



TAP Regional Scoring Review Committee Infosheet

What is TAP?

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is the nation's largest dedicated source of funding for “alternative transportation” programs and projects (e.g. bicycle, pedestrian, and transit projects; Safe Routes to School; historic preservation; and environmental mitigation). This type of federal funding was first established 34 years ago as the Transportation Enhancements program. It was most recently redefined as TAP under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) in 2021.

State Role

CDOT is responsible for distributing TAP funding to eligible Colorado applicants through a competitive process. The process must include prioritization of project location and impact in high-need areas as defined by the State, such as low-income, transit-dependent, rural, or other areas.

Decision Process

Each CDOT region is allocated a proportion of the total Colorado TAP funds to competitively award to eligible agencies within its geographic region. Local agencies submit applications which are vetted by CDOT staff for eligibility. Regional committees review and score applications, and make recommendations for awards based on project scores. CDOT executives review the recommendations and make final award decisions to ensure that selected projects align with statewide transportation priorities.

Regional Scoring Committees

The CDOT TAP grant program relies on panels of knowledgeable and skilled professionals to recommend use of grant funds. Each region has its own scoring review committee tasked with scoring and recommending projects for that region.

Regional scoring review committees are required to have, at a minimum, a representative from each TPR in the region, a CDOT regional representative, a CDOT expert in transit, and a CDOT expert in active transportation.

CDOT regional planning staff are responsible for proposing members for the staff positions on their committee. They will work with their respective TPRs to select the TPR representatives using the most appropriate method for their region. At the discretion of CDOT leadership, CDOT regional staff may propose additional committee members.

Regional Scoring Committee Responsibilities and Tasks

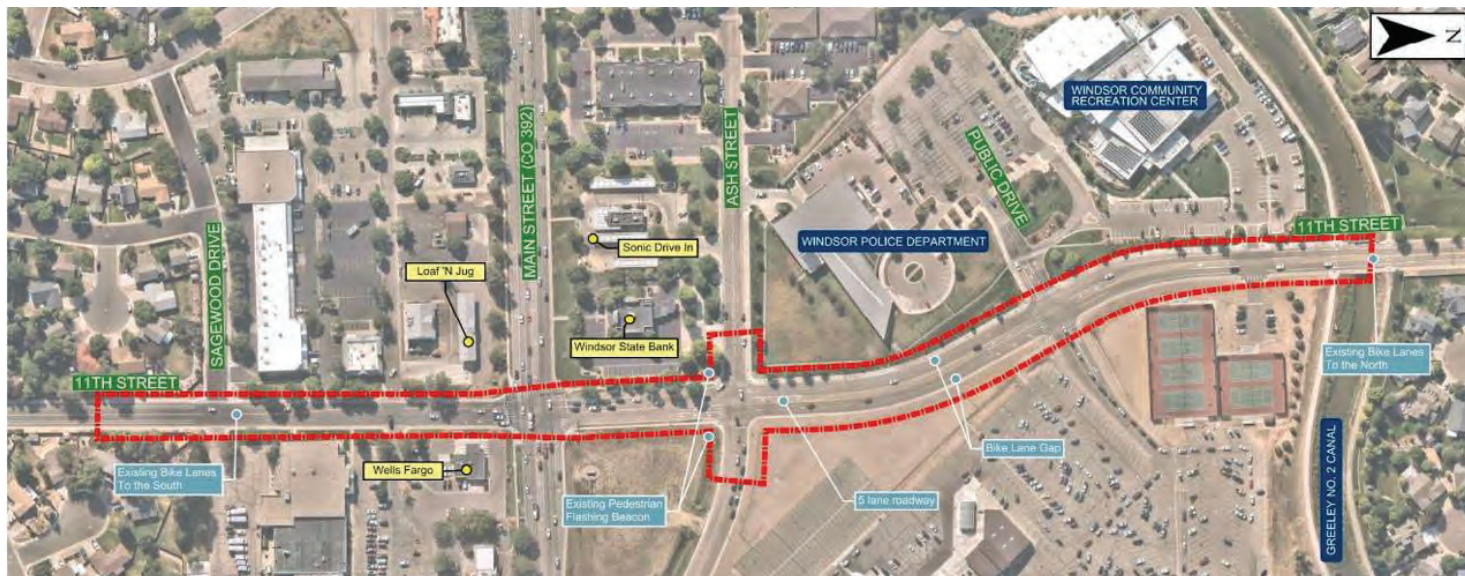
Committee members will ensure the review process holds the proper rigor and will hold themselves to the highest ethical standards. Confidentiality and discretion are critical to the process. Members will be required to sign a conflict of interest statement and recuse themselves from scoring any project which presents a potential or perceived conflict.

Committee tasks include:

- Objectively reading, reviewing, evaluating, and ranking grant applications according to evaluation scoring criteria.
- Applying knowledge by assessing the feasibility, significance, potential impact, and innovation in approach to achieve key outcomes related to TAP goals.
- Objectively and equitably assigning scoring for each application against outcome goals and submitting scoring to staff by established deadlines.
- Attending the scheduled review committee meetings and presenting comments, based on factual knowledge, regarding the application and its connection to the outcomes outlined in the scoring sheet.
- Formally recommending which applications should receive grant funding to CDOT executive leadership.

