



Pikes Peak Area
Council of Governments
Communities Working Together

Meeting Agenda
Regional Advisory Council
Thursday, October 22, 2026, 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)

Meeting ID: 223 954 489 923 130
Passcode: 84mY6fx6

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Phone: (929) 242-8427
Conference ID: 954 070 651

- 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, 2026 meeting ☒

- 4. Public Comments / Presentations**

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- A. Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging

- 5. Action Items**

- 6. Information Items**

- A. Presentations
- B. Jurisdiction Update to Member Governments
- C. Membership Subcommittee
- D. Strategic Review Subcommittee ☒
- E. Technical Review Subcommittee

- F. Area Agency on Aging Director's Report: Joe Urban, Interim Director, Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging
- G. Legislative Update: Jared Verner, Public Policy and Communications Manager
- H. Chair Report

7. Discussion Items

8. Meeting Schedule

- A. Next meeting: December 3, 2026 – 10 a.m.
- B. Executive Committee Meetings – First Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m.
- C. Upcoming Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Meeting Schedule 

9. Adjournment

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Roster

Regional Advisory Council

Chair: Laura Kronick
Vice Chair: Gordon Rick
Membership Chair: Don Kovaleski
Technical Review Subcommittee Chair: Debi Levin-Stankevich
Strategic Review Subcommittee Chair: Jenn Nimmo

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

Citizens-At-Large

LaQuita Allen: Expires Jan. 14, 2029
Bea Babbitt: Expires Dec. 31, 2027
Scottie Bibb: Expires Jan. 14, 2029
Donald Kovelski: Expires Dec. 31, 2027
Debi Levin-Stankevich: Expires Dec. 31, 2026*
Jenn Nimmo: Expires Dec. 31, 2027
Susie Walton: Expires Dec. 31, 2027

City of Fountain

Gordon Rick: Expires Dec. 31, 2026

Town of Monument:

Laura Kronick: Expires Dec. 31, 2028

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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Regional Advisory Council
Thursday, September 24, 2026, 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

Chair Laura Kronick called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. A quorum was present.

2. Agenda Approval

Bea Babbitt motioned to approve, Sheila Williams seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consent Items

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A. Approval of the minutes from the July 23, 2026 meeting ☑

Clarke Becker motioned to approve, Bea seconded. The motioned carried unanimously.

4. Public Comments / Presentations

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- Jason DeaBueno from Silver Key discussed the transit cut impacts and Silver Key's matching grant opportunity with the Abram and Ray Kaplan Foundation.

5. Action Items

6. Information Items

A. Presentations - October is Meet The Blind Month

i. iSight Connections ☒

Josie Shea presented. iSight hosted the first Vision Expo with 17 exhibitors and 75 attendees at Library 21C. It has increased its efforts around social connecting with an audio book club and recreation outings. It is exploring remote training opportunities to better serve rural areas. The State Health Insurance Program services have put the Medicare and You book into braille.

B. Jurisdiction Update to Member Governments.

No update.

C. Membership Subcommittee.

A member of the low vision community is in attendance at today's meeting and may be interested in joining.

D. Strategic Review Subcommittee ☒

Jen Nimmo gave the overview of the Four Year Plan and annual survey results. Falling is the number one concern, with not knowing what services are available is number two. Discussions at the Community Conversations had seniors listing transportation as number one and providers noting the need for in-home services.

E. Technical Review Subcommittee.

Debi Levin-Stankevich reminded the Council that the subcommittee will convene after January to work on policies. Her membership term expires in January so a new Chair will be appointed for this subcommittee.

F. Area Agency on Aging Director's Report: Joe Urban, Interim Director, Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging

Joe Urban thanked Clarke Becker, Laura Kronick, Gordon Rick and others for their consistent and professional support of the Four Year Plan Community Conversations. The Yellow Book has ads closing October 2 and going to print thereafter. Open Enrollment begins October 15.

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

The state budget is tracking revenue up by 9.5%, Senior Homestead Exemption remains in place. There are 14 state-wide ballot initiatives. The Blue Book is available online. Congressman Crank committed to support the Older Americans Act. There will be other federal bills presented after the November elections.

H. Chair Report.

Chair Laura Kronick acknowledged the work of so many Regional Advisory Council members and providers that helped make the Community Conversations go so well. She also recognized the data presented by Jen with the Strategic Review Subcommittee and how that will influence the Four Year Plan.

7. Discussion Items

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Adjourned 10:57 p.m.

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Date: October 22, 2026

To: Regional Advisory Council

From: Strategic Review Subcommittee

Through: Joe Urban, Interim Director

Subject: Area Agency on Aging Four Year Plan Update

Action Requested: Discussion

Summary

The Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging is working on the Four Year Plan update for 2027-2031. It is due to the State Unit on Aging March 1, 2027. The Strategic Review Subcommittee, through the Regional Advisory Council, coordinates the Four Year Plan process with staff. It meets monthly and go bi-monthly beginning in September.

The Four Year Plan consists of public input through six Community Conversations, population data, service updates, quality assurance and provider evaluation processes, goals and objectives for the four year period 2027-2031.

