



# Envisioning the future of the Denver region

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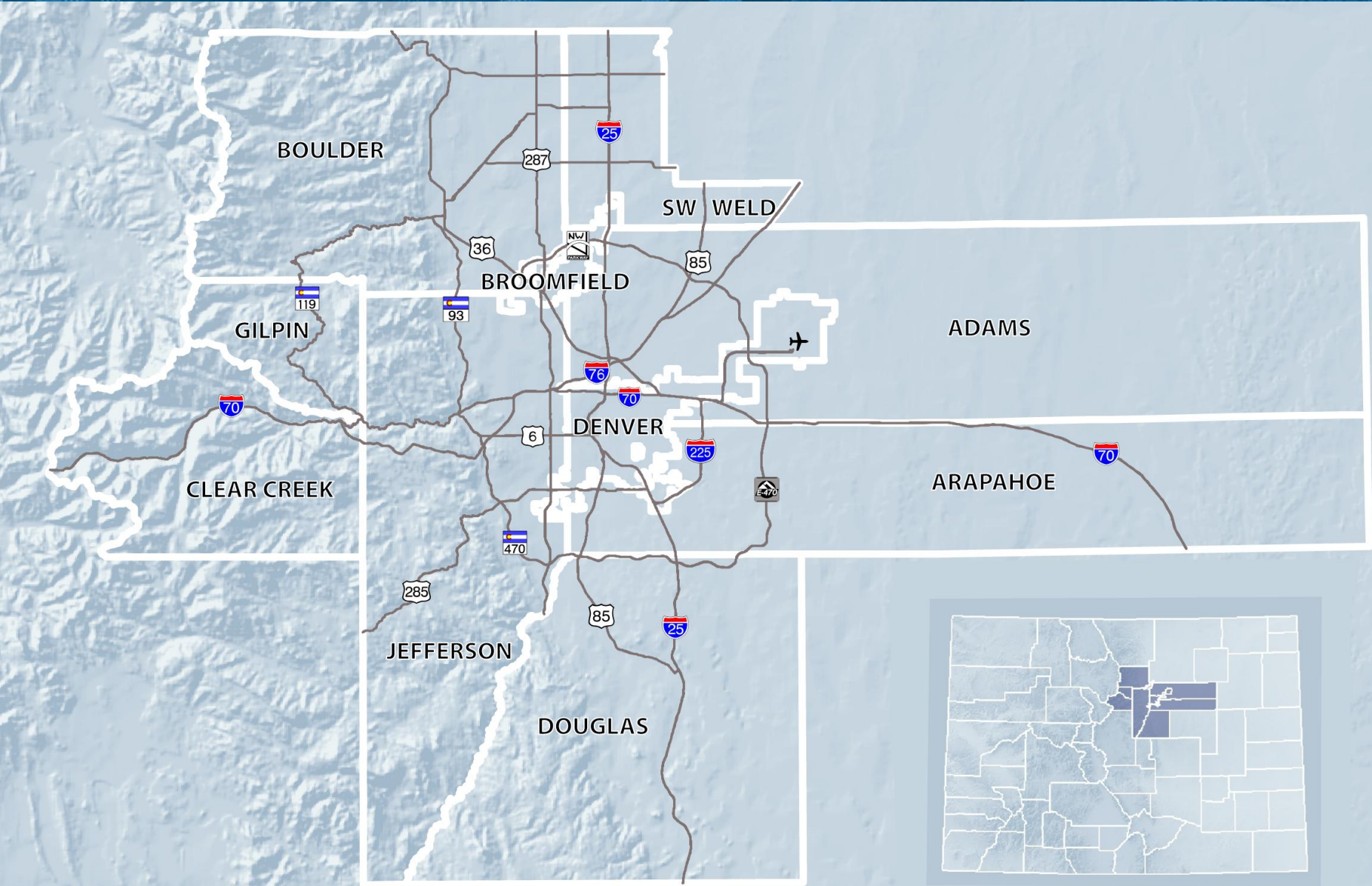
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# Who is DRCOG?









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# Supporting regionalism

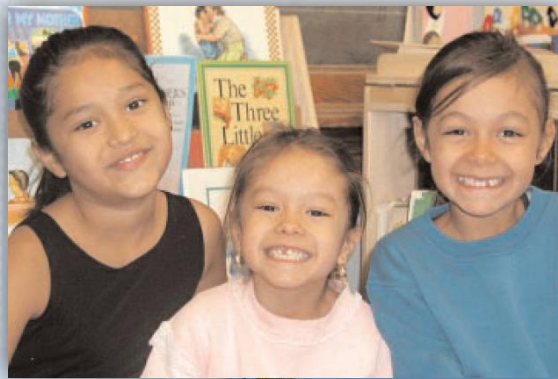
## Mission statement

- DRCOG is local officials working together to address the region's challenges for today and tomorrow.



