

## **Town of Erie Regional/Statewide Partnership Organizations**

### **Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA)**

Colorado Communities for Climate Action is a coalition of local governments advocating for stronger state and federal climate policy. CC4CA's policy positions reflect unanimous agreement among the coalition members on steps that should be taken at the state and federal level, often in partnership with local governments, to enable Colorado and its communities to lead in protecting the climate.

CC4CA generally focuses on legislative, regulatory, and administrative action, supporting efforts that advance the general policy principles and the detailed policy positions described in their policy statement and opposing efforts that would weaken or undermine these principles and positions. CC4CA engages its membership to participate in lobbying efforts to bring a local voice to climate issues directly impacting Colorado cities and counties.

### **Colorado Municipal League (CML)**

Founded in 1923, the Colorado Municipal League is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization providing services and resources to assist municipal officials in managing their governments and serving the cities and towns of Colorado.

The League is the premier municipal membership organization for the state of Colorado, and provides municipal leaders with advocacy, member engagement, training, research, information and education, legal analysis and leadership opportunities. CML hosts an annual conference, regular webinars, workshops and other learning opportunities for both elected and professional municipal officials in any variety of areas. Examples include employment law, economic development, energy issues, telecommunication/technology infrastructure, tax and finance and many other topics. CML maintains a member directory to assist municipal officials in connecting and learning from one another.

CML lobbyists actively track and engage with any state legislation that would have an impact on municipalities and are considered a strong lobbying force at the Colorado State Capitol. Each year CML develops a policy statement reflecting its priorities and areas of interest. (attached) The organization communicates regularly about the potential impacts of bills and provides regular opportunities for legislative engagement. CML publishes an annual update of any statutory changes that will affect municipalities, complete with a summary and interpretation of the new laws and how they may be implemented.

### **Commuting Solutions**

Commuting Solutions is the Transportation Management Association (TMA) that engages businesses, public organizations, local governments and individuals to participate in the transportation planning in the Northwest Metro region from US 36 to CO 119. TMA's are nationally recognized as the regional organization responsible for the implementation of transportation demand management (TDM) programs and services in a community. Commuting Solutions supports and implements innovative transportation options that connect commuters to their workplace. Commuting Solutions membership includes businesses, local governments, chambers, and any other organizations interested in multi-modal transportation solutions that reduce commuter impacts.

Commuting Solutions advocates for infrastructure and transportation improvements, partnerships and education, and flexible transportation solutions. They also provide marketing, design of service, coordination with service providers such as RTD, CDOT and local governments and travel demand management programs.

### **Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG)**

DRCOG is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Denver metro region.

Representatives from the entire Denver metro region's counties, cities, and towns (including Boulder County, and the

Town of Erie, but NOT including Weld County) work together to address regional planning around transportation, growth and development and aging and disability resources. The work of DRCOG is guided by the Metro Vision regional growth and development plan, which defines goals and actions needed to ensure the region remains a great place to live, work and play. DRCOG is not only a planning organization, it also provides technical assistance, data, maps and modelling, education, advocacy and grant management for its members. DRCOG develops a policy statement regarding state and federal policy annually.

Each city and county within the planning area is invited to appoint one elected official from their elected body to serve as their director (or representative) to DRCOG. DRCOG has 58 participating member governments, and each has an elected official as its representative to the Board. In addition, the governor appoints three non-voting representatives to the Board and RTD has a non-voting representative.

### **Metro Mayors Caucus**

The Metro Mayors Caucus was formed in 1993 by a small group of Denver area mayors to address the multi-jurisdictional nature of many of their core challenges. The Caucus serves as a forum for regional dialogue from which consensus solutions may emerge. The Caucus, a voluntary and collaborative regional association of mayors, includes 40 cities and towns from across the Denver metropolitan region.

The Caucus holds quarterly meetings that are open to Mayors and city staff. Meetings typically focus on a specific area of interest to communities in the Denver metro area, such as housing and homelessness, transportation, water, growth and development and energy. The Caucus takes consensus-based positions on specific issues as the interest arises, vs. developing an annual policy agenda.

### **North Area Transportation Alliance**

The North Area Transportation Alliance (NATA) is a partnership of public and private entities in the North Denver metro area working to identify, develop, advocate and lobby at the local, state, and federal level for multimodal transportation solutions that will enhance sustainable mobility options and improve transit service, promote economic opportunity to improve quality of life, and reduce traffic congestion to safely and equitably move all people in the north metro area.

NATA serves active member communities generally located south of the Boulder/Larimer County line extended along the US 85/SH2 as the east/southeast border, to US 36/I-270 corridors, to US 287.

### **Northwest Mayors and Commissioners Coalition**

The US 36 MCC is a coalition of mayors and commissioners representing the northwest metro region who share an interest in improving transportation and transit systems within and surrounding our region. The US 36 MCC is solely focused on ground transportation issues. The group includes representation from the Boulder County Commissioners, the mayors of each of the Boulder County municipalities, plus Westminster and the City and County of Broomfield. Commuting Solutions serves as the coordinator/facilitator for the group. The group is largely focused on promoting improvements to the regional corridors identified in the NAMS study, as well as multi-modal transportation and funding investments that increase transportation options.

The MCC works to build consensus around regional transportation issues, projects, funding and advocacy. Each year the MCC reviews and updates its policy agenda, which reflects the transportation interests of the regional partners. The collaborative retains a state and federal lobbyist to assist with advancing transportation priorities and increasing funding investments in the region. The lobbyists assist with federal grant applications and ensuring the priorities are included in state funding opportunities. ***The Town of Erie does not currently participate in the state or federal lobbying contracts for the MCC. This is something the Town may wish to pursue through the MCC group.***

The MCC has a technical/staff team that meets monthly and the MCC members meet monthly as well.