

## 2050 Regional Transit Plan & Specialized Transportation Plan

Spring 2024 Public Feedback Summary (April 30 – May 17, 2024)

### Introduction

Mountain Metropolitan Transit (MMT) held an in-person open house on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at the City Administration Building in Colorado Springs for the 2050 Regional Transit Plan and Specialized Transportation Plan. The open house was an opportunity for the public to help shape the future of transit in the growing Pikes Peak Region.

The purpose of the open house was to:

- Inform and educate the community about the planning process, existing services, and route conditions, and how feedback will be incorporated into the final plan.
- Collect input that can be incorporated into screening criteria and ultimately inform outcomes/recommendations.
- Consult with attendees to help prioritize proposed transit improvements.

The public open house was promoted through various channels resulting in about 45 in-person attendees over a two-hour window. Advertising included posting information on the plan's website, social media channels, city-wide e-blasts, and through the plan's stakeholder committees. In addition, 300 flyers were distributed to community gathering locations throughout the City, as well as distributed on all MMT buses. A complete summary of the promotional materials can be found in [Appendix A](#).

### Background

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) is leading the [Long Range Transportation Plan \(LRTP\)](#), of which both the 2050 Regional Transit Plan and Specialized Transportation Plan are component plans. The LRTP informs the long-term transportation strategy for Pikes Peak. PPACG works with local jurisdictions and concurrent planning efforts to inform the LRTP.

The 2050 Regional Transit Plan identifies potential improvements to the transit system that respond to the current needs and expected growth between now and 2050. The 2050 Regional Transit Plan goals are to:

- Make transit competitive with other ways to travel throughout the region.
- Provide access to jobs, schools, medical facilities, social events, and community activities.
- Maintain or improve services to the people who need it the most.
- Deploy technology to both improve agency operations and the customer experience.
- Promote environmental stewardship.

The 2050 Specialized Transportation Plan is necessary for receiving federal funding on transportation programs tailored to older adults, people with disabilities, and people with low incomes. The plan assesses the conditions and potential improvements for transit and paratransit, along with specialized transit options and human services for the target populations.

The recommendations in the 2050 Regional Transit and Specialized Transportation Plans will be incorporated into the LRTP. The draft LRTP will be available for public comment in Fall of 2024.

### Format

The open house featured a series of informational stations arranged around the room to encourage participant interaction. Each station included a feedback exercise allowing participants to participate in the room or through a QR code.

Participants were asked to sign in with their name, organization, and email address before receiving a room legend, project factsheet, and comment card. A set of participation guidelines and key terms and definitions were included with the room legend. Participants were asked to collaborate and respect the ideas of others.

The [six informational stations](#) summarized the plan process and overview, existing conditions, the proposed 2050 Transit Vision, the proposed 2050 Specialized Transportation strategies, what we've heard, and next steps. Project staff were available at each station to answer participant questions or discuss specific topics. Before leaving the open house, participants were directed to a comment station where they could provide specific project feedback either handwritten or digitally.

A virtual open house was launched on the project website on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, for members of the public who could not attend the open house. The self-guided open house featured the same materials as the in-person event. The physical comment card was recreated as a digital comment card in SurveyMonkey to collect priority information on the proposed transit and specialized transportation improvements.

In addition to the in-person and virtual open house, two additional pop-up events were hosted. A Specialized Plan open house pop-up was hosted at The Independence Center on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 from 12:30 – 3 p.m. to ensure members of the specialized transportation community could provide feedback. A virtual office hour was hosted on Friday, May

### Open House Photos

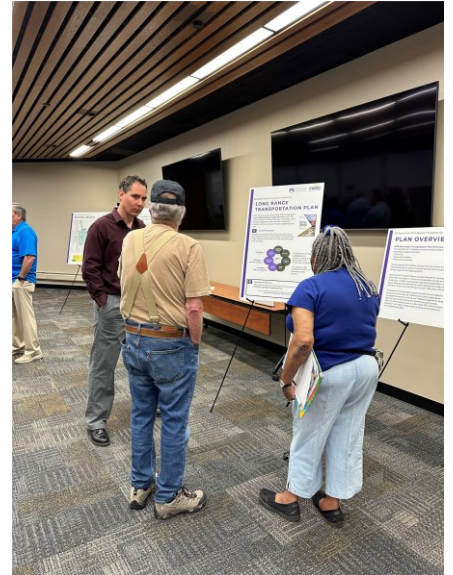


Figure 1. Pictures from the in-person open house on Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

17,2024, from 12 – 1 p.m., which included a brief presentation and an opportunity for Q&A with the project team.