Following the Community Conversations and the findings from the State Annual Survey, we have identified the core areas of need below. Housing and caregiving continue to be high need areas as well as those below and El Paso county has the highest incident of diabetes and pre-diabetes in the state yet we have no evidence-based Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging programs to educate in this area and no seniors surveyed reported this as a concern or desired need.

Areas of Need

1. Falling: Fear of falling is the number one concern from both the Community Conversation polls and the much larger annual agency survey (859 surveys from clients receiving Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging services). Addressing this fear can be done through a variety of measures that Older Americans Act funding can support (very minimal) as well as businesses. Currently, the Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging funds Moving for Better Balance through the YMCA and collaborates when possible with UCHHealth and Commonspirit. What are additional opportunities that can be considered to support seniors?

2. Legal Services: See Summary of Nine Legal Assistance Priority Areas. Candisse Johnnie with Colorado Department of Human Services shared further the case breakdowns for 2025:

- a. Housing: 602 cases
- b. Income: 592 cases
- c. Guardianship: 518 cases
- d. Long Term Care: 202 cases

Colorado Legal Services reports with these statistics they will need to continue with housing supports, however, they are identifying ways to do more wills and estate planning, power of attorney, and guardianship representation. This could be a collaborative effort with the Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging and others.

3. Congregate Meals: Silver Key has been the primary and now sole provider for congregate meals, and only El Paso County has been able to access this funding. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, unduplicated clients were 2,094. In 2025, the number was 1,109. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, there were 26 meal sites, in 2025 there were 14 sites. In Teller County the senior center in Woodland Park and Community of Caring in Cripple Creek serve lunches, these are not funded by the Older Americans Act. What do seniors want and need? Congregate meals were only ranked as a high need by clients who were getting congregate meals and even then, they ranked their meal below material aid (dental and vision) as the number one need. Are grab-n-go meals increasing in need? We can, with a waiver, move up to 25% of congregate meal funds to grab-n-go meals.
4. Transit: Transportation is the number one requested service. The City of Fountain and Mountain Metro are developing pilot programs for micro-transit that can be of assistance to seniors who are still mobile. This would still require seniors to get to a bus stop, however, service would take them to their destination. They would need to be able to utilize an app. Coordination of services is now even more critical as we look to the re-publishing of the Getting Around guide.
5. Home Supports: In home supports were a number two concern for Community Conversation attendees, providers and the seniors answering the state survey. Currently homemaker and chore voucher services are provided in Teller and Park County. El Paso County is contracted with home health agencies to do only homemaker and Brothers Redevelopment for grab bars, ramps, CAPABLE. The Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging and Silver Key are developing volunteer opportunities and professional partnerships for chore services. There is limited funding, however, we could move more funding into this category of services.

Attachments

- 1) Summary of Legal Assistance Case Types and Examples
- 2) Fountain Micro-Transit

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.



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Summary LA Case Types and Examples

Case Priority Category	Core Focus Area	Common Specific Examples
Income	Financial security & public benefits	Social Security/SSI overpayments, pension disputes, unemployment appeals.
Health Care	Access to health coverage & medical care	Medicaid/Medicare eligibility denials, Medigap disputes, VA benefit claims.
Long-Term Care	Institutional & community care rights	Facility eviction defense, resident rights, HCBS waiver hour reductions.
Housing	Shelter preservation & tenant protection	Eviction defense, lease disputes, habitability issues, foreclosure defense.
Defense of Guardianship	Preserving autonomy & legal rights	Opposing full guardianship, establishing Supported Decision-Making (SDM).
Abuse & Exploitation	Civil protection & asset recovery	Civil Protection Orders, financial recovery from theft/scams, POA abuse relief.



Case Priority Category	Core Focus Area	Common Specific Examples
Utilities	Essential home utility services	Preventing shutoffs, utility billing disputes, medical accommodations.
Nutrition	Food security programs	SNAP allotment appeals, benefit restoration, overpayment defense.
Age Discrimination	Civil rights protections	Workplace age discrimination, age-based housing or public access denial.
Consumer / Misc.	Consumer protection & family support	Medical debt garnishment defense, scam remediation, grandparent legal rights.