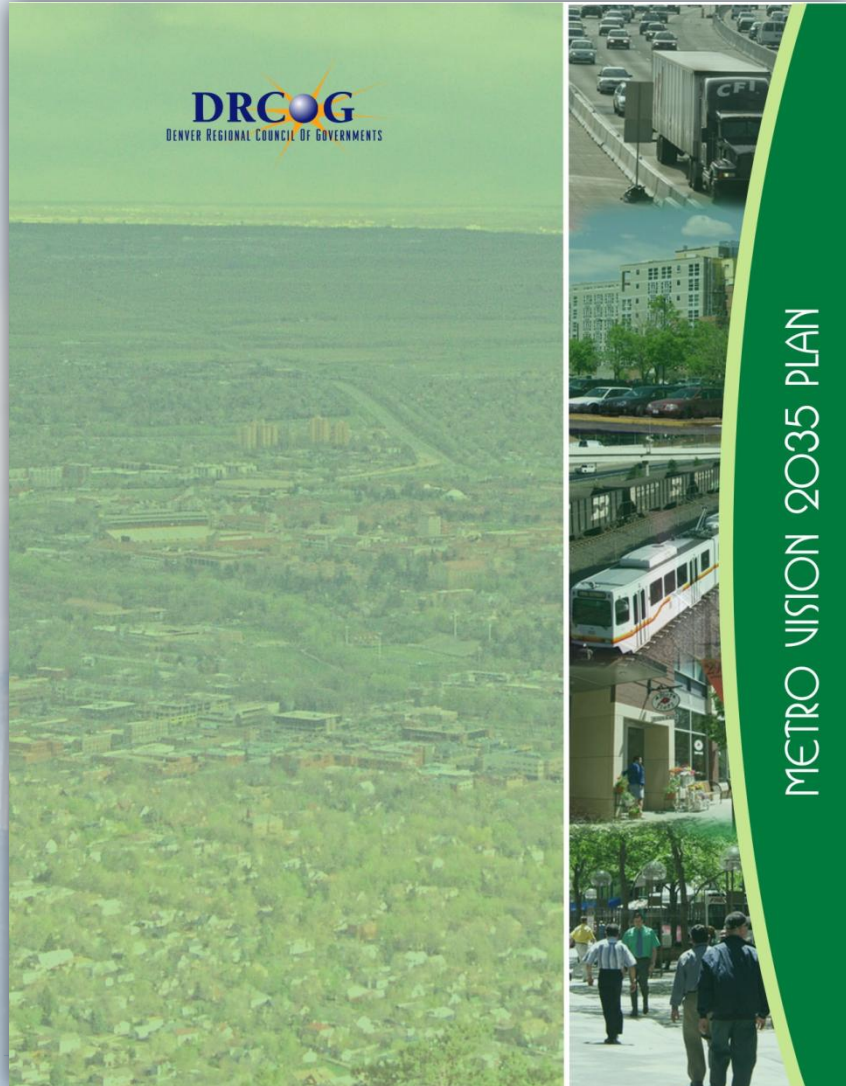
# What is Metro Vision?

Goal: Protect the quality of life that makes our region such an attractive place to live, work, play and raise a family

