



Citizens Advisory Committee

CAC Summary

January 15, 2026

4:30pm – 5:00pm

1. Introductions

The January Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting began with introductions from all the attendees, and a warm welcome was given to our new members.

2. CAC 2026 Meeting Dates

The group briefly reviewed and approved the proposed meeting schedule for the year 2026.

3. Co-Chair Nomination

Following the call for nominees that was sent out via email prior to the meeting, the committee reviewed the statement of interest for the Co-Chair position that was written by CAC member Joe Meyer. The committee then voted to elect Joe as Co-Chair for the two-year term spanning from 2026 to December 2027. The committee's other current Co-Chair, Eric Smith, will continue to serve through the remainder of his Co-Chair term ending in December 2026.

4. SB 25-161: Transit Reform – Accountability Committee Update

The RTD Accountability Committee is expected to issue its report that evaluates and makes recommendations to support RTD's success as a transit agency to the legislature and governor by January 30, 2026. The CAC should pay attention to this report once it becomes available because it will likely propose changes to RTD governing structure.

5. Reminder for Digital Passes

CAC members that wish to have a digital Eco-Pass in lieu of a hard-copy transit pass mailed to them each month were reminded to fill out the survey form indicating their preference in the next week.

6. News from Your Community

One committee member noted that the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) 2050 Transportation Master Plan is now accepting public comment, and invited other CAC members to review and participate.

Committee members discussed the progress of the upcoming construction projects on I-270 and I-25 and their potential impacts to transit.

7. Open Call for Timely Topics

The group discussed if there was a mechanism for residents within each CAC member's representative district to know who they are and how to get into contact with them. Additionally, the group discussed what sort of community feedback might be appropriate to designate to the districts' elected RTD Board members as opposed to the CAC members, to avoid bifurcating input from the community.

Committee members noted that it would be beneficial for the new CAC members to receive an overview of RTD's Partnership Program.

8. Transit Wins

The Aurora Rides program is a new free on-demand microtransit service available for adults ages 60+ in the Aurora community that kicked off recently. The program is funded in part by RTD's Partnership Program, and allows adults with transportation to local essential services as well as a way to connect to the greater metropolitan system.

The committee also pointed out that the RTD Board of Directors is considering a 10 million dollar increase to the RTD Partnership Program's annual funding.

9. Next CAC Meeting: Thursday, February 12, 2026

The CAC will re-convene on February 12. The main focus of the meeting will be to review the 2026 Board Committee Work Plans to inform the CAC's Work Plan for the coming year.