Scoring Committee Time Commitment

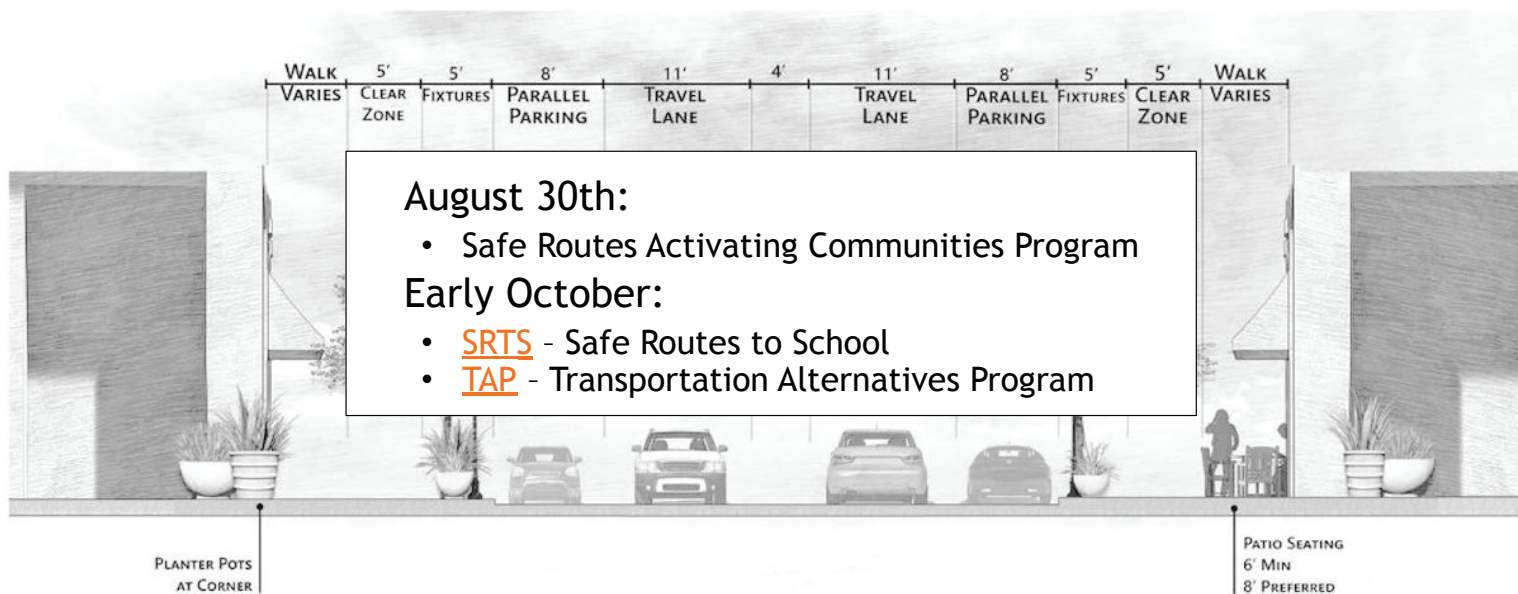
Regional scoring review committee members will be expected to review the TAP guidelines and expected outcomes to ensure they have a solid understanding of the grant program. They will need to thoroughly read, review and score each application. Members will also need to attend 2-3 meetings to discuss project scores as a group. The amount of time required to complete these tasks will vary by individual.



Grant Updates NFRMPO TAC August 2026



State & Federal Multimodal Funding

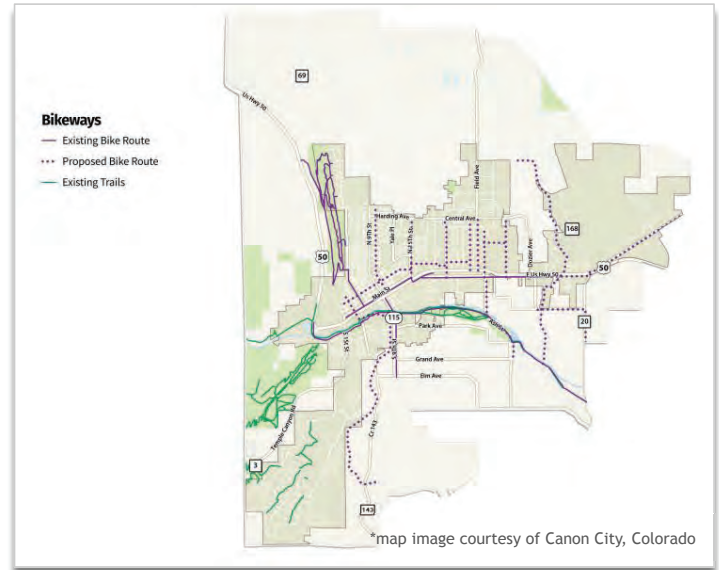




These 3 CDOT grants

Details

- Applicants can be:
 - local and tribal governments,
 - Schools and school districts,
 - Local or regional government entity accountable for oversight of transportation (ex: business improvement districts, public land agency, etc.)
- Reimbursement grant
- Follow federal requirements



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Safe Routes Activating Communities Program

