



Pikes Peak Area
Council of Governments
Communities Working Together

Meeting Agenda
Regional Advisory Council
Thursday, October 23, 2025, 10:00 AM

In Person

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Main Conference Room
14 S. Chestnut St., Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Virtual: Microsoft Teams (Video and Audio)

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1. Call to Order / Establish a Quorum / Introductions

2. Agenda Approval

3. Consent Items

These items will be acted upon as a whole, unless they are called up for discussion by a Council member or a citizen wishing to address the Council.

A. Approval of the minutes from the September 25, 2025, meeting ✉

4. Public Comments / Presentations

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5. Action Items

6. Information Items

A. Presentations.

i. Fountain Valley Senior Center

ii. Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging Family Caregiver Support Center

B. Membership Subcommittee

C. Strategic Review Subcommittee

D. Technical Review Subcommittee

E. Area Agency on Aging Director's Report: Jody Barker, Director, Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging ☒

F. Legislative Update: Jared Verner, Public Policy and Communications Manager ☒

G. Chair Report

7. Discussion Items

8. Meeting Schedule

A. Next meeting: December 18, 2025 – 10 a.m. November and December meeting combined.

B. Executive Committee Meetings – First Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m.

C. Upcoming PPACG Meeting Schedule ☒

D. Technical Review Subcommittee tentative schedule ☒

9. Adjournment

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Roster

Regional Advisory Council

Chair: Debin Levin-Stankevich

Vice Chair / Strategic Review Subcommittee Chair: Laura Kronick

Technical Review Subcommittee Chair: Gordon Rick

Membership Chair: Maria Cordova

Thirty percent of the current voting committee membership (rounded up to the nearest whole number) shall constitute a quorum.

Citizens-At-Large

Bea Babbitt: Expires Dec. 31, 2027

Maria Cordova: Expires Dec. 31, 2026*

Rosemary Jaramillo: Expires Dec. 31, 2025*

Donald Kovelski: Expires Dec. 31, 2027

Debi Levin-Stankevich: Expires Dec. 31, 2026*

Jenn Nimmo: Expires Dec. 31, 2027

Vincent Yanik: Expires Dec. 31, 2026

Susie Walton: Expires Dec. 31, 2027

City of Fountain

Gordon Rick: Expires Dec. 31, 2026

Town of Monument:

Laura Kronick: Expires Dec. 31, 2025

Park County

Sheila Williams: Expires Dec. 31, 2027

Teller County

Clarke Becker: Expires Dec. 31, 2027

Open Member Seats

Alma

Calhan

Colorado Springs (Three positions)

Cripple Creek

El Paso County (Three positions)

Fairplay

Green Mountain Falls

Manitou Springs

Palmer Lake

Ramah

Victor

Woodland Park



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Meeting Minutes
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1. Call to Order / Establish a Quorum / Introductions.

Jody Barker called the meeting to order at 10:00. A quorum was present.

2. Agenda Approval

Laura Kronick motioned to approve, Clarke Becker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consent Items

These items will be acted upon as a whole, unless they are called up for discussion by a Council member or a citizen wishing to address the Council.

A. Approval of the minutes from the August 28, 2025, meeting ☒

Bea Babbitt motioned to approve, Gordon Rick seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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A. Presentations. October is Meet the Blind Month. Welcome agencies serving this community.

i. iSight Connections.

Jeanette Fortin, community relations coordinator, provided an overview of training it provides to people with low vision including tech skills, independence skills and mobility. She acknowledged the computer lab that was built out with the help of American Rescue Plan Act funding.

ii. New Vision

Rebecca Shields, founder and owner, gave a story on the evolution of services with New Vision from a small space downtown to having to relocate and remodel following COVID-19 and the closing of the senior center. New Vision also benefitted from the American Rescue Plan Act funding. New Vision would have had a much more difficult time without this funding and seniors who are blind and low vision would be without this needed program.

B. Membership Subcommittee.

The Independence Center and Department of Human Services are submitting names.