## Public Feedback Overview

Public input at the open house was collected via comment cards (digital and print) and conversations with project staff. The digital comment card remained accessible on the website until Friday, May 17, 2024.

Approximately 114 community members provided feedback or attended an open house event. Seven physical comment cards with unique zip codes were submitted at the open house. 66 unique responses from 31 of the 48 Colorado Springs zip codes were provided through the digital comment card, with most responses (7) coming from just north of downtown.

Community members shared feedback on various topics with project staff including services and operations, connectivity, accessibility, building partnerships, future planning considerations, and funding. Below is a high-level summary of what was heard:

- The City of Colorado Springs is a car-centric City. Increased or improved transit services will create a more competitive travel option and could increase ridership. Improved services and operations are key to shifting the culture and mindset around transit in the City.
- The northern and eastern regions of the city and military installations do not have adequate services. In addition, transit connections to downtown, attractions, and other regional centers should be established.
- Transit information and services should be accessible to all. This includes physical access to infrastructure as well as navigating the transit system.
- With a growing population, educating future users about the transit system will ensure all can navigate it effectively. Transit education and awareness can be increased through community partnerships.
- The needs of older adults in the future will be different than the current generation. Consider future technologies and the need to educate older adults about transit.
- Consider transit-supportive land use and development code changes to accommodate service expansion and reduce communities being cut off from grocery stores, medical facilities, and education.
- Funding for implementation will be important to consider for both plans.

The following sections describe additional feedback gathered by station (both in-person and digitally).

## Accessing Transportation Information

Participants were asked how they like to find information about their transportation options (Figure 2):

- a. Look up information online and navigate myself
- b. Have a friend or caretaker handle the issue

- c. Phone call with a professional coordinator/broker who handles the issue
- d. Text messaging with a professional coordinator/broker who handles the issue
- e. Online chat with a professional coordinator/broker who handles the issue

Over 80% of respondents selected “Look up information online and navigate it myself.”.

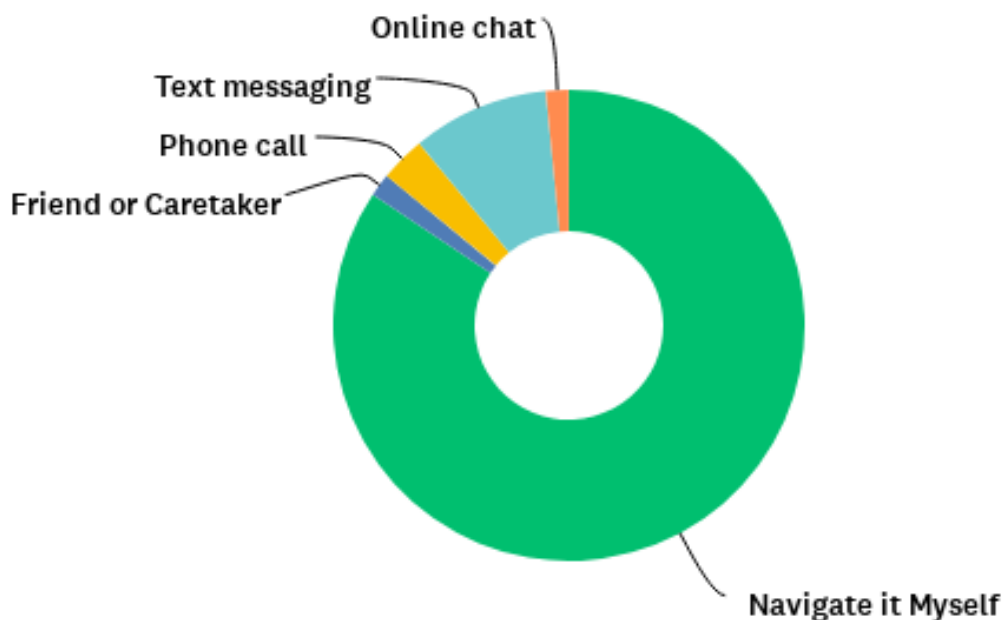


Figure 2. Responses on How Participants Would Like to Receive Information About Their Transportation Options.