Overview

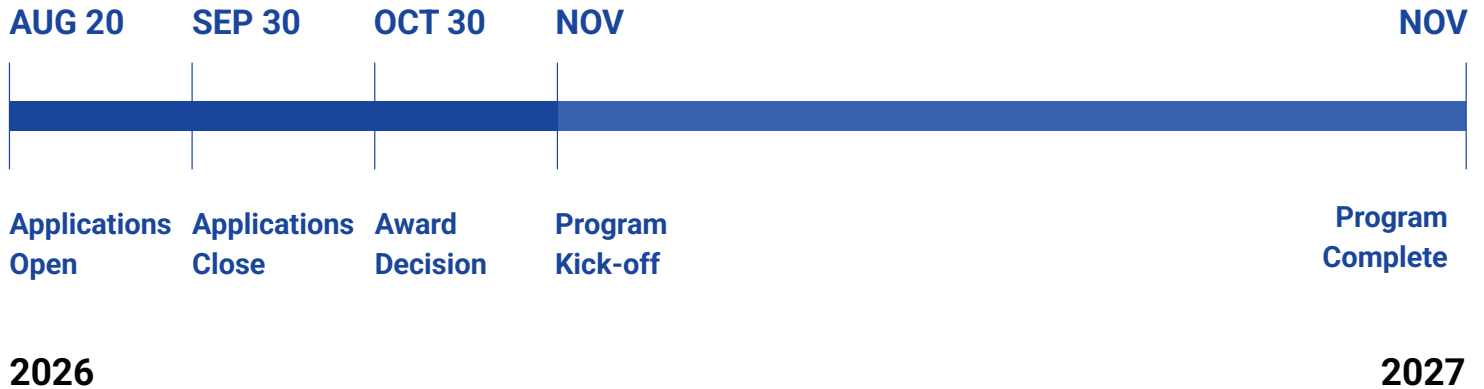
A 12-month program to enhance the capacity of **small and lower-resourced communities** in developing safer walking, biking and rolling routes to your everyday destinations.

- **Peer Learning:** Six virtual “Community of Practice” sessions
- **Expert Guidance:** Up to 10 hours of individual technical assistance to develop a customized safe routes action plan
- **You will walk away with:**
 - A local **Safe Routes Action Plan**
 - **Early Action Funding:** \$10,000 to implement community engagement or data collection
 - *No match required.*

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Safe Routes Activating Communities Program



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Planning for Federally Funded Programs

Surface Transportation Funding Bill

- Legislative process for setting the multi-year policies, priorities, and funding levels for the federal surface transportation program which includes federally funded transportation grants.
- IIJA is the current funding authorization bill - expires on September 30, 2026
 - This includes TAP, SRTS, STBG and more
- Status
 - BUILD 250 is in draft...
 - Reauthorization process will impact grants



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Colorado TAP Allocation

Awarding Entities

Funds are distributed based on a formula. Projects are selected by a competitive process.

34.5%	Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) 34.5% is available to award by MPOs with an urbanized population of over 200,000 (NFR, DRCOG & PPACG)
58%	Colorado DOT (CDOT) 58% is divided between the CDOT regions - Divided into regions via a formula of: 45% VMT, 40% lane miles, 15% truck VMT. Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW)
7.5%	7.5% is allocated to the Recreation Trails grant program

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New to TAP and SRTS for applicants

- 1 One application - two funding programs
- 2 Applications submission is online
- 3 Fewer attachments
- 4 All applicants will be required to submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) and receive engineering and compliance review prior to application submission

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Planning for TAP & SRTS Calls

SRTS Eligible Project Types *Must be within 2 miles of a k-12 school*

Construction (Infrastructure)

- Pedestrian and bicycle paths
- Wayfinding and speed enforcement signage
- Traffic calming elements
- Bike parking

Programming (Non-Infrastructure)

- Education, training and materials
- Program coordination
- Events and encouragement activities



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Planning for TAP & SRTS Calls

TAP Eligible Project Types

Pedestrian and Bike

- Pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- **Safe routes to schools**
- Vulnerable road user safety assessments
- Conversion of abandoned railway corridors to trails

Historic/Scenic Activities

- Outdoor advertising management
- Historic preservation & rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities
- Scenic turnouts and overlooks

Environmental Mitigation

- Vegetation management
- Archaeological activities
- Stormwater mitigation
- Wildlife management

Boulevards*

- Converting a former interstate system or divided highways into low-speed boulevards

**note: category with narrow eligibility*



Planning for TAP & SRTS Calls

Timeline

Call to be released October of 2026

- Covering FY27, 28, 29
- Will follow a similar review and scoring process to the last call
- Specific state and federal requirements will define scoring rubric



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New to TAP scoring

Neighborhood Centers

- Voluntary designation by local gov'ts. Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) process for review and approval.
- Current or planned transit corridors, downtowns, main streets, or other walkable mixed-use neighborhoods
- These places often have unique needs for:
 - Context sensitive design
 - Complete streets
 - Pedestrian and bicyclist safety



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New to TAP & SRTS scoring

State of Colorado EO D 2025 011 Strategic Growth Laws



DOLA monitors compliance (7 laws) on the [Compliance Dashboard](#)

Jurisdictional compliance statuses as of July 1, 2026 For more information about the classifications in this dashboard, please visit: [Compliance Framework and Guidelines Executive Order D 2025 005](#)

July 2026 Update - Local Compliance Status with 2024 and 2025 Strategic Growth Laws

Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	HB24-1007 Residential Occupancy Required Date: 7/1/2024	HB24-1304 Parking Required Date: 6/30/2025	HB24-1152 ADU Reporting Due: 6/30/2025	HB24-1313: Preliminary Transit- Oriented Community Assessment Report Reporting Due: 6/30/2025	HB24-1313: Housing Opportunity Goal Report Reporting Due: 12/31/2026	HB24-1313: Housing Opportunity Goal Compliance Reporting Due: 12/31/2027	SB24-174: Housing Needs Assessments (HNAs) Reporting Due: 12/31/2026	SB24-174: Local Housing Action Plans (LHAPs) Reporting Due: 1/1/2028	SB24-174: Comprehensive Plan Elements Reporting Due: 12/31/2026	SB25-002: Shall Not Impose More Restrictive Standards Required Date: 5/8/2025	SB25-002: Shall Not Exclude Factory- Built Structures Required Date: 7/1/2026	HB25-1273: Stair Modernization Required Date: 12/1/2027
1. Adams County	Assumed Compliance; Reporting Not Required	Assumed Compliance; Reporting Not Required	Compliant	Compliant	N/A Deadline Not Passed	N/A Deadline Not Passed	Compliant	N/A Deadline Not Passed	N/A Deadline Not Passed	Assumed Compliance; Reporting Not Required	N/A Deadline Not Passed	Not Applicable
2. Alamosa County	Assumed Compliance; Reporting Not Required	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Conditional: Pending Comp Plan Submission to DOLA	Assumed Compliance; Reporting Not Required	N/A Deadline Not Passed	Not Applicable
3. Arapahoe County	Assumed Compliance; Reporting Not Required	Assumed Compliance; Reporting Not Required	Not Applicable	Compliant	N/A Deadline Not Passed	N/A Deadline Not Passed	Compliant	N/A Deadline Not Passed	N/A Deadline Not Passed	Assumed Compliance; Reporting Not Required	N/A Deadline Not Passed	Not Applicable
4. Archuleta County	Assumed Compliance; Reporting Not Required	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Compliant	N/A Deadline Not Passed	N/A Deadline Not Passed	Assumed Compliance; Reporting Not Required	N/A Deadline Not Passed	Not Applicable

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Planning for TAP Call Review Scoring

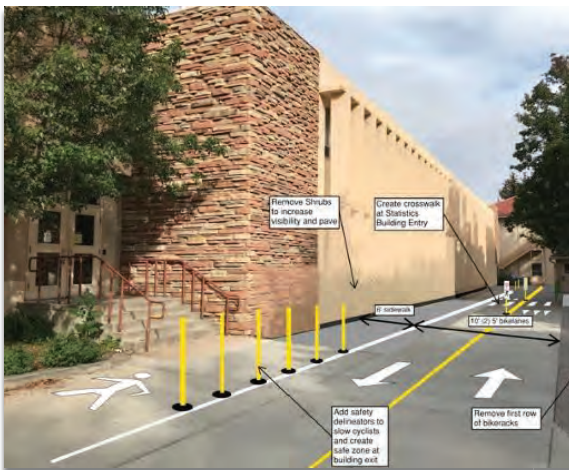
Regionally based review committees with local experts

CDOT expert in transit

CDOT expert in active transportation

CDOT regional representative

Representative from each TPR



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Scoring Committee Tasks

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- Applying your knowledge by **assessing the feasibility, significance, potential impact, and innovation in approach** to achieve key outcomes related to TAP goals
- **Attending** the scheduled review committee meetings and pre-review training
- Formally **recommending** which applications should receive grant funding to CDOT executive leadership

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Scoring Committee Responsibilities

- **Adhere to a conflict avoidance practice.** Members are expected to declare a potential conflict of interest and to recuse themselves from any decision-making role which presents a potential or perceived conflict
- **Maintain confidentiality** in the review confidential time period
- **Present comments, based on factual knowledge,** regarding the application and its connection to the outcomes outlined in the scoring sheet

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Planning for TAP & SRTS Calls

Getting Prepared

Designing the right intervention

- [Pedestrian Facility Design Training \(TETP\)](#): learn about safety concerns and countermeasures to deliver safe and comfortable pedestrian facilities along highways and arterial roads.
- [Bicycle Facility Design Training \(TETP\)](#): learn the design needs of a variety of bikeway users and shared best practices in safe and comfortable bikeways.
 - September 21 & 22: Fort Collins - Northside Aztlan Community Center
 - September 24 & 25: Denver - Wellington E Webb Building

Subrecipient Grant Training

- **101**: This virtual 15 minute recording provides a high level overview of CDOT's grant process. Learn the steps to stay in compliance and where to find resources when working through a transportation grant.

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Takeaways



Are you considering applying for TAP or SRTS funds?

