Regional Transportation - Land Use Decision Making

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What is DRCOG?
DRCOG is:

- Council of Governments (COG)
  - Voluntary association of local governments
- Regional Planning Commission (RPC)
  - Formed under state law
- Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
  - Federal designation
- Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
  - Federal designation
- Has responsibility under Clean Water Act
  - Prescribed by state and federal law
DRCOG Board and Standing Committees
How the Board Works

• Board of Directors meets monthly
  – So do TAC, RTC, and MVIC
• Board:
  – each member has one representative
    • Denver has two
  – each representative has one vote
  – bylaws allow weighted voting, very rarely used
• Meetings
  – average attendance: 70% of members
  – only modest reliance on a “consent” agenda
  – 4 to 6 public hearings/year
Key Transportation - Land Use Coordination Initiatives

• Metro Vision Plan (umbrella)
  – 10% increase in region’s overall density (2000-2035)
  – Urban Growth Boundary/Area
  – Urban Centers

• Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan
  – “…integrate with and support the social, economic, and physical land use development of the region…”

• Mile High Compact
Key Coordination Initiatives (cont’d)

• TIP: Metro Vision implementation points
• Fixed guideway transit implementation
  – FasTracks (4/10% sales tax – 2004)
  – TOD efforts (DRCOG + RTD)
  – STAMPs (2007-2011, $2.5 M)
• New this summer
  – Sustainability goals
  – TIP funds for Urban Centers planning (in addition to STAMPs)
  – Revisions to Metro Vision implementation points in TIP: higher priority to urban centers
  – Increased emphasis on community design in Metro Vision