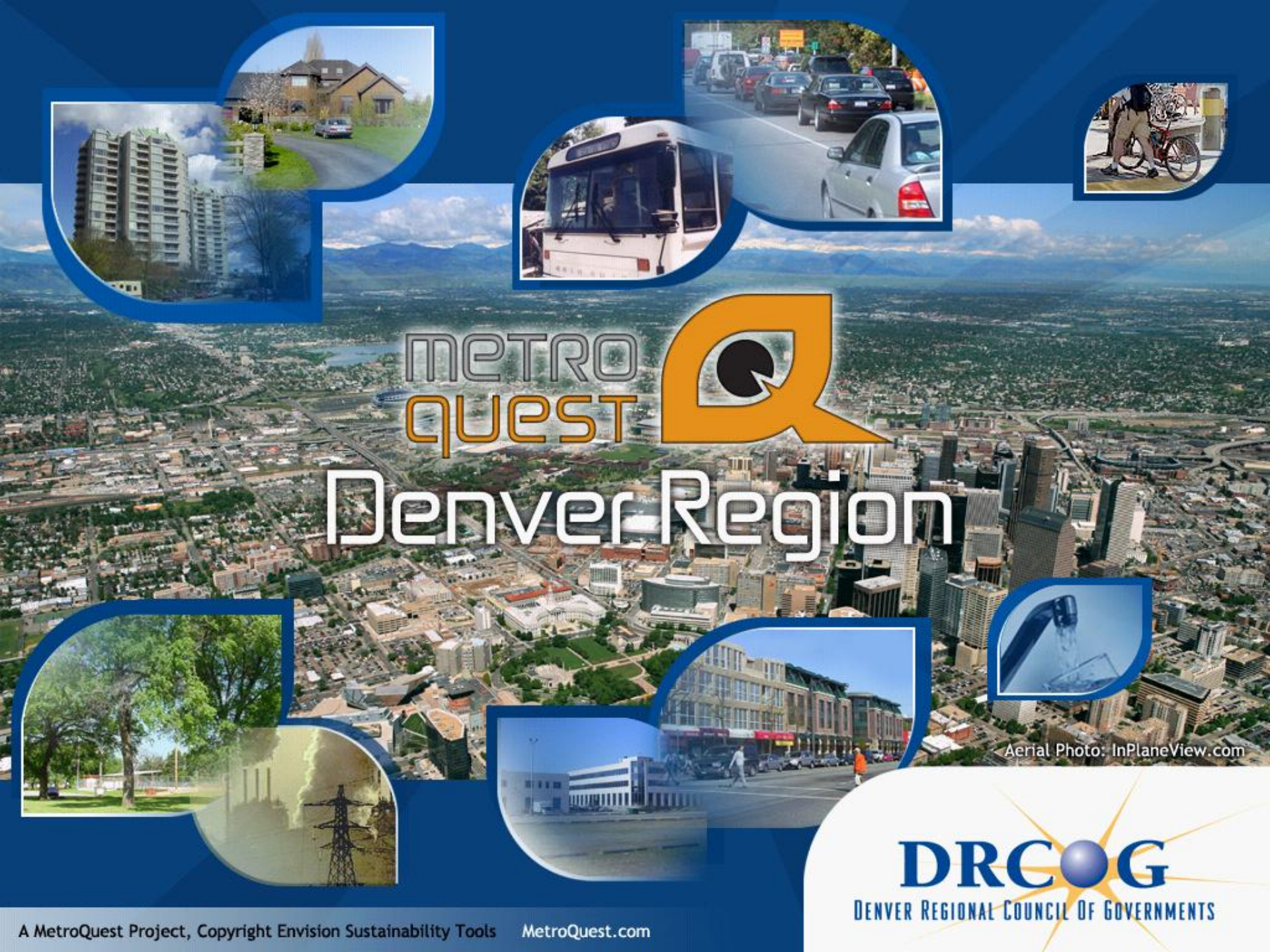




# Three key elements



- Growth & Development
- Environment
- Transportation
  
- Plus chapter on implementation

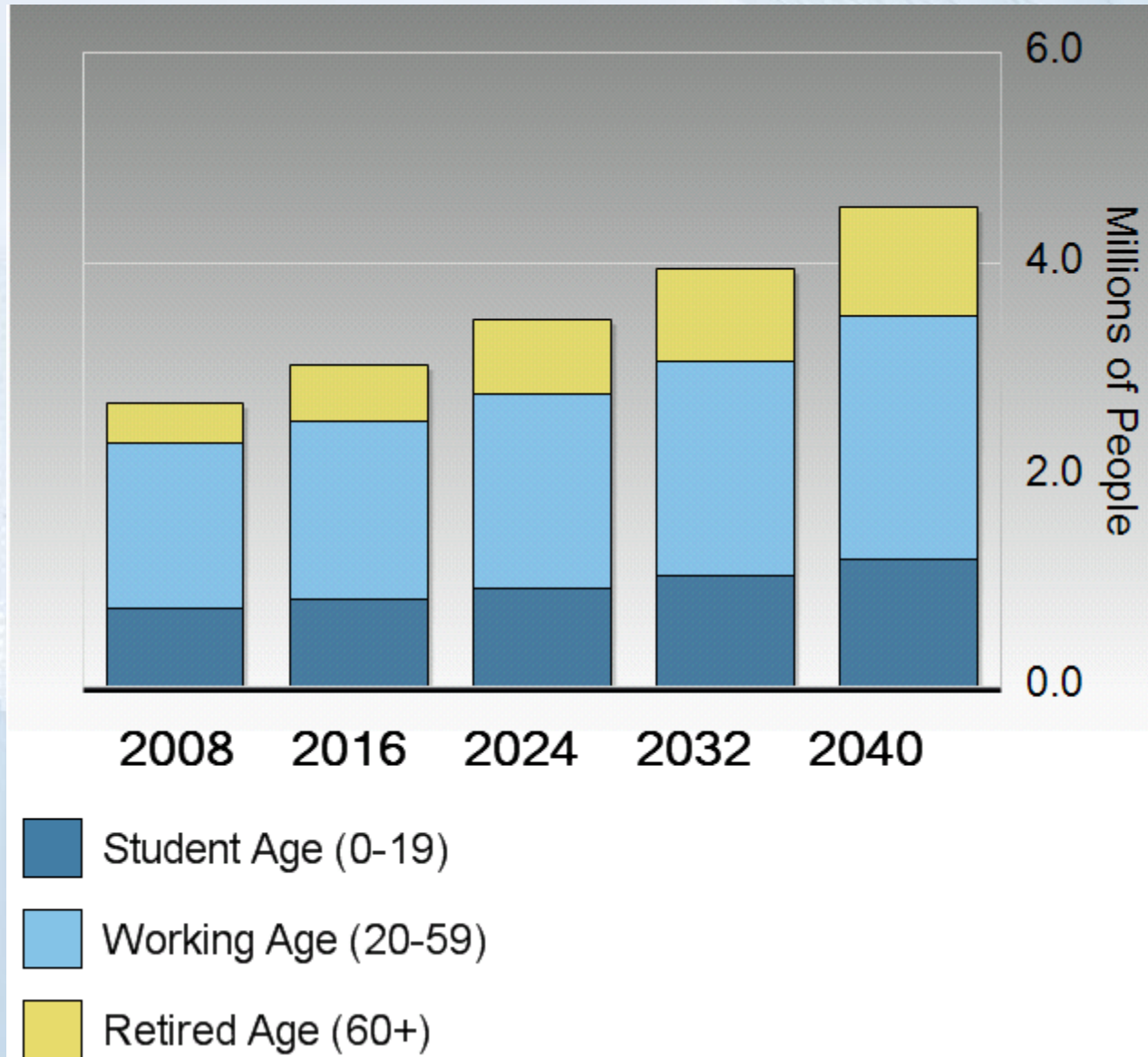


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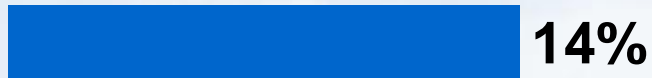
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# Challenges: Population Growth



# How old are you?

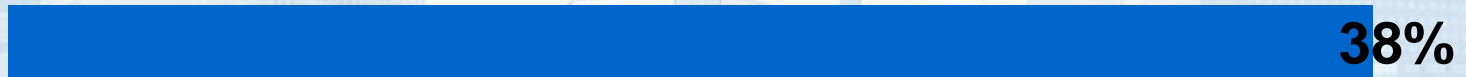
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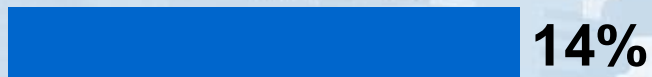
2. 30 to 45



3. 45 to 60



4. Better than 60





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## What types of NEW development will we encourage?