1. Attend trainings applicable to your role
2. Know your strategic growth compliance status
3. Consider applying for Neighborhood Center designation
4. Ensure your project is fully ready:
 - a. Vetted & right-sized budget
 - b. Choose a top priority project with a clear transportation benefit
 - c. Ensure you have strong local support
 - d. Know the value in numbers
5. Join our e-newsletter list to receive the notifications

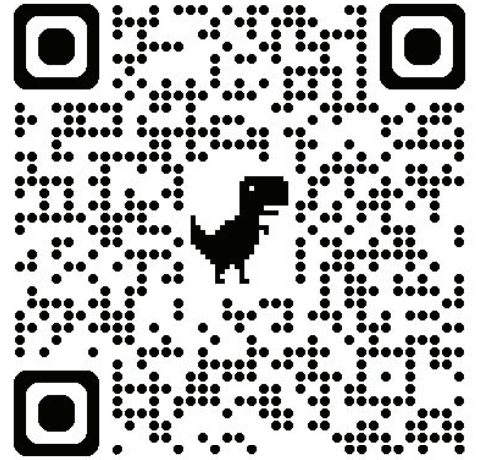
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Let's Connect

For Active Transportation Funding questions, contact active.insights@state.co.us

Join our mailing list

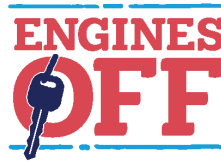




Regional Air Quality Council

RAQC Programs Update

Jacob LaBure, Program Director
August 8/19/2026

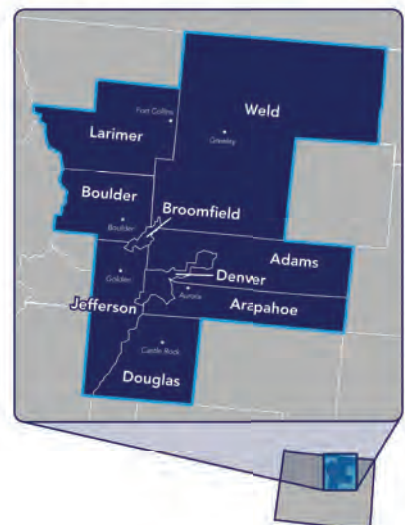


The Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC)

- o The lead Air Quality Planning Agency in the State of Colorado's Front Range Ozone nonattainment area
 - o Colorado is in nonattainment for two federal ozone standards (2008 & 2015)
- o The RAQC develops air quality plans for and in coordination with the state of Colorado
- o We also provide incentives and educational services to improve air quality



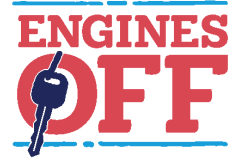
Front Range Ozone Nonattainment Area



Program Expansion

NAAPME Programs Update

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Mow Down Pollution

Electrifying Lawn and Garden Equipment

- We have held a few Mower Exchange events in cities up North, including Longmont, and Ft. Collins.
- Due to new funds, we'll have some new offerings.
- We're in the early stages of planning.
- RAQC is working on plans to hold several Mower Exchange Events in Weld and Larimer County.
- We will also soon be offering grants to Landscaping businesses and public entities like Local Governments. Grants up to \$20,000.
- Education, legislation, AQ regulations, planning

Updates will be on our new website
MowDownPollution.org



Mow Down Pollution



Program Highlights

Funding:

- o Mix of state, local government, and private funding (grants, donations, and fines)

Residential:

- o Approximately 7,500 pieces of electric lawn equipment purchased since 2011

Public/Private:

- o Funded over 120 businesses and public entities since 2020
- o 1,140 pieces of electric equipment purchased

2026 Program

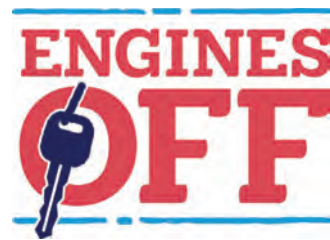
- o \$120,000 in grants to landscaping businesses (Additional funds coming online).
- o 3 Residential Trade-In Events hosted so far – 144 vouchers given out for electric equipment
- o Additional coming soon: grants/vouchers for residents, commercial businesses, and public entities in Weld and parts of Larimer County.

ENGINES OFF

Breathe Easy.

Engines Off grants replace generators with battery systems, creating zero-emission Food Trucks and Mobile Businesses

- o Grants support 70% - 80% of modifications or up to \$20,000 annually.
- o We are in Weld and Larimer County
- o Average total project size: \$13,000.
- o Investing in small businesses across the nonattainment area,
- o Investing in emerging battery technology.
- o **Now open as of Monday, accepting new applications**
- o Spanish website and application available
- o www.EnginesOff.org



Accessible Bikes For Community

Healthy Rides. Healthy Lives.



Accessible Bikes For Community

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The RAQC is funding capital improvements for our first two e-bike libraries. Creating transportation options for affordable housing projects.



Bikes are currently on the road at locations in Denver and Lakewood.

A new Loveland site is expected to launch later this year. We're working with several additional sites across the region.

New applications are paused through the end of the year while we assess the program and plan for its next phase.

More information: [RAQC Apartment Bike Club](#)

Clean Air Auto Repair

Every Repair Clears the Air.



Program insights:

- We have funded 74 car repairs so far this year.
- \$260,000 in repairs.
- Most common repairs: Oxygen Sensor, Catalytic Converter Repair/Replacement, and PCV Valve.
- We are working to expand in Weld and Larimer Counties, working with shops that are currently working with CDPHE. We had a shop but are now changing shops up North that can meet our updated standards. W

Clean Air Champions

Cleaner Communities
One Champion at a time.



Clean Air Champions Program is a RAQC program where we recognize community members, businesses, local governments, and others for their outstanding efforts to clean the air!

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Clean Air Champion Awards:

Tuesday, September 15, 2025 – 4:30pm – 7:30pm

Location: Denver Performing Arts Center.

RSVP:

raqc.org/clean-air-champions



Simple Steps. Better Air.