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Service

Weekday

START	END
06:00	20:00

Saturday

START	END

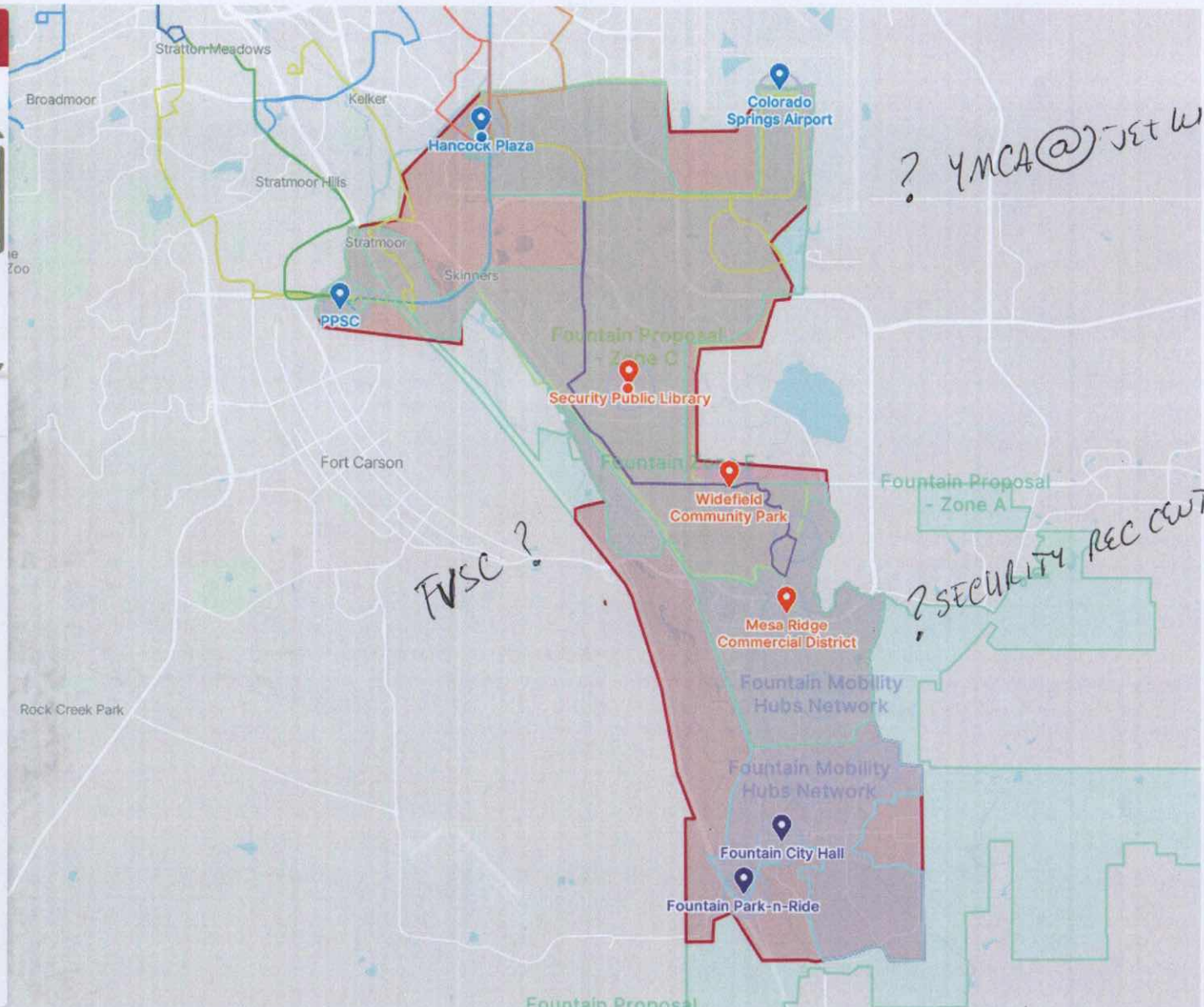
SERVICE STATS

- ~4 vehicles at peak
- 1.9 rides / vehicle hour
- 25.4 square miles
- 5.5 mi average trip distance
- \$1.89M annual cost
- 18,928 vehicle hours / year
- 35,412 rides / year

COVERAGE STATS

- ~68,300 population
- ~16,200 jobs (work)
- ~48% % of people who are non-White or of Hispanic / Latino origin
- ~3% % of households that are car free
- ~14% % of people living with a disability
- ~28,900 jobs (home)
- ~19% % of people within 150% of the poverty threshold
- ~10% % of people who are 65+
- ~28% % of people who are 17-
- ~22,100 households

~~2% of seniors~~



CAN WE GET FUNDING FROM AAA? GET REPORTING REQ ~~ED~~ FROM TVSC? HOW MANY #? START 2028.
SPEC'S FOR SIGN



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Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Meeting
October 22	10 a.m.	Regional Advisory Council
October 29	3 p.m.	Community Advisory Committee
November 4	9 a.m.	Commission on Aging – Executive Committee
November 4	11 a.m.	Regional Advisory Council – Executive Committee
November 6	9 a.m.	Board of Directors Workshop
November 13	9 a.m.	Board of Directors
November 13	10 a.m.	Regional Advisory Council – Strategic Review Subcommittee
November 18	3 p.m.	Commission on Aging
November 19	1:30 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Committee
November 20	3 p.m.	Community Advisory Committee
November 25	9 a.m.	Water Quality Management Committee
November 25	1 p.m.	Air Quality Work Group
December 1	9:30 a.m.	Mobility Coordinating Work Group
December 2	9 a.m.	Commission on Aging – Executive Committee
December 3	10 a.m.	Regional Advisory Council
December 4	9 a.m.	Board of Directors Workshop
December 9	9 a.m.	Board of Directors
December 11	10 a.m.	Regional Advisory Council – Strategic Review Subcommittee
December 16	9 a.m.	Water Quality Management Committee
December 16	3 p.m.	Commission on Aging
December 17	1:30 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Committee
December 30	3 p.m.	Community Advisory Committee

Schedule as of October 20, 2026

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