Development Mix

Development Location

Road Network

Transit System

Urban Form Policy

Environmental Policy

**Favor low density**

New development will favor detached homes with large yards, business parks and malls.



**Maintain current mix \***

Include homes with yards, business parks, malls, with some compact residential and commercial buildings.



**More compact growth**

Favor smaller homes, condos, compact offices and stores, with some larger homes, business parks and malls.

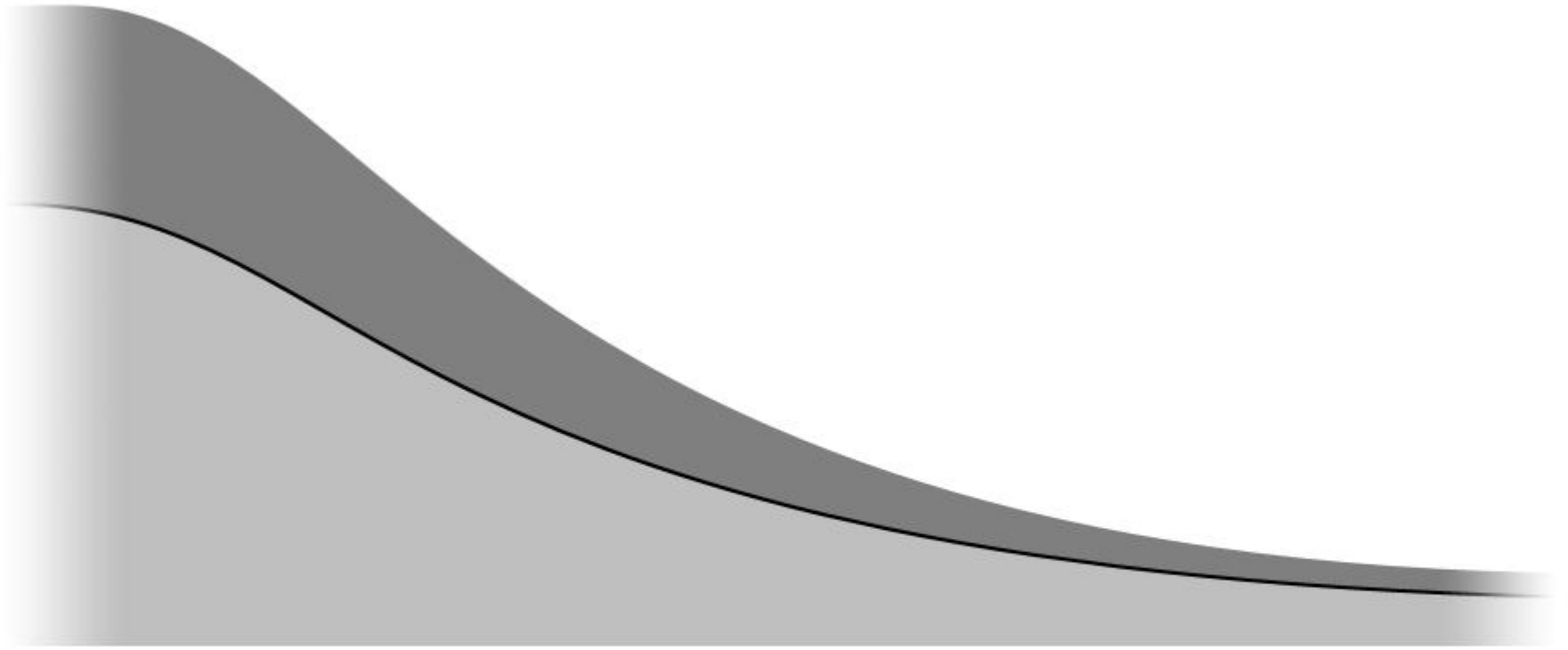


**Mostly compact growth**

New development will mostly be smaller detached homes, row houses, condos and multi-storey commercial buildings.