C. Strategic Review Subcommittee ☒

D. Technical Review Subcommittee

Members need to let Jody Barker or Melissa Marts know if they want to be on this committee. The new regulations on conflict of interest restricts members who are on boards with organizations receiving funding from participating on this committee. These members will be able to vote on the subcommittees recommendations when they are presented to the Regional Advisory Council as a whole, following disclosure of conflict of interest.

E. Area Agency on Aging Director's Report

Jody Barker, director, Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging. Funding continues to be a concern. The Four Year Plan is waiting on the program directive expected sometime after February and then this work will begin. Yellow Book has a target release date for end of October. There have been outreach events every week and weekend for the month of September. October will have a few more.

F. Legislative Update: Jared Verner, Public Policy and Communications Manager ☒

G. Chair Report.

Debi Levin-Stankevich confirmed the November/December meeting can be moved to December 18 and this will also be a holiday party for RAC members.

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**Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging (PPAAA) Conflict of Interest Statement
 Regional Advisory Council (RAC) & Technical Review Sub-committee (TRS)**

Name: _____

Please list any current positions held at local, state or national levels, business, volunteer or professional activities in which you are an owner, officer, Board member, partner, trustee, employee, or other beneficiary member. If you need additional space to list your associations, please attach a separate page.

Name of business/professional organization(s)
 with which you are associated:

Position held:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Per the Older Americans Act, Colorado Department of Human Services State Unit on Aging Policy & Procedure manual and PPAAA procedures:

Members of AAA Advisory Councils, who are also employees, board members, or serve on subcommittees of agencies that have submitted an annual funding request or contract proposals to the Area Agency on Aging shall not take part in the process of evaluating applications or proposals in the service category in which the proposal was submitted, and shall abstain from voting to approve or disapprove of the application or proposal, or any applications or proposals in the service category in which the proposal was submitted.

Any RAC member with actual or perceived Conflicts of Interest may vote with the members at a Regional Advisory Council meeting when a funding allocation is brought for consideration, after declaring the potential conflict, and receiving the affirmative vote of the council to participate.

I have read the above Conflict of Interest statement policy and have listed any possible conflicts and will adhere to the policy. I further certify I will inform the Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging staff of any change of status within 30 days of its occurrence.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Legislative Committee

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(719) 246-9533

Todd Dixon, Co-Chair

Green Mountain Falls Mayor
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Board of Directors Leadership

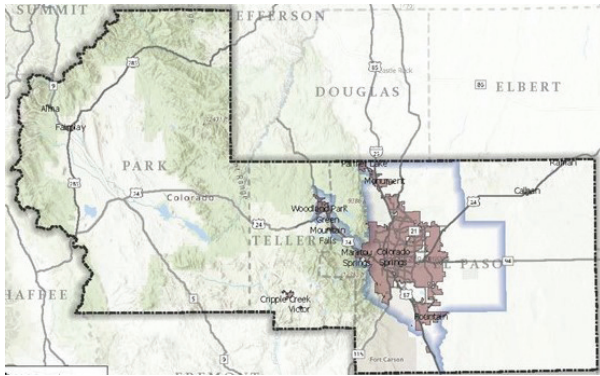
Chair: El Paso County Commissioner Holly Williams

First Vice Chair: Teller County Commissioner Erik Stone

Second Vice Chair: Colorado Springs Councilmember Brandy Williams

Secretary: Green Mountain Falls Mayor Todd Dixon

Treasurer: Woodland Park Mayor Kellie Case



The Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments is an organization of municipal and county governments serving a regional community. Formed in 1967 under Colorado law, PPACG's mission is to ensure that all communities—big and small—have a forum to:

- Discuss issues that cross their political boundaries
- Identify shared opportunities and challenges
- Develop collaborative strategies for action

PPACG serves as the regional Council of Governments, Metropolitan Planning Organization, Area Agency on Aging, Air and Water Quality Planning Agency for the Pikes Peak Region, Joint Land Use Study and administers the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority.

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Legislative Themes 2026



Member Governments

*El Paso County, Park County, Teller County
Colorado Springs, Cripple Creek, Fountain,
Manitou Springs, Victor, Woodland Park
Alma, Calhan, Fairplay, Green Mountain Falls,
Monument, Palmer Lake, Ramah*



Protect Local Control

- Opposition to any unfunded mandates.
- Opposition to any additional requirements on local governments or regional agencies.

