others agreed) • Lyons has limited social services available – people travel to larger communities • Northglenn also has a population that is aging in place – people that grew up there and choose never to leave • Northglenn has an aging mall and has lost

<p>transportation modes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bringing services to seniors • Focus not only on physical needs and support, but also socialization/emotional 	<p>some businesses to other areas – sales tax challenge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendment 64 creating challenges in Northglenn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Banks can't loan due to federal law ○ Some companies discussing a move to Colorado are dissuaded due to 64 ○ Personnel issues for governments and other employers • Difficult for law enforcement • Thornton development has been stunted due to FasTracks delays • City is trying to figure out where to locate Urban Centers to fit criteria • Urban Renewal Areas a concern for Thornton as legislature considering taking this tool away • Costs for infrastructure continue to skyrocket (Thornton and others) • Infrastructure and Amenities are needed to attract new economic development • Lack of good housing options for seniors and for young families in Thornton (youngsters moving back in with parents due to tough economy) • Broomfield highlighted the increasing cost of transportation for aging adults • Broomfield highlighted the challenge of funding, and especially for aging adults • Regional – Douglas and Broomfield Counties #1 and #2 in growth of aging population • Regional – Construction defects – is it an issue? • Other demographic shifts – not just seniors, but ethnic groups, youth (who want a different set of services) • Need housing and trans to support active lifestyle • Medical facilities, shopping, restaurants all important to maintain good quality of life • Sales tax and funding issue is HUGE • Education is a concern for the region – “growing our own talent • Support voiced for the marketplace fairness act for sales tax fairness – brick and mortar vs. online • Fiscal framework – state taxing structure needs to be reviewed • Transportation and mobility needs to be considered regionally • Top 3 regional – 1. Demographic Shift (Aging mostly) 2. Fiscal Framework, 3. Transportation/Mobility
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DRCOG should continue good work to allow aging in place • DRCOG should gather more data, conduct research to really determine what's needed for housing and transportation (for seniors and other groups) • DRCOG could lead charge on zoning recommendations that are senior-friendly • Look at more options to bring services to seniors, instead of seniors to the services • Consider having DRCOG distribute more funds to communities directly
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Afternoon Session – Maintaining a Regional Perspective

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<p><u>Policies or Programs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many feel MVIC has served its purpose and should be disbanded • Pat provided history of MVIC – it was repurposed to a study group for one year • Other ideas about structure and purpose, but general agreement MVIC's future needs to be evaluated • TIP – process review and results reported and evaluated • Board members believe that staff could communicate in new ways: webinars for training/orientation; video archives; video-conference <p><u>Expectation of Board and Staff</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board needs to commit to be prepared – read packets and consult staff ahead of time • Board would like to see results of projects measured and reported • As above – webinars, newsletters, better communications from staff • Better utilize staff expertise/knowledge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Much discussion about different ideas for MVIC – in addition to “disbanding”, options to repurpose as a study group, or Ad Hoc committee on as needed basis for certain topics • Concern about RTD and CDOT asking for and receiving funding that should be targeted toward regional municipal projects • Everyone agreed the fluency divide was a challenge due to term limits and Board turnover • The baseline experience of MVIC members is missing • Frustration expressed about word-smithing at Board meetings • Board members should take advantage of staff contacts listed in Board Packets and come prepared • It was suggested that it would help with consideration of projects if Board members could present them with some tie-in to regional benefits – not just local • Get more alternates involved in meetings to become better informed more quickly • Webinars and the website should be utilized more to help communicate and archive DRCOG programs and training