# Development Mix : Favor low density

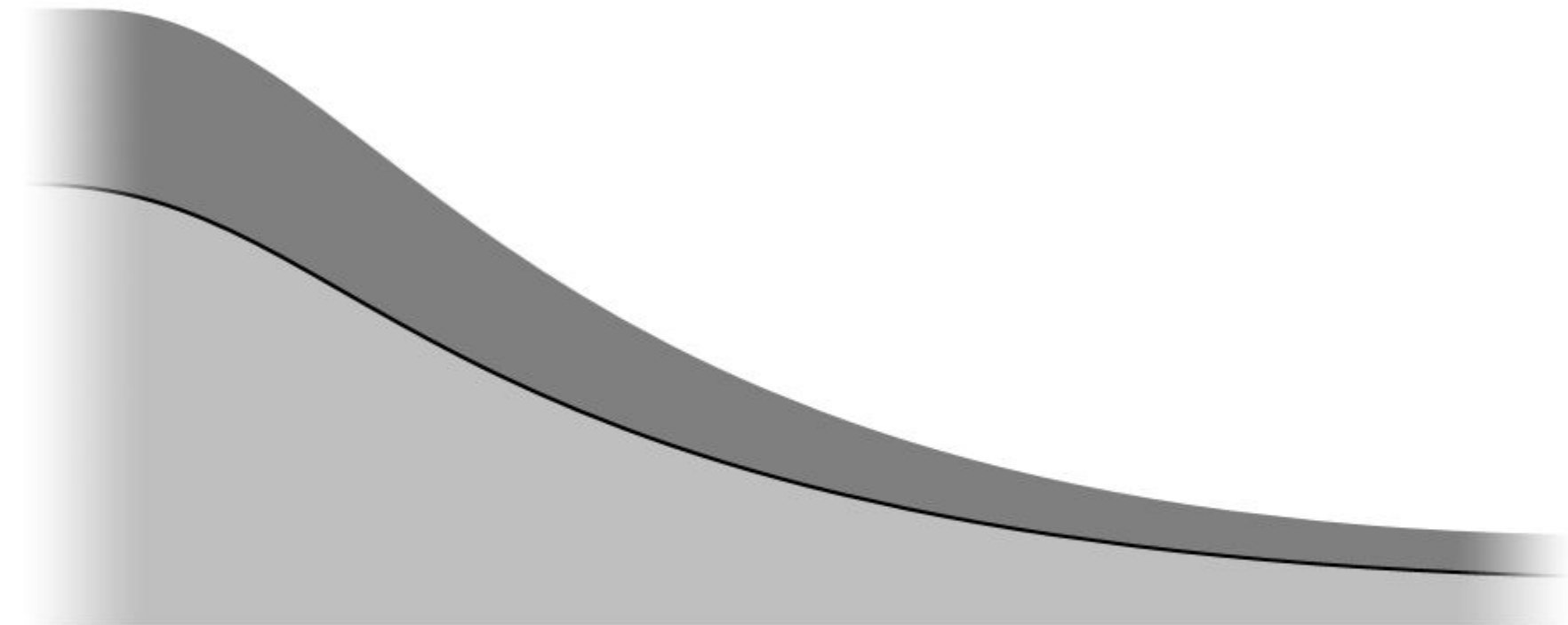


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# Development Mix : Maintain current mix



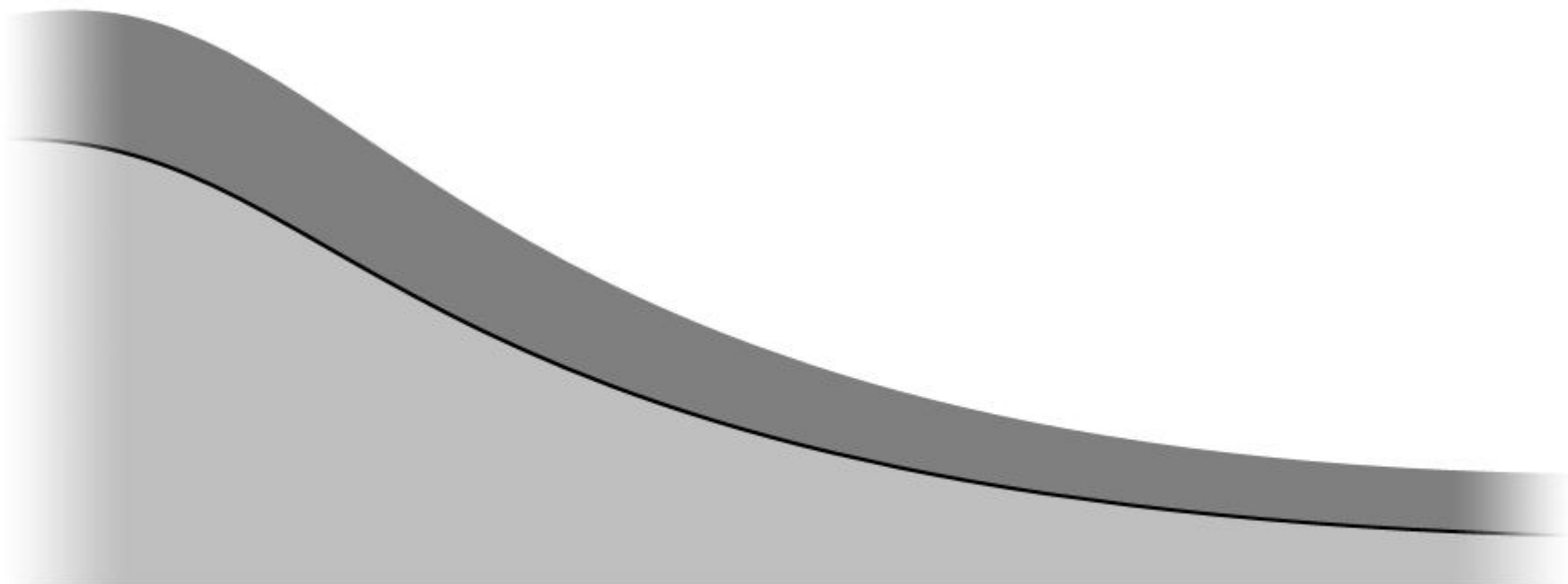
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# Development Mix : More compact growth

