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The Future of Transportation

The Regional Transportation Plan 2007-2035

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Nearly 600,000 people call the Pikes Peak Region home. By 2035, this number will climb to almost one million. Everyday, individuals need to get to work, school, doctors' appointments, social engagements and recreational activities. Businesses need to receive and ship goods in a timely manner for manufacturing, distributing, and selling products. And military personnel need to deploy to different parts of the country and world to accomplish the country's defense mission.

The transportation system can help or hinder these needs. It can also leave a discernible impact on neighborhoods, parks, natural areas, and air and water quality. Decisions must be made and trade-offs considered in order to balance need with impact and to allocate scarce resources to the most beneficial transportation priorities.

The Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG), as the agency responsible for regional transportation planning, is working to balance these needs, impacts and priorities. Together with local elected officials, citizen volunteers and technical advisors, PPACG is launching an important effort: the Regional Transportation Plan 2007 - 2035.

THE PIKES PEAK AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

PPACG is a voluntary organization that works to expand cooperation among the region's local governments to address public challenges such as transportation, aging, growth and development, and air and water quality. In the field of transportation, PPACG is the federally designated metropolitan planning organization for the Colorado Springs urbanizing area, which includes the western half of El Paso County, Ute Pass, and the Woodland Park portion of Teller County.

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Participate

PPACG will guide the development of the Regional Transportation Plan over the next 12 months. As part of this effort, PPACG will launch a series of listening sessions throughout the Pikes Peak Region to make it easy for people to participate and add their voices to the discussion. The open houses will address the Regional Transportation Plan and the two plan components on bicycle and pedestrian alternatives and human services transportation coordination. Find a meeting in your area.

City	Location	Time	Date
Colorado Springs	East Library and Information Center 5550 N. Union	4 to 7 p.m.	Wednesday, September 6
Monument	Monument Town Hall 166 2 nd Street	4 to 7 p.m.	Tuesday, September 12
Colorado Springs	PPACG Lower Level Conference Room 14 S. Chestnut	4 to 7 p.m.	Wednesday, September 20
Woodland Park	City Hall Council Chambers 220 W. South Street	6 to 9 p.m.	Monday, September 25
Falcon	Falcon High School 9755 Towner Avenue	6 to 9 p.m.	Tuesday, September 26
Fountain	Fountain Fire Station 212 N. Santa Fe Avenue	6 to 9 p.m.	Thursday, September 28

Please call Mary Frye at (719) 471-7080, extension 110, if you require special accommodations to attend any of the meetings.



A LOOK INSIDE THE PLAN

As a federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), PPACG is responsible for preparing a Regional Transportation Plan for the Colorado Springs urbanized area. The federal government created MPOs to engage local governments, technical staff, and citizens in a planning process that examines the mobility and accessibility needs of a metropolitan area. The Regional Transportation Plan is a comprehensive, multimodal blueprint for the regional transportation system, with a time horizon of at least 20 years. It also demonstrates how major transportation improvements will continue to meet air quality standards and effectively manage congestion. With a Plan in place, PPACG can implement its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that specifies funding sources and transportation improvement projects.

Over the next 12 months, PPACG will be working with communities throughout the Pikes Peak Region to develop the Plan. Effective public involvement is one of the most critical elements in this process. If transportation plans are to reflect the needs and desires of the community, then proactive citizen participation is crucial to gain input, overcome apathy and distrust, and build citizen commitment necessary for project implementation.

“The demand for transportation services is related directly to the demographic, economic, and geographic characteristics of an urban area. Expanding population, employment and urban area size, along with improved economic conditions, increases the need for transportation facilities and services. The steady growth in the Pikes Peak Region requires us to think strategically about our transportation system and to create a vision of where we want to be in 20 or 30 years.”

Wayne Williams, Chairman, PPACG Board of Directors

DRAFT VISION, MISSION AND PRINCIPLES

One of the first steps in developing the Regional Transportation Plan is to lay the foundation for data gathering, alternatives to be considered, and best options for future implementation. This consists of a vision, a mission and principles that will serve as a guiding framework for the Plan.

Draft Vision: Create a pre-eminent multi-modal transportation system that meets regional mobility and accessibility expectations as essential elements of the Pikes Peak Area's quality of life.

Draft Mission: Plan multi-modal transportation facilities and services that efficiently move people and goods and support economic vitality while sustaining and improving the quality of life in the Pikes Peak Region.

Draft Principles:

1. Preserve the function of the existing transportation system.
2. Provide efficient transportation for people and goods.
3. Develop a multi-modal transportation system that provides access to employment, services, military installations, and other destinations.
4. Fully integrate connections within and between modes for people and for freight.
5. Increase the safety of motorized and non-motorized travel.
6. Increase the security of the multi-modal transportation system.
7. Support the economic vitality of the Pikes Peak Area.
8. Improve mobility of people and goods.
9. Protect and enhance the environment by implementing transportation solutions that are sensitive to natural and human contexts.



COMPONENTS OF THE PLAN

The Regional Transportation Plan has several key components. For example, Human Services Coordination and Bicycle and Pedestrian Alternatives are two areas of the plan that are integral to a comprehensive, multimodal transportation system.

HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION

PPACG is conducting a comprehensive analysis and evaluation of human services transportation delivery in the Colorado Springs urbanized area. This is the first step in a collaborative process among human services programs to maximize available assistance for those who need transportation.

A subcommittee of PPACG, the Specialized Transportation Advisory Subcommittee (STAS), is serving as the input group for this study. The STAS is conducting workshops among its members, service providers, funding agencies, interested community groups, and individuals to provide input and direction to the study.