Building a Reliable and Efficient Transportation Infrastructure System

- Advocate for financial support to offset state-level air quality requirements.
- Support for safety programs for all modes of transportation - drivers, transit riders, cyclists and pedestrians.
- Support for incentives, but opposition to requirements, on programs that reduce employee trips, vehicle miles traveled and congestion management.
- Opposition to any reduction in transportation funding, whether by formula or by penalty. Opposition to any form of state involvement on local land use decisions.
- Support equitable geographic representation on statewide rulemaking, policy or funding entities.

Protect and Enhance Services for Seniors in the Region

- Support efforts for funding to maintain services to account for population growth and inflation.
- Additional support for funding to expand services.
- Support efforts to transition the senior homestead tax exemption to a dedicated funding source.
- Support efforts that enhance transportation options for seniors and those with disabilities.

Striving for a Healthy Environment to Live and Work

- Support for financial assistance to protect responsible air and water quality in the region.
- Opposition to statewide arbitrary and unreasonable air and water quality mandates.
- Support equitable geographic representation on statewide rulemaking bodies.
- Support for financial resources for wildfire mitigation programs.
- Support for ongoing construction defect reform to encourage more entry-level, for sale properties.

Support and Protect Our Military Partners and Families

- Support legislation providing additional assistance to military veterans, families and active duty members.
- Support legislation that addresses encroachment issues around our military installations.
- Support efforts to attract and expand military operations in the region.
- Opposition to any legislation that reduces the attractiveness of Colorado as a military resource.



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Bills PPACG is supporting

Bill #	Title	Bill Summary	Sponsors	Status
H.R. 3030	Highway Formula Fairness Act PPACG Legislative Theme: Transportation	To amend title 23, United States Code, to provide for a discretionary increase in certain highway funding to take into account population growth of a State, and for other purposes.	House: Stanton (D-AZ) Gonzales (R-TX) Neguse (D-CO)	House: Assigned to House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit
H.R. 1733 S. 784	Rural Veterans Transportation to Care Act PPACG Legislative Theme: Transportation, Aging	To expand and modify the grant program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide innovative transportation options to veterans in highly rural areas, and for other purposes.	House: Marie Gluesenkamp (D-WA) Ciscomani (R-AZ) Vasquez (D-NM) Davis (D-NC) Johnson (R-SD) Joyce (R-OH) Golden (D-ME) Pettersen (D-CO) Fitzpatrick (R-PA) Harder (D-CA) Nunn (R-IA) Vindman (D-VA) Strickland (D-WA) Lofgren (D-CA) Schrier (D-WA) Barr (R-KY) Senate:	House: Assigned to Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health Senate: Committee on Veterans' Affairs Hearing on May 21

			Ossoff (D-GA) Collins (R-ME) Padilla (D-CA)	
H.R. 502	Protecting Infrastructure Investments for Rural America Act PPACG Legislative Theme: Transportation	To ensure the rural surface transportation grant program is accessible to rural areas, and for other purposes.	House: Finstad (R-MN) Golden (D-ME) Stauber (R-MN) Mann (R-KS) Fischbach (R-MN) Van Orden (R-WI) Moolenaar (R-MI) Flood (R-NE) Tiffany (R-WI)	House: Assigned to House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit
S. 2120	Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2025 PPACG Legislative Theme: Aging		Senate: Cassidy (R-LA) Sanders (I-VT) Scott (R-FL) Gillibrand (D-NY) Collins (R-ME) Kaine (D-VA) Mullin (R-OK) Markey (D-MA) Murkowski (R-AK) Luján (D-NM)	Senate: Assigned to Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and, Pensions
H.R. 4585	Agricultural and Rural Road Improvement Program Act PPACG Legislative Theme: Transportation	To amend title 23, United States Code, to establish an agricultural and rural road improvement program, and for other purposes.	House: Bost (R-IL) Riley (D-NY) Mann (R-KS) Nehls (R-TX) Hurd (R-CO) Onder (R-MO) Miller (R-IL) Feenstra (R-IA) Van Orden (R-WI) Desjarlais (R-TN) Finstad (R-MN)	House: Assigned to Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

