

# Regional Transportation - Land Use Decision Making

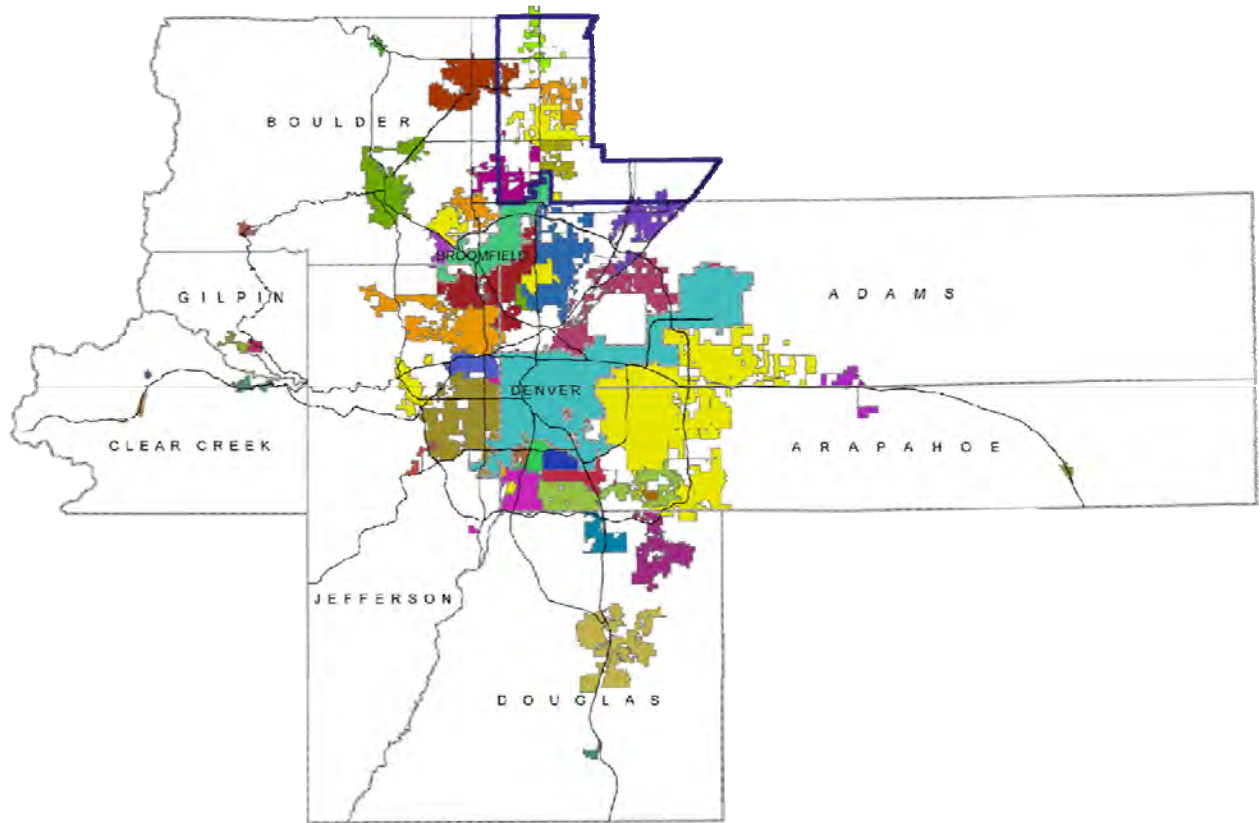
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# What is DRCOG?

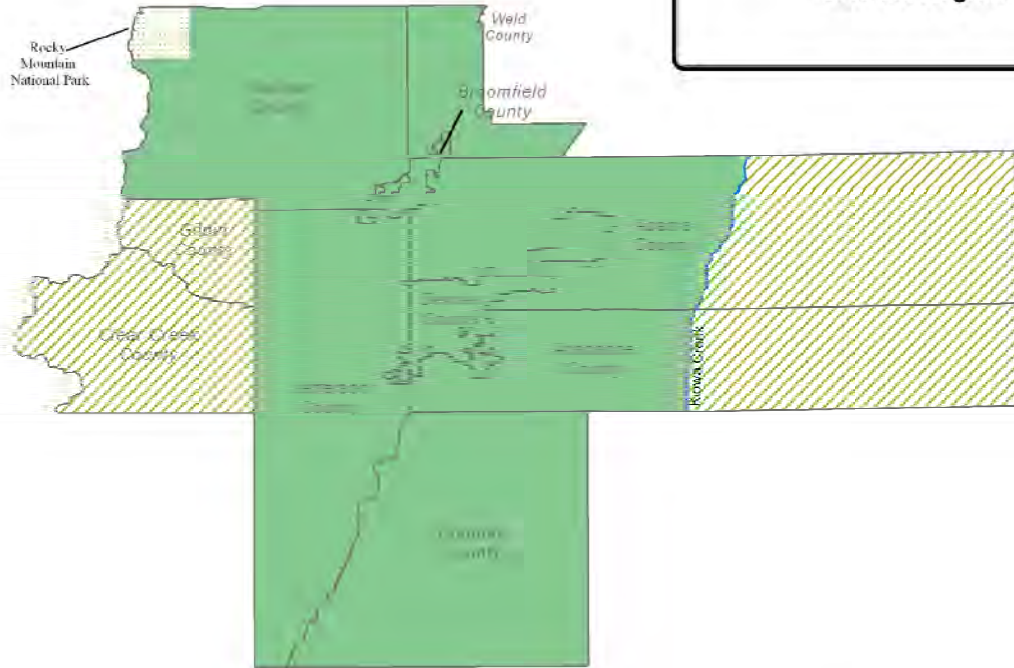


## **DRCOG is:**

- 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



Figure 1  
DRCOG Region



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Source: DRCOG  
Projection: Colorado State Plane, NAD 83  
KUL/MLB

Legend:

- MPO Transportation Management Area
- Mountain and Plains Planning Area
- Countries

Scale: 0 5 10 Miles

North Arrow

DRCOG  
DENVER REGIONAL CENTER OF GOVERNMENTS



## **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