Interested members of the public are invited to attend these workshops, which are conducted on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. through November in PPACG's Conference Room at 14 South Chestnut Street.

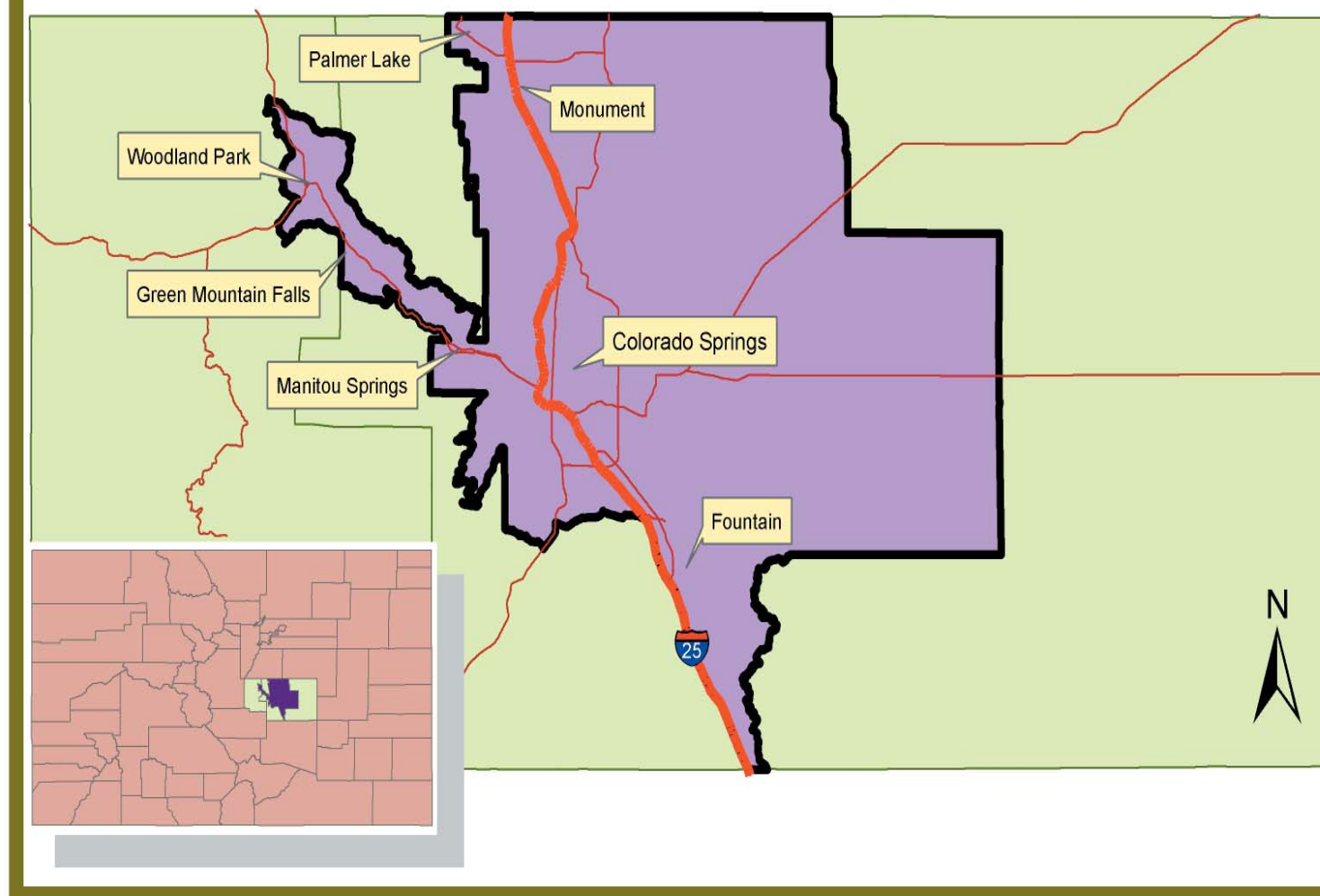
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ALTERNATIVES

Non-motorized alternatives to automobile use are an integral part of the Regional Transportation Plan. PPACG is helping establish a continuous and coordinated regional non-motorized transportation network that will increase the incidence of bicycling and walking. A key product will be a Guide to Walking and Cycling in the Pikes Peak Region.

“The primary purpose of PPACG's Transportation Planning Program is to provide local decision-makers with a consolidated framework for solving regional transportation problems and determining investment priorities for hundreds of millions in federal, state and local transportation dollars.”

Robert F. MacDonald, PPACG Executive Director

PPACG Metropolitan Planning Area



The Regional Transportation Plan 2007-2035 And 2008 - 2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Key Milestones

Milestones	Discussion and Input Time Frame
Prepare Planning Framework	February 2006 - September 2006
Develop Estimates of Available Resources by Funding Category	June 2006 - October 2006
Develop and Evaluate Transportation Scenarios	May 2006 - May 2007
Identify, Document, and Present Environmental Mitigation Opportunities	April 2006 - July 2006
Develop Congestion Management Procedures	May 2006 - March 2007
Develop Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan	March 2006 - October 2006
Formalize Implementation Criteria	August 2006 - February 2007
Develop Plan Document	March 2006 - May 2007
Conduct Public Review Period (45 days)	June 15 2007 - July 28, 2007
Review and Recommend Plan (Advisory Committees)	July 2007 - August 2007
Adopt Final Plan (PPACG Board of Directors)	August 2007
Develop TIP Based on Regional Transportation Plan	June 2007 - March 2008