## 2050 Regional Transit Plan

### Draft 2050 Transit Vision

Based on stakeholder feedback and work conducted in previous planning processes like ConnectCOS, the project team developed a draft 2050 Transit Vision. The vision is made up of seven proposed elements (**Figure 3**) that holistically address transit needs through a mixture of expanding service and introducing innovative technology.

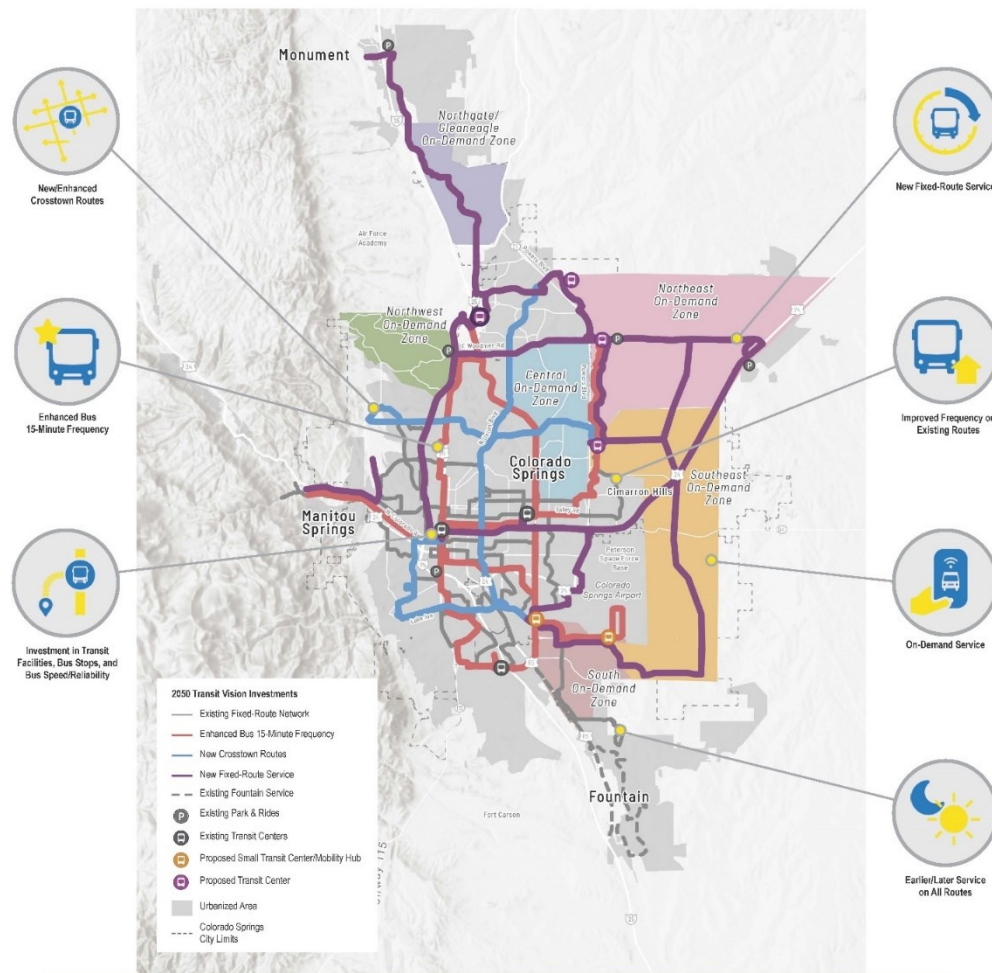


Figure 3. Draft 2050 Transit Vision

The proposed 2050 Transit Vision elements are:

- Enhanced Bus 15-Minute Frequency:** Six enhanced bus routes to provide fast, frequent and reliable service to corridors with the highest concentration of existing and future jobs and residents. These routes would operate every 15 minutes or better during the day on weekdays and weekends and 30 minutes at all other times.
- New/Enhanced Crosstown Routes:** New crosstown routes improve north-south and east-west crosstown travel and serve several key corridors. These routes would operate every 30 minutes all day, seven days a week.