Program Overview

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A program of the  RAQC
REGIONAL AIR QUALITY COUNCIL

Simple Steps. Better Air.

Simple Steps. Better Air. (SSBA) is a public awareness and outreach program created by the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) to educate residents in the greater Denver Metro and Front Range about ground-level ozone pollution and actions they can take to improve summer air quality.

Why “simple steps”?

We can all make a positive impact on Colorado’s air quality! We identify, encourage, and support Front Range residents to take simple steps to help them protect their health and reduce their emissions.



Simple Steps. Better Air.

1. Summer ad campaign: May - September

- Education and awareness campaign about ground-level ozone and individual emissions reductions
- More than ~50 local, regional, and state outlets relevant to the Colorado Front Range
- TV, print, radio, podcasts, and digital formats / mediums, in both English and Spanish

2. Events: sponsorship and tabling outreach

- Between 5 and 15 events each year, mostly in the summer, as staff bandwidth allows
- Festivals, bike rides, and 5Ks in Denver, Boulder, Golden, and Fort Collins, and more
- Original and useful “Simple Steps” branded giveaway items to incentivize sign ups

3. Summer ozone alerts

Between late May and mid-September, the RAQC / Simple Steps. Better Air. issues text and email ozone advisories on “Ozone Action Alert Days,” in partnership with CDPHE's meteorology team, to help Front Range residents understand which days matter most to protect their health and take simple steps.





Go WILD
for Front Range
air quality!

Carpool and
combine trips.



Upgrade to an EV.



Don't idle your car.



Walk, bike, or
use scooters.



Take public
transit.



Use electric lawn
equipment.

Work from
home.



**Set the
SUMMER
TREND!**



**DON'T go it
alone!**



2026 Summer Media Campaign

Overview: 54 outlets & publications

- 6 TV stations
- 8 radio stations
- 38 print and digital
- 2 transit-specific
- Main source of match for SSBA

2026 highlights:

- **Rocky Mountain PBS partnership** with original video content
- **Commercial radio** reaching sports fans and families in the Denver metro (Bonneville Radio)
- **Colorado Ethnic Media Exchange** media buy in 4 languages
- **Tigre Radio** through NAAPME funding

- Axios Denver / Boulder
- **Bonneville Radio**
 - The Fan
 - KOSI
- Boulder Daily Camera
- Broomfield Enterprise
- CBS 4 (KCNC)
- City Cast Denver
- The Colorado Sun
- Colorado Public Radio (CPR) (Denverite)
- Colorado Community Media (CCM)
 - Adams: Northglenn Thornton Sentinel, Westminster Window, Brighton Standard Blade, Commerce City Sentinel
 - Arapahoe: Littleton Independent includes the Englewood Herald and Centennial Citizen
 - Douglas: Castle Rock News Press, Douglas County News Press, Highlands Ranch Herald which includes Lone Tree Voice, Parker Chronicle and Elbert County News
 - Denver: Denver Herald, Denver North Star
 - Jefferson County: Jeffco Transcript, Arvada Press, Canyon Courier, Golden Transcript
- **Colorado Ethnic Media Exchange**
 - Afrik Digest
 - Aurora Sentinel
 - Asian Avenue Magazine
 - Colorado Chinese News
 - El Comercio de Colorado
- Denver7 (KMGH) & Local 3 (KCDO)
 - The Denver Post
 - **Denver Gazette**
 - Denverse
 - Fox 31 & Channel 2 (KDVR)
 - Front Porch Northeast
 - Greater Park Hill News
 - **Rocky Mountain PBS**
 - KUVO Jazz
 - **The Drop 104.7**
 - RTD (bus tails and queens)
 - La Voz Colorado
 - KGNU Radio
 - KUNC Radio
 - The Mountain Ear
 - NBC 9 News (KUSA)
 - Neighborhood Gazette
 - OP Outdoor (bus shelters)
 - Out Front Magazine
 - Telemundo
 - **Tigre Radio**
 - Westword
 - Urban Spectrum

Know Your Ozone

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SimpleStepsBetterAir.org

Q. What is the Front Range's most pressing air quality problem?
Ground-level ozone is an invisible and invisible pollutant that forms when volatile organic compounds and nitrogen oxides, mostly from fossil fuel emissions, combine with heat and sunlight.

Q. Why does this matter?
Ozone levels peak yearly during the summer, often on sunny days when Coloradoans love to be outdoors. It impacts our health and environment, and it's a leading cause of respiratory issues.

Q. What about the ozone layer?
Ozone (O₃) is a gas molecule composed of three oxygen atoms. It's a ozone high up in the atmosphere. The ozone layer is key and offers protection from the sun's ultraviolet radiation. But something in ground-level ozone irritates throats and lungs, increases the susceptibility to respiratory infections, and exacerbates ailments like asthma.

Q. Who is most impacted?
People most impacted by this air pollution are the elderly, those with respiratory conditions, outdoor workers and athletes, and especially children, whose lungs are still developing and are more likely to be active outdoors.

Q. What can you do?
1. Reduce emissions to help keep ozone levels low: supporting your health and your community.
2. Actively protect your health by avoiding heavy outdoor exercise or recreation between noon and 4pm, especially on ozone alert days.
3. Know when ozone is bad by signing up for summer ozone alerts: text "betterairco" to 21000 or visit simplestepsbetterair.org to sign up for text or email ozone alerts from the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) and Simple Steps, Better Air.