Bills PPACG is monitoring

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H.R. 4218	CLEAR Act PPACG Legislative Theme: Air Quality	To amend the Clean Air Act to facilitate State implementation of national ambient air quality standards, and for other purposes.	House: Carter (R-GA) Griffith (R-VA) Allen (R-GA) Balderson (R-OH) Latta (R-OH) Newhouse (R-WA) Weber (R-TX) Pfluger (R-TX) Obernolte (R-CA)	House: Assigned to Committee on Energy and Commerce
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Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Meeting
October 23	10 a.m.	Regional Advisory Council
October 23	12 p.m.	Commission on Aging – Social Engagement
October 27	2 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Committee – Funding Resources Workshop
October 28	9 a.m.	Transportation Advisory Committee – Travel Demand Management Training Session
October 29	3 p.m.	Community Advisory Committee
November 3	8:30 a.m.	Legislative Committee
November 3	11 a.m.	Transportation Advisory Committee – Pre-Application Workshop
November 5	9 a.m.	Commission on Aging – Executive Committee
November 7	9 a.m.	Board of Directors Workshop
November 12	9 a.m.	Board of Directors
November 19	9 a.m.	Water Quality Management Committee
November 19	3 p.m.	Commission on Aging
November 20	8:30 a.m.	Mobility Coordinating Committee – Executive Committee
November 20	1:30 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Committee
November 20	2 p.m.	Commission on Aging – Caregiving
November 26	1 p.m.	Air Quality Working Group
November 26	3 p.m.	Community Advisory Committee
December 1	8:30 a.m.	Legislative Committee
December 2	9:30 a.m.	Mobility Coordinating Working Group
December 3	9 a.m.	Commission on Aging – Executive Committee
December 3	11 a.m.	Regional Advisory Council – Executive Committee
December 5	9 a.m.	Board of Directors Workshop
December 10	9 a.m.	Board of Directors
December 17	9 a.m.	Water Quality Management Committee
December 17	3 p.m.	Commission on Aging
December 18	10 a.m.	Regional Advisory Council
December 18	1:30 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Committee
December 18	2 p.m.	Commission on Aging – Caregiving
December 31	3 p.m.	Community Advisory Committee

Schedule as of October 20, 2025

Meetings may be added, changed or cancelled as needed. Current meeting schedule is available at ppacg.org.



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Date: October 23, 2025

To: Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Regional Advisory Council

Subject: Technical Review Subcommittee Tentative Schedule

Action Requested: information Only

Summary

The Notice of Funding Availability for Programs Serving Older Adults for the period from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028, was published on September 19, 2025. Applicants are required to attend a conference at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, and can submit questions through Friday, November 7, 2025. Submissions are due at 11:59 p.m., MST, on Friday, November 14, 2025.

The Technical Review Subcommittee will tentatively meet on the following schedule to review and make recommendations to the Regional Advisory Council:

- Second week of December: Technical Review Subcommittee meets
- January: Regional Advisory Council makes its recommendations
- February: Approval by the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Board of Directors

Background

The purpose of the Regional Advisory Council's Technical Review Subcommittee shall be to review and recommend proposals for services, funding allocations and annual budgets to the Regional Advisory Council, which will then make a recommendation to the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Board of Directors.

Strategic Plan Goals

Please select which strategic plan goals this applies to.

- ☒ Advocacy: Serve as an effective advocacy voice for common ground issues.
- ☒ Information Sharing: Serve as a significant resource for PPACG members to collect and share information with regional partners.
- ☒ Aging: Expand and extend senior access, awareness, education, and connectivity to support age-friendly communities and empower individual seniors.
- ☐ Transportation: Maintain and improve a coordinated, validated plan for transportation needs across the PPACG region.

☒ Program Excellence: Continue to excel in the key fundamental areas of PPACG: Military support, Environmental programs, Transportation, Area Agency on Aging, and regional communication, and collaboration.