- **On-Demand Service:** Six different on-demand zones throughout the region. Riders can request rides via a call-in number or mobile application. Vehicles can pick up and drop off riders anywhere within the boundaries of the given zone.
- **Improved Frequency on Existing Routes:** All existing routes would be improved to run at least every 30 minutes all day on weekdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.
- **New Fixed-Route Service:** Two new express routes connecting downtown Colorado Springs with Monument and Falcon. Six new local bus routes to improve connectivity to the eastern and northern parts of Colorado Springs, including Bannis Lewis Ranch and Garden of the Gods. All new routes would operate every 30 minutes all day.
- **Earlier/Later Service on All Routes:** Service on all routes would begin at 6:00 AM on weekdays, 6:30 AM on Saturdays, and 7:00 AM on Sundays. Service would be extended until midnight on weekdays and Saturdays and until 9:00 PM on Sundays.
- **Investment in Transit Facilities, Bus Stops, and Bus Speed/Reliability:** Investment in additional infrastructure to improve access and attract more riders. This would support new or expanded transit centers, new mobility hubs for first/last mile connections, bus stops with additional sidewalk connections or new benches/shelters, and speed/reliability improvements to speed up bus service and ensure on-time operations.

### Public Priorities

Participants responded with their top three transit priorities. Participants shared their feedback by placing a colored dot on a station board (Figure 4) or by sharing feedback on the digital or print comment card, which is summarized in Table 1.

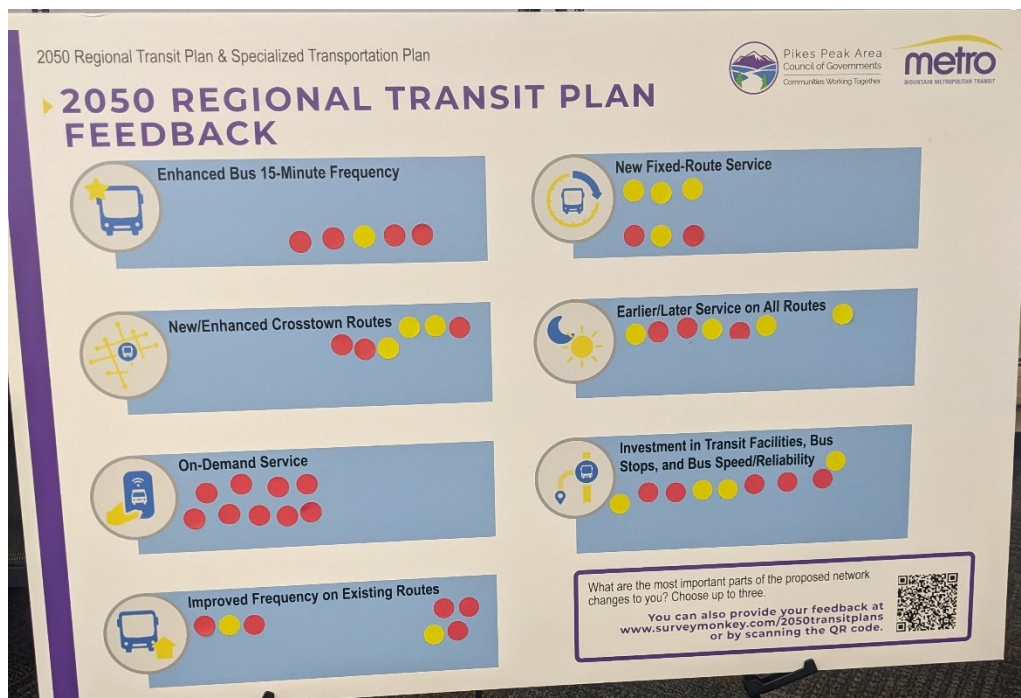


Figure 4. Public feedback collected during the in-person public open house 2050 Regional Vision prioritization exercise.

From the feedback collected, the top Transit Vision Priorities are the following:

1. Earlier/later service on all routes
2. Investment in transit facilities, bus stops, and bus speed/reliability
3. Improved frequency on existing routes.

Table 1. Summary of Transit Vision Element Priorities

Transit Vision Element	Open House Responses*	Virtual Open House Responses	Total
Enhanced bus 15-minute frequency	8	12	20
New/enhanced crosstown routes	6	23	29
New fixed-route service	9	18	27
On-demand service	9	13	22
<b>Improved frequency on existing routes</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Earlier/later service on all routes</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Investment in transit facilities, bus stops, and bus speed/reliability</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>39</b>

\*Includes responses from board exercises and physical comment cards.

The top three priorities align with the discussions between project staff and participants at the open house regarding increasing the competitiveness of transit compared to single-occupancy vehicles and the overall appeal of using transit in Colorado Springs.

