



Pikes Peak Area
Council of Governments
Communities Working Together

PPACG

Member Outreach Presentation

Colorado Springs

January 10, 2022

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments



4,918
square miles



16 member
governments