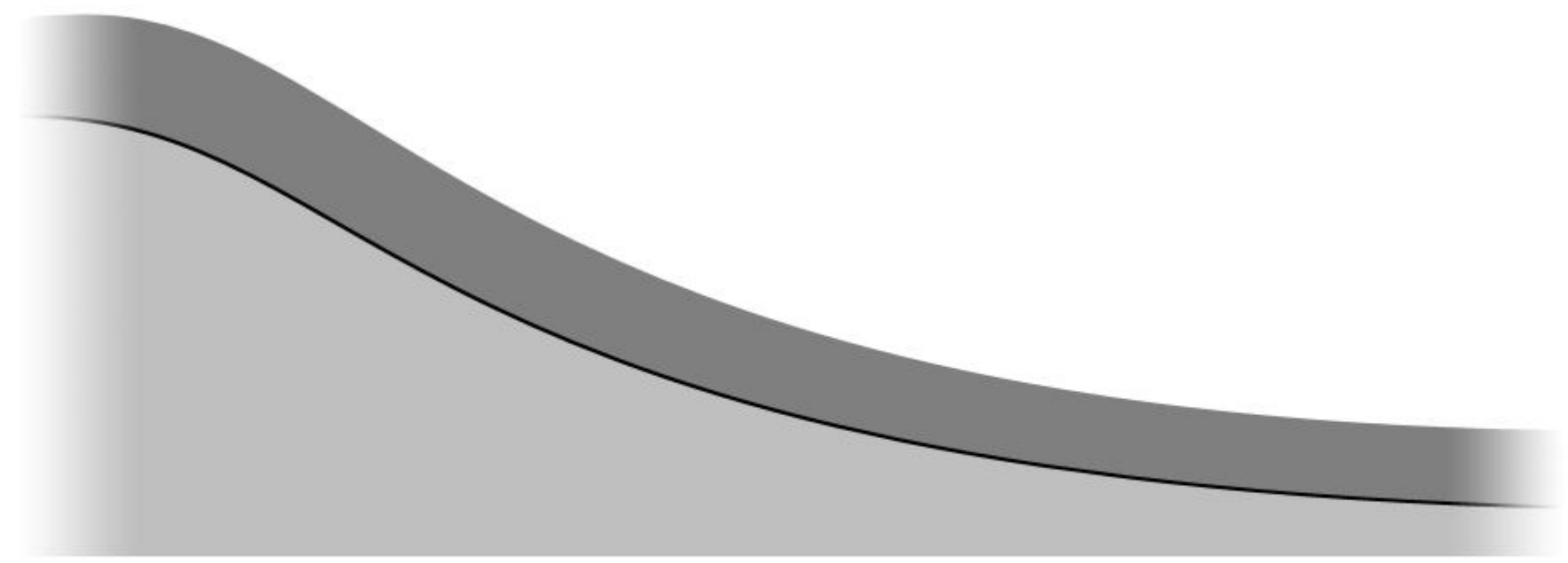


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# Development Mix : Mostly compact growth



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### What types of NEW development will we encourage?

- Development Mix
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Favor low density

0%



Maintain current mix \*

23%



More compact growth

46%



Mostly compact growth

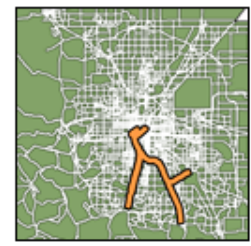
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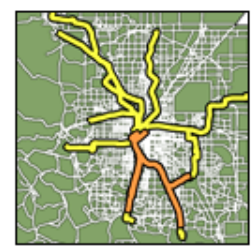
## How will we focus investment in our region's transit system?

- Development Mix
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**Maintain existing system \***  
Maintain the Central, Southwest and Southeast light rail lines and existing bus service.



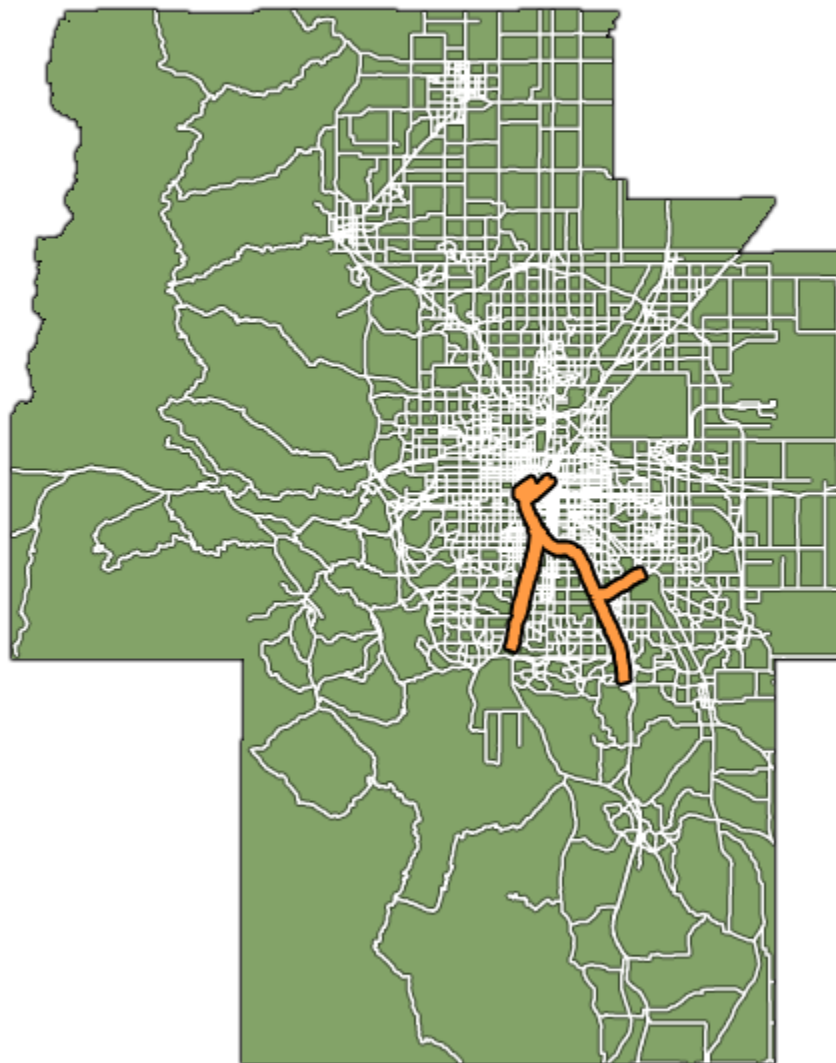
**Moderately expand system**  
Invest in additional transit lines that connect suburban communities to downtown.