### Additional Feedback

In addition to their priorities, the public had the opportunity to provide feedback on additional considerations for the Regional Transit Plan through the physical and digital comment card. A summary of the key themes is provided below.

- **Connectivity:** The plan should focus on connecting destinations within the City of Colorado Springs. The public advocated for improved connectivity between major destinations, including the airport, new housing developments, and tourist destinations or attractions. Regional connections shared include destinations like Monument, Falcon, Woodland Park, and Manitou.
- **Rail:** A light rail or trolley system connecting areas to downtown was suggested to help increase City connectivity. Participants also shared a need for regional connectivity through Front Range Passenger Rail.
- **Expanded Weekday Services:** The service hours and frequency of service should be improved to attract riders and support jobs. The public recommended increasing service hours to include weekday service beginning at 5 a.m. and weekend service to begin at 6

a.m. Additionally, the public advocated for buses to run until midnight. In addition, the public recommended increasing the frequency of buses to reduce wait times for shift workers.

- **Enhanced Service:** The public advocated for additional enhanced transit services on North Nevada, Colorado Avenue, and connecting University of Colorado – Colorado Springs. Additional fixed-route services should be implemented to connect northern and eastern parts of Colorado Springs.
- **Infrastructure:** Infrastructure improvements should increase fixed-route service reliability, support multi-modal travel, and bus stop amenities. The public recommended dedicated bus lanes on major transit routes. In addition, improvements to the infrastructure at bus stops were recommended to protect riders from inclement weather.
- **Bicycles:** The public shared they would like to see more ways to connect bicycle riders with public transit, such as connecting bus lanes to transit service or including bicycle racks at bus stops or bus racks on bikes.
- **Safety:** Increase safety at bus stops from vehicle traffic.
- **Operations:** Improve operations to enhance riders' experience and increase ridership. This includes increased pay for transit employees, improved reliability, and increased regular maintenance of buses and bus stops. Provide real-time bus information at kiosks at bus stops.
- **Fares:** Consider low-cost or fee-free travel on certain routes to increase ridership.
- **Accessibility:** Improve accessibility to bus stops for all modes of travel and all riders. Improve the accessibility of the vehicle fleet for fixed-route services, including reducing noise for sensory-sensitive riders.
- **Planning:** Coordinate future transit planning with improved land-use codes to improve the effectiveness of housing, access to essential services, and transit. Explore creative policies to incentivize transit use.



## 2050 Specialized Transportation Plan

### Specialized Transportation Issues, Needs, and Solutions

The 2050 Specialized Transportation strategies focus on increasing coordination between human services, regional planners, and organizations who provide transportation for people of all ages and abilities.

The Specialized Transportation proposed solutions are the following:

- Coordinate all resources and instruction for bus drivers in one location.
- Establish a single database of all registered and eligible riders shared between all the specialized, paratransit, and transit providers in the region.
- Create programs to reimburse people for Uber, Lyft, and taxi rides in situations where no transit is available or there is a personal emergency.
- 24/7 phone hotline and website to help direct people to the most appropriate transportation options.
- Set new standards of service for all specialized transit providers receiving funding from PPACG & MMT.
- Prioritize vehicle purchases so they are appropriately sized, shared between agencies, and regularly maintained.
- Improvements to help people access bus stops more safety, including sidewalks, safer crosswalks, shelters, and lighting.

### Paratransit & Specialized Transportation Services

**Specialized transportation** is service designed for individuals which offers door-to-door or curb-to-curb transportation (as well as door-through-door, in certain circumstances). Specialized transportation may require advanced reservations and is usually operated by funded non-profit (e.g., Envida, Silver Key Services, Fountain Valley Senior Center).

**Paratransit services** is a transit agency service provided by transit agencies for individuals with disabilities who cannot independently use transit services some or all of the time. Paratransit operates the same days and hours as local fixed-route transit service covering areas within 3/4 mile of existing routes. It is often called “ADA complementary paratransit”, as it exists to ensure transit complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

## Public Priorities

The project team asked participants to choose their the three most important specialized transportation strategies through an in-room exercise (**Figure 5**) and physical and virtual comment cards.



Figure 5. Public feedback collected during the in-person public open house and pop-up specialized open house to inform the 2050 Specialized Transportation plan.

The top priorities shared are:

- 1) Improvements to help people access bus stops more safety, including sidewalks, safer crosswalks, shelters, and lighting.
- 2) Prioritize vehicle purchases so they are appropriately sized, shared between agencies, and regularly maintained.
- 3) 24/7 phone hotline and website to help direct people to the most appropriate transportation options.
- 4) Set new standards of service for all specialized transit providers receiving funding from PPACG & MMT received the same number of responses.

