

DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
OPEN POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT: Planner (Safety/Regional Vision Zero
Long Range Transportation Planning)

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ABOUT LIVING AND WORKING IN THE DENVER REGION

Located at the base of the Rocky Mountains, the Denver region is one of America's most beautiful areas. Blessed with 300 days of sunshine a year, it is the perfect place to enjoy the outdoors and to take in mountain views. The mountain panorama is 120 miles long and includes nearly 200 named peaks. Here you'll find the nation's largest city park system, 90 golf courses, and an incredible 850 miles of paved bike trails. DRCOG's office is located within downtown Denver, a lively area centered around a mile-long pedestrian promenade; a restored historic district filled with dining and entertainment options; a collection of museums, galleries and shopping opportunities; the second- largest performing arts complex in the nation; three college campuses; and even a unique downtown amusement park.

ABOUT THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (DRCOG)

Since 1955, the Denver Regional Council of Governments has been bringing local governments together for the benefit of our region. A nonprofit through which 59 leaders from ten counties collaborate to make life better. DRCOG establishes guidelines, sets policy and allocates funding in three key areas: regional growth and development, transportation and personal mobility, and aging and disability services.

ABOUT THE POSITION OF Planner (Safety/Regional Vision Zero Long Range Transportation Planning)

- This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of the Division.
- Researches and analyzes data and information for use in regional safety and Vision Zero planning; collaborates with regional partners and stakeholders and maintains effective working relationships; makes recommendations on regional safety and Vision Zero planning and implementation initiatives and programs.
- Provides professional-level planning services in support of a variety of internal and external safety and Vision Zero planning projects; serves as a DRCOG representative on committees and advisory groups; communicates regularly with internal and external stakeholders.
- Coordinates and implements safety and Vision Zero program activities and related funding.
- Leads and facilitates meetings with internal and external planning partners; prepares and distributes meeting materials; develops recommendations and reports based on input received.
- Assists in the preparation of regional plans; leads the development of functional plans; prepares maps, charts, and data visualizations; presents findings and recommendations to a variety of audiences.
- Provides technical assistance to local governments and other regional stakeholders; works closely with communities to develop strategies to advance local and regional goals.
- Researches best practices and emerging trends, technologies; identifies potential funding opportunities; makes related recommendations for implementation.
- Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.
- Lead DRCOG's safety-related planning activities and continue to build DRCOG's Regional Vision Zero Program through the following major activities (not an all-inclusive list):
 - Leading activities associated with continued implementation of and updates to DRCOG's Taking Action on Regional Vision Zero Plan to eliminate all traffic crash fatalities;
 - Leading activities associated with applying, refining, and updating the Plan's High Injury Network for analysis and as a tool to help prioritize projects for funding and implementation;

- Working with CDOT, RTD, local governments, and other stakeholders to identify safety/Vision Zero corridors and projects for priority funding and implementation, and other potential safety-related requirements of pending federal legislation.
- Conducting roadway and site-level traffic safety analyses and present recommendations to implementing agencies;
- Leading DRCOG's Regional Vision Zero Work Group;
- Hosting/participating in stakeholder/allied safety meetings, events, trainings, and initiatives at the local, regional, state, and federal levels;
- Building DRCOG's safety related data, information, maps, resources, tools, trainings, and other elements of a robust Vision Zero Program for the region;
- Contributing to work tasks associated with preparing, amending and maintaining the Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan (MVRTP);
- Managing consultants;
- Conducting and/or coordinating surveys, data collection, data analysis, research and project evaluations, developing recommendations and presenting findings;
- Participating in other transportation planning activities, as needed.
- Principles and practices of urban and regional planning;
- Principles and practices of project/program administration and management;
- Principles and methods of qualitative and quantitative research;
- Principles and applications of critical thinking and analysis;
- Best practices, trends and emerging technologies in local and regional planning;
- Effective communication techniques, including writing and public presentations oriented to a variety of audiences;
- Modern budget practices;
- Computer hardware and software programs, which may include Microsoft Office, Internet applications, and GIS.
- Principles and practices of transportation planning, particularly safety and Vision Zero planning;
- Multimodal traffic safety analysis procedures;
- TIP/CIP or similar process for project selection/administration.
- Managing a project or program;
- Gathering and analyzing data, determining findings and recommendations;
- Interpreting, monitoring and reporting financial and project-related data and information;
- Authoring and preparing original reports, documents and presentations;
- Interpreting and applying applicable laws, regulations and organizational policies;
- Providing excellent customer service;
- Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications;
- Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisors, external stakeholders, the general public and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information;
- Contributing to the development and execution of a concurrent planning initiatives in various stages of completion;
- Facilitating meetings and workshops.
- Creative problem-solving skills to gather relevant information to solve vaguely defined practical problems:
- Databases and geographic information systems;
- Work independently, organize priorities, schedule work, and carry out assignments in a timely manner.

Education and experience requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in urban and regional planning, geography, traffic safety engineering, public administration or directly related field and two to four years of related professional planning experience. OR An equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to

successfully perform the essential duties of the job such as those listed above, unless otherwise subject to any other requirements set forth in law or regulation.

STATUS: Full-time, Exempt

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

The hiring salary range for this position is \$5,164 - \$5,783/month or \$2,582 - \$2,891.50/semi-monthly depending on qualifications.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To view the full job description, a complete listing of benefits, and to apply for this position, please visit our website at <https://drcog.org/drcog-job-openings>.

This position is open until 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time on Friday, October 8, 2021.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, or status as a protected veteran.