Set the summer trend.

Electrically lawn and garden equipment to reduce ground-level ozone.

Created from pollutants like car exhaust, ozone is the Front Range's biggest air quality issue and a leading cause of respiratory problems.

Know when it matters most: text "BETTERAIRCO" to 21000 to sign up for ozone alerts.



SPONSORED CONTENT

Set the summer trend! Take simple steps for better air.

Learn how you can protect your health and help reduce ground-level ozone pollution in the Colorado Front Range.

KELSEY SIMPKINS



Go wild for Front Range air quality.

Turn off the engine when you're parked to reduce ground-level ozone.

Enloquézcase por la calidad del aire del Rango Frontal (Front Range).

Apague el motor cuando este estacionado para reducir el ozono a nivel del suelo.

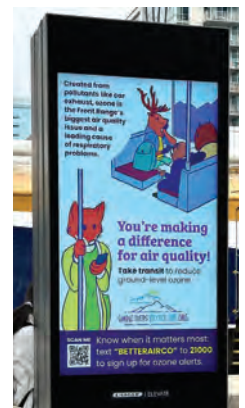
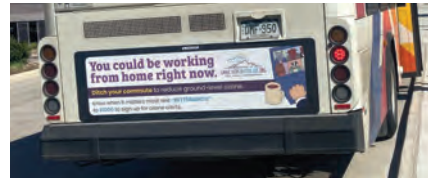
Turn the car off and on again.
Apague y vuelva a encender su carro.

Visit simplestepsbetterair.org to learn more. | Visite simplestepsbetterair.org para obtener más información.



Know when it matters most: text "BetterAirCO" to 21000 to sign up for ozone alerts in English.

Sepa en qué momento es más importante: Envíe un mensaje de texto con "BetterAirCO" al número 21000 para inscribirse a recibir alertas de ozono en Inglés.



What is ground-level ozone?



Go wild for Front Range air quality!
Sign up for **summer ozone alerts** to know when it matters most to reduce your emissions and protect your health.



Events & Sponsorships

Examples:

- Suffer Better / Running Up For Air
- Colorado SunFest
- Outside Festival in Civic Center Park
- Civic Center Eats
- Denver Pride 5K
- Bike to Work Day
- Boulder Environment and Nature Film Festival
- Fort Collins: FoCo Fondo
- Denver Century Ride
- American Lung Association Colorado Run the Rocks
- Colorado Environmental Film Festival
- Englewood Earth Day Celebration
- Aurora Fest
- Poudre River Fest



Summer ozone alerts

Between late May and mid-September, Simple Steps. Better Air. and the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) issue ground-level ozone advisories in partnership with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). SSBA sends email and text alerts.

Known as “Ozone Action Day Alerts,” these advisories forecast the days most likely to have higher ozone concentrations and negatively affect our health.

The alerts last between 4 p.m. of the first day, until midnight, or until 4 p.m. of the following day. They can be extended for multiple days if needed.

We also send notices to CDOT and E470, for the highway signs around Denver.



Text "BetterAirCO" to 21000 for text alerts

OR SIGN UP BELOW FOR EMAIL ALERTS

SIGN UP

Concerned about your data? We will never share or sell it! See our [privacy policy](#) for more information.



We can all make a positive impact on Colorado's air quality.

It really is that simple! There are a variety of steps we can all take for better air quality in our community especially in the summer months.

FIND YOUR SIMPLE STEP!

KNOW WHEN IT MATTERS MOST

When it comes to taking actions to improve air quality, some days are more important than others! Sign up for summer ozone alerts to know when it matters most to take simple steps for better air in your community. **Our timely text and email alerts can also help you protect your health.**

SIGN UP FOR SUMMER OZONE ALERTS TODAY!



As of 2025:
New Website!



SimpleStepsBetterAir.org



New website:

- **Resources** – highlights us & our partners
- **Blog** – a reason to return, over and over
- **FAQ** – people have questions!
- **Spanish** – full website translation

Frequently Asked Questions

Have questions about air quality and ground-level ozone in the Colorado Front Range? You're not alone! Take a read below for answers to some of our most frequently asked questions.

GROUND-LEVEL OZONE

What is ground-level ozone?

Ground-level ozone is an invisible, odorless air pollutant in our layer of the atmosphere that can reach levels harmful to our health in the summer months. It forms when volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NOx), react in the sunshine and heat that build up on summer days. These emissions come mainly from our gas-powered vehicles, lawn equipment, and oil and gas production.

I thought ozone was good for the atmosphere?

Why is ground-level ozone dangerous to our health?

The Simple Steps. Better Air. Blog

Learn about all things air quality, why taking simple steps matters, how to protect your health, the work of our additional programs, partners, and more!



Engines off in the school drop-off and pickup line can make a big difference for kids' health.
As we head back to school, improve both your kids' health and their education by shutting off the car in the school drop-off and pickup line.

[Read More >](#)



Get these electrifying Colorado tax credits before they expire.
Learn how you can save on a new EV while on easier rates, get discounts on electric lawn equipment, and find rebates on energy and efficiency upgrades like heat pumps right here...

[Read More >](#)



When wildfire smoke and summer ozone overlap.

Learn the difference between wildfire smoke and ozone air pollution, how to effectively deal with each, and what to do when they occur in the Front Range at the same time.