**Significantly expand system**  
Invest in additional transit lines that connect suburban communities to downtown, each other, and destinations outside the region.

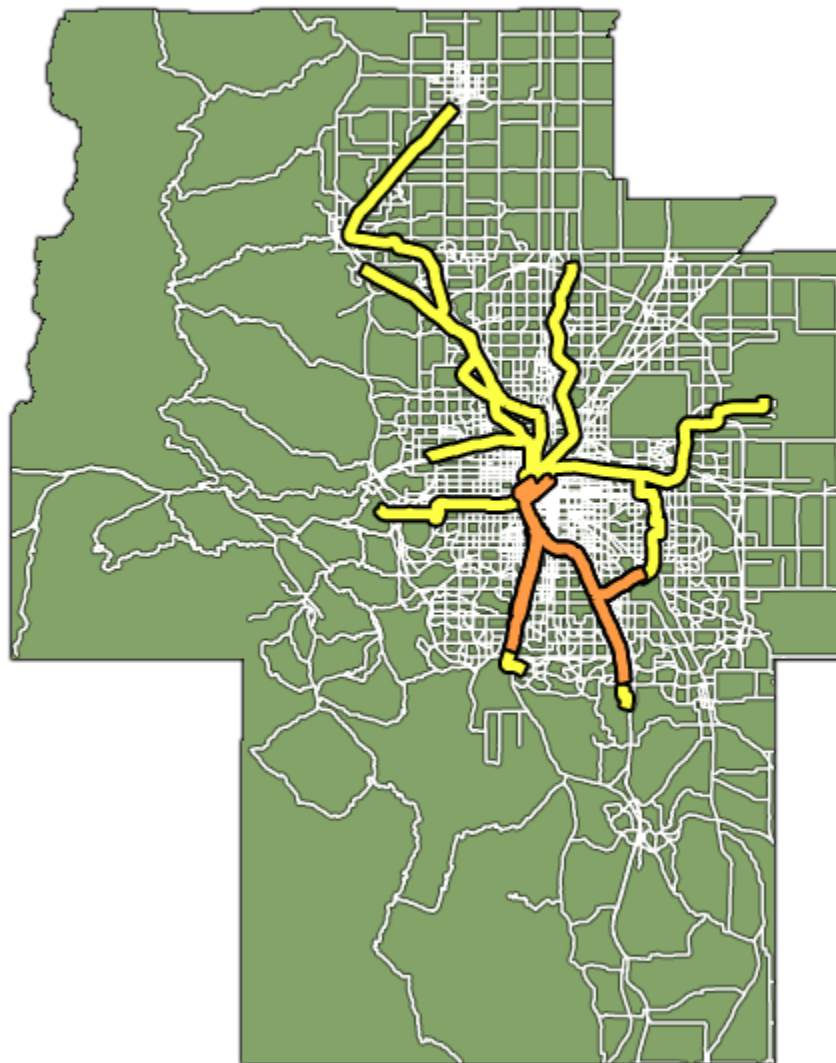


# Transit System : Maintain existing system



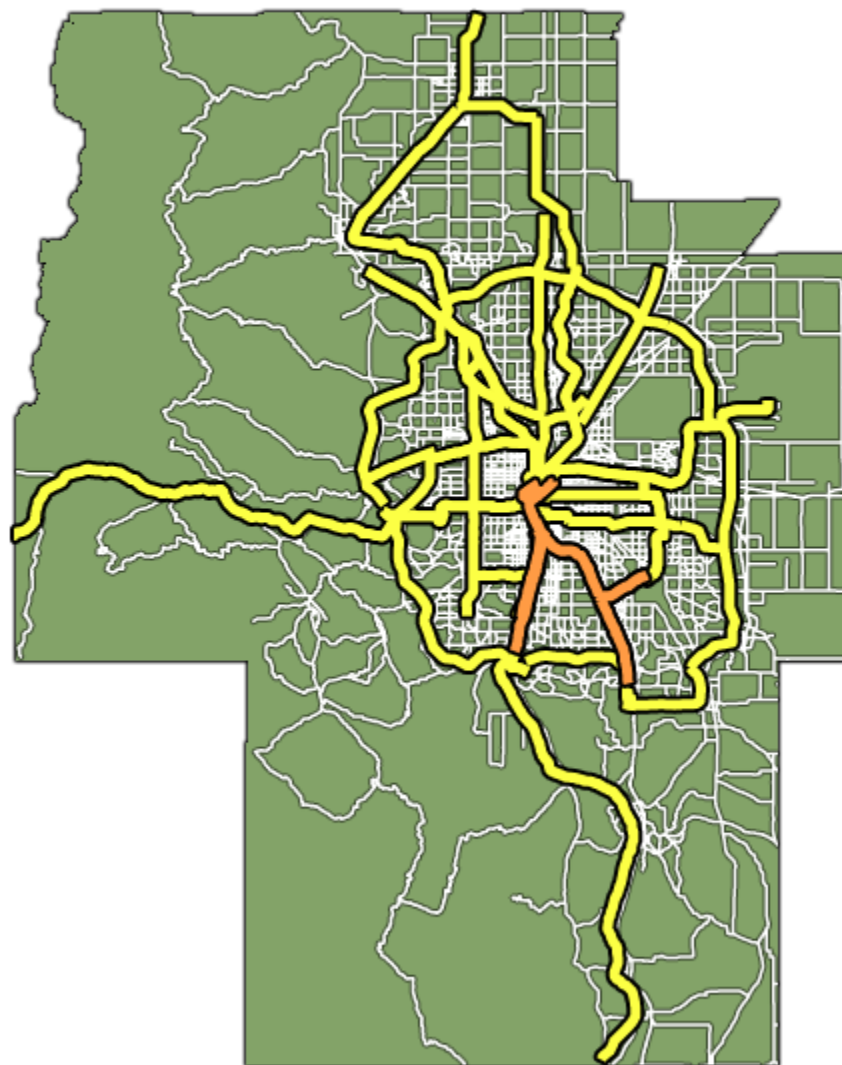
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- Rapid Transit Improvements