Table 2 Summary of Priority Specialized Transportation Strategies.

Specialized Transportation Plan Strategy	Open House Responses*	Virtual Open House Responses	Specialized Open House Pop-Up	Total
Coordinate all resources and instruction for bus drivers in one location	3	17	2	22
Establish a single database of all registered and eligible riders shared between all the specialized, paratransit, and transit providers in the region	6	14	8	28
Create programs to reimburse people for Uber, Lyft and taxi rides in situations where no transit is available or there is a personal emergency.	5	14	4	23
<b>24/7 phone hotline and website to help direct people to the most appropriate transportation options:</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Set new standards of service for all specialized transit providers receiving funding from PPACG &amp; MMT.</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Prioritize vehicle purchases so they are appropriately sized, shared between agencies, and regularly maintained.</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Improvements to help people access bus stops more safety, including sidewalks, safer crosswalks, shelters, and lighting.</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>70</b>

\*Includes responses from board exercises and physical comment cards.

The overwhelming support for improvements focused on accessibility and safety aligns with feedback provided throughout the planning process.

### Specialized Transportation Experience

The project team asked participants to rank the following priorities when receiving specialized transportation (listed in order of rank with one being their top priority):

1. Better on-time performance and reliable pick-up and drop-off service

2. Thoughtful customer service, including sensitivity to disabilities
3. Service available 24 hours a day (particularly during the evenings, late nights, and early mornings)
4. Service available seven days a week
5. Less diversions and stops picking up / dropping off other passengers during your trip
6. Less time between when I need to reserve a ride and when I get the ride
7. A centralized simple method for booking a ride
8. More comfortable vehicles
9. Personal assistance getting into the vehicle and getting through the front door of my destination

The top three priorities most commonly shared on all comment cards included better on-time performance and reliable pick-up and drop off, thoughtful customer service, and service hours particularly service in the evenings, late night, or early mornings. This ranking reiterates feedback heard prior about the importance of creating an inclusive transportation system focused on riders' experiences.

### Provider Preference

The project team also asked participants if they had a preference on who is responsible for their specialized transportation rides. The responses were evenly split between a preference for a government or public sector provider (41%) and no preference (57%). Previous feedback showed a similar split, with some specialized transportation riders preferring a specific service and others using several services to meet their needs.

### Additional Feedback

In addition to sharing their plan priorities, the public had the opportunity to provide additional thoughts for the Specialized Transportation Plan. A summary of the key themes is provided below.

- **Accessibility:** Accessibility to existing fixed-route and express-route services is not adequate for riders with disabilities. Create a complete sidewalk system so fixed-route bus stops can be reached by all riders. Ensure all express routes allow for paratransit services. The fixed-route buses are loud and not friendly to riders with sensory issues, which creates accessibility issues and reduces user experience.
- **User Experience:** The current system (fixed-route, specialized and paratransit services) is difficult to navigate, is not welcoming, and can be cumbersome. Consider centralizing services into one public or private entity to increase efficiencies rather than sharing information between several providers. Equip drivers with training to be sensitive and courteous to all disabilities. Introduce an option to set up a long-term schedule with paratransit providers to reduce the need for calling and scheduling routine rides.

- **Flexibility:** The current specialized and paratransit system is not flexible when a rider books multiple rides for a day, but one cancels. Riders recommend the creation of a more flexible system, that can be adapted to riders' needs.
- **Vouchers:** A voucher system for on-demand service should be explored to increase flexibility in the services disabled riders can take.
- **Operations:** Introduce more routes for specialized and paratransit services to provide more freedom for riders. Expand paratransit service beyond the federally required  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile radius from fixed-route stations.

## Next Steps

The project team will review technical analyses and public feedback provided throughout the planning process and prioritize the proposed regional transit and specialized transportation improvements. This step will include the development of an implementation plan. The draft 2050 Regional Transit Plan and Specialized Transportation Plan will be published in the summer of 2024. Both plans will then be incorporated into the LRTP planning process in Fall 2024 and transition into the adoption process, which will include additional public engagement opportunities.

## Appendix A: Open House Promotional Materials

### Flyer

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## Advisory Committee Promotional Toolkit

### Mountain Metropolitan Transit 2050 Regional Transit Plan & Specialized Transportation Plan Help us promote the upcoming open house! – April 2024

#### Share in an e-blast or community newsletter.

##### English:

Attention transit enthusiasts! 🚌 We need your input to help shape the future of transit in Colorado Springs! Join us at the [2050 Regional Transit and Specialized Transportation Plans Open House](#).

Stop by anytime on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, between 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the City Administration Building (30 S Nevada Ave) to hear about the potential ways transit can meet growing regional needs, learn the criteria used to select promising solutions for the Regional Transit Plan and Specialized Transportation Plan, and help prioritize future solutions. Together, we can create a more connected and efficient transit system that works for everyone.

See you there! 🤝👏

##### Spanish:

¡Atención entusiastas del tránsito! 🚌 ¡Necesitamos su opinión para ayudar a dar forma al futuro del tránsito en Colorado Springs! Acompáñenos en la Jornada de Puertas Abiertas del [Plan de Tránsito Regional y el Plan de Transporte Especializado 2050](#).

Acompáñenos el martes 30 de abril de 2024, entre las 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. en el Edificio de la Administración de la Ciudad (30 S Nevada Ave) para escuchar acerca de las maneras potenciales en que el tránsito puede satisfacer las crecientes necesidades regionales, aprenda los criterios utilizados para seleccionar soluciones prometedoras para el Plan Regional de Tránsito y el Plan Especializado de Transporte, y ayudar a priorizar soluciones futuras.

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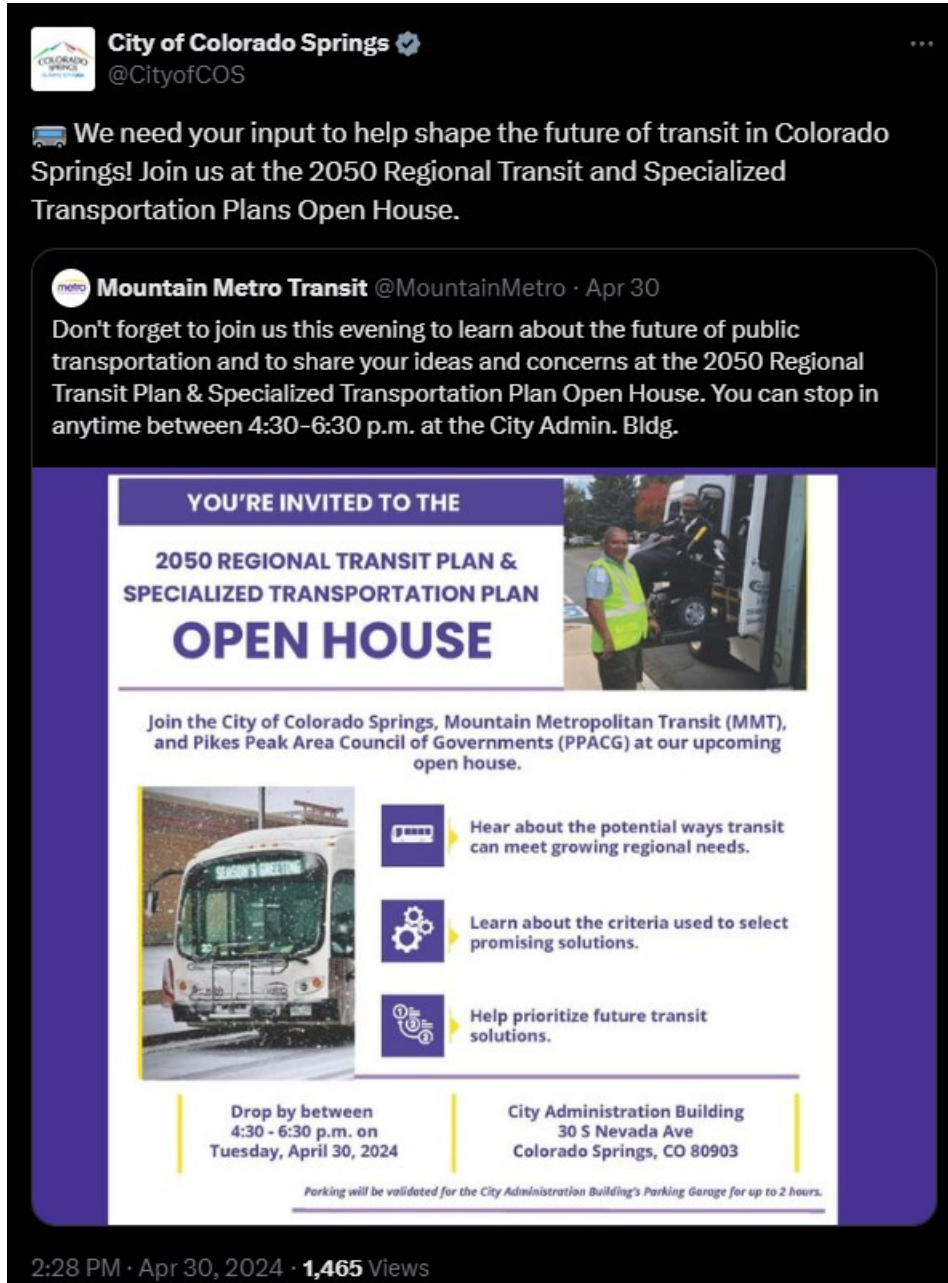
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**Mountain Metropolitan Transit**  
May 1 at 9:22 AM · 🌐