[Read More >](#)



How to navigate ozone as an outdoor athlete in the Colorado Front Range. Summer ozone levels can negatively impact your health. Read on to learn how you can both play hard and breathe easy!

[Read More >](#)



Where to take transit for free in the Front Range this summer.

Help reduce vehicle emissions, improve air quality, and save money by taking some routes in the region for free.

[Read More >](#)



Summer marks the start of ozone season.

Hot, sunny, blue-sky days in the summer are the perfect conditions for spending time outside – and the formation of ground-level ozone pollution.

[Read More >](#)

Ahead of 2027, Simple Steps. Better Air. is looking for suggestions for Larimer and Weld County-based...

- news media publications and advertising opportunities
- community outreach events and sponsorship opportunities
- groups interested in sharing our SSBA educational materials
- ways to leverage or promote our ozone alerts in Northern Colorado
- ideas or resources to add to the SSBA website and blog
- **(*We are already in touch with the City of Fort Collins and FC Moves)**

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Northern Colorado Bike & Ped Collaborative

Executive Summary – Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Voting Structure and Eligibility for NoCo Collaborative

The group discussed revising the Collaborative's voting structure for project recommendations. Jones and Guthrie believe that the current voting structure is fine, especially since it has only been two years since the previous revision. Cunningham suggested voting be tied to meeting attendance, but others found this could be logistically challenging, and Wilkinson notes that requiring a certain amount of meeting attendance could reduce attendance further from smaller communities, or communities that already attend infrequently. Gaskill supports having larger communities have more voting power to more accurately represent the populations being served and the number of people affected in each community by voted projects. The consensus reached is to revise the voting structure to only allow member communities and counties (members) to vote and have valid scores for project selection and to remove non-members from voting and official scoring. Non-members can still score projects unofficially as a form of recommendation and give their input to voting members, allowing more non-member stakeholders in the region to provide input as well without influencing the vote. Because of the reduction in voting members from 19 to 15, the quorum will be reduced from 8 to 7. Jones and Vanderbrook are fine with not having a vote as long as their scoring and recommendations are taken into genuine consideration. The leadership team will draft a proposal with a simple yes/no vote on these changes for the next meeting.

Regional Trail Map

Geary wanted to assess group interest in a printed regional trails map for the communities in the region. Consensus is that a printed map is a regional resource worth pursuing, but many details regarding content, scope, style, regional identity, and more still need exploring. Kramer supports a printed map but comments that it should be kept simple due to lack of GIS staff, not wanting to take away staff time and resources from other projects, printed maps become outdated quickly, and for general ease of use. Geary suggested bringing tourism partners from the region (such as Visit Fort Collins and Visit Loveland) to a future meeting for their opinions. Guthrie and Cunningham suggested making a subcommittee for this topic for further discussion. Geary volunteered to lead the subcommittee.

E-Micromobility and E-Motos

Several members shared updates and challenges regarding education and enforcement of good behaviors regarding e-bikes and e-motos across the region. Enforcement has proven especially difficult due to lack of resources, ambiguous device classifications, and inconsistent regional, statewide, and even countrywide definitions and policies. Maristany mentions that CDOT is supportive of e-bikes as a valid and valuable form of active transportation/mobility, but more effort into education and safety are needed across the state. To pursue this effort, Maristany stated that CDOT is creating an e-bike safety campaign to become a hub for educational and safety resources for the public when using these devices. He also notes that recent legislation will require labeling of e-bikes with clearer classification and technical details and specifications, aiming to clarify distinctions between e-bikes and e-motos. Consensus is that clearer, stricter, and more consistent definitions must be made to properly enforce proper use of e-bikes and e-motos in the way they were

intended, and to help determine who is at fault and for what when they are not used as intended. If there is interest in creating a subcommittee for this topic, or if someone wants more information, they can email Lauren Nagle.

Next Steps/Roundtable

Cunningham is gauging interest for the next meeting (Sept. 9) featuring a 10-mile bike tour in Fort Collins, including a visit to the Power Trail underpass and other recent infrastructure projects. Participation in the entire 10-mile tour would not be required; partial participation would be an option for those who don't wish to participate or do not have a bike. Gaskill mentioned potentially getting Spin involved to see if they would lend bikes to those without one if they would like to participate. Cunningham, Kramer, and Burke are in support. No one else spoke for or against at this time.

Graalum announced the publication of the NFRMPO's vehicle crash dashboard, and that coordination of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) subcommittee is still ongoing. Members were encouraged to nudge contacts with school districts regarding participation and to email Graalum if they would like to be included.

Kramer mentioned that City of Loveland is finalized 7 miles of soft surface trails in Skyline and Dakota Ridge natural areas. Expected to be open around October.

Bornhoft mentioned CDOT will be presenting about upcoming TAC call at the next North Front Range TAC meeting (week of Monday, August 17). Will also cover SRTS call and a new grant program that will watch SRTS activities for engagement and data collection. Applications for this will be available in October

Wilkinson mentioned that Greeley Public Works is working through a Safe Streets for All grant with over a hundred project locations in Greeley. Design is nearly complete, ground work should begin in 2027.

Buendia mentioned that Berthoud just completed purchase of 25 acres along the Little Thompson River to connect to an existing trail. Working on 2027 budgeting and updating Trails Master Plan.