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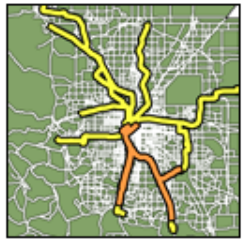
**Maintain existing system \***

0%



**Moderately expand system**

46%



**Significantly expand system**

54%







### How much will the built environment encourage transit use, walking and bicycling?

Development Mix

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#### Favor drivers

Favor driving alone over transit use, walking and bicycling.



#### Maintain current mix \*

Support driving alone and some transit use, walking and bicycling.



#### Support alternatives

Make transit use, walking and bicycling as convenient as driving alone.



#### Strongly favor alternatives

Heavily favor transit use, walking and bicycling at the expense of driving alone.



# Urban Form Policy : Favor drivers



Image: Urban Advantage

# Urban Form Policy : Maintain current mix



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Favor drivers

0%



Maintain current mix \*

4%



Support alternatives

38%



Strongly favor alternatives

58%



## Development Mix

- Favor low density
- Maintain current mix \*
- More compact growth
- Mostly compact growth

## Development Location

- Unfocused \*
- Central city focused
- Multiple centers
- Corridor focused

## Road Network

- Maintain existing network \*
- Moderate network upgrade
- Significant network upgrade

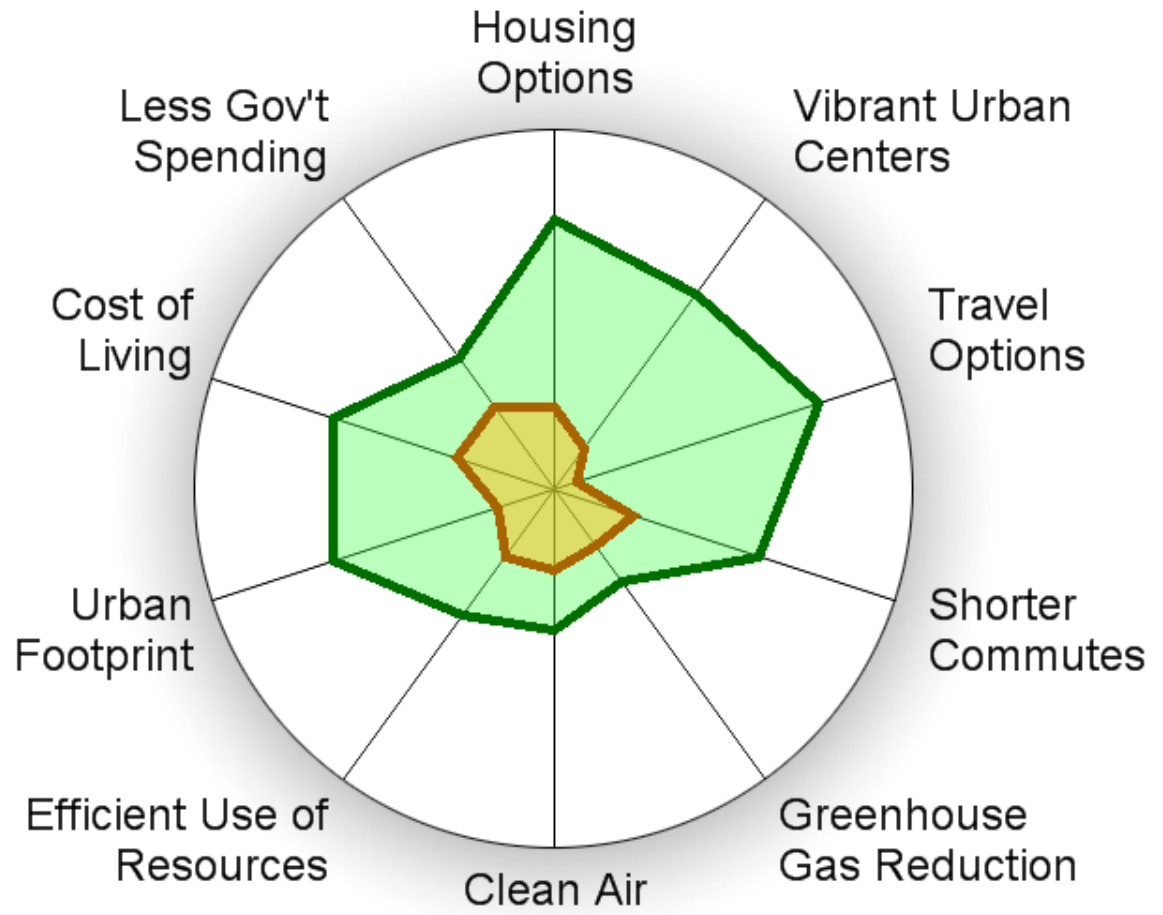
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## Urban Form Policy Environmental Policy

# Scenario Summary

By Key Indicator





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