We greatly appreciate everyone who attended our open house last night to learn more about the 2050 Regional Transit Plan & Specialized Transportation Plan. We received valuable feedback and would love to hear from those who couldn't make it by taking our quick survey. The survey will be open until May 15, 2024. Thank you!  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2050transitplans>

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## Advisory Committee E-Blasts

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**Regional Transportation Plan Advisory Committee E-Blasts**

Dear Regional Transportation Plan Advisory Committee Members,

As members of the Regional Transportation Plan Advisory Committee (RTPAC), we would like to invite you to join the City of Colorado Springs, Mountain Metropolitan Transit (MMT), and Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) at an upcoming open house.

The open house will focus on the Long Range Transportation Plan’s (LRTP) [2050 Regional Transit and Specialized Transportation component plans](#).

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Hear about the potential ways specialized transportation can meet growing regional needs.



Learn about the criteria used to select promising solutions.



Help prioritize future specialized transportation solutions.



LEARN MORE



Drop by between  
12:30 - 3 p.m. on  
Tuesday, May 14, 2024

The Independence Center  
729 S. Tejon St  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

*If you have any questions, please contact Laura Crews, at [lcrews@ppacg.org](mailto:lcrews@ppacg.org) or by calling 719-471-7080, ext. 121.*

[transitinfo@coloradosprings.gov](mailto:transitinfo@coloradosprings.gov)

<http://bit.ly/2050transitplans>

## Virtual Open House Notice on the City of Colorado Springs Website

# Virtual Open House for 2050 Regional Transit Plan and Specialized Transportation Plan

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Published on May 13, 2024

Log on and join the City of Colorado Springs, Mountain Metropolitan Transit (MMT), and Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) on Friday, May 17, 2024 at noon for a virtual open house to learn about the [2050 Regional Transit Plan and Specialized Transportation Plan](#). Your input is crucial in shaping the future of transit in Colorado Springs! This is your opportunity to ask questions and provide valuable input.

**2050 Regional Transit Plan** provides guidance for Mountain Metro Transit (MMT) when considering changes in service, frequencies, new projects, and growth of the system. The 2050 Regional Transit Plan forms the strategy for the appropriate use of funds to meet the community's mobility goals.

**2050 Specialized Transportation Plan** focuses on coordination, partnerships, and resource sharing among the region's specialized transportation providers. Multiple public, nonprofit, and private organizations provide transportation options for seniors, people with disabilities, and people with limited mobility. The Specialized Transportation Transit Plan is required by the Federal Transit Administration for those agencies receiving federal funds.

MMT updates the Regional Transit Plan and Specialized Transit Plan every five years as part of Pikes Peak Area Council of Government's (PPACG) [2050 Long Range Transportation Plan](#). The [2045 Regional Transit Plan](#) was last updated in 2019 while the [Specialized Transit Plan](#) was last updated in 2020.

Join us on [Microsoft Teams](#) for the virtual open house by clicking the link at noon on Friday, May 17, 2024. [Join the meeting now](#)

[Fill out a short comment form](#) to ask questions, share your ideas, and prioritize future solutions.

Learn more: [2050 Regional Transit and Specialized Transportation Plans](#)

Contact Mountain Metropolitan Transit (MMT) for more information: [transitinfo@coloradosprings.gov](mailto:transitinfo@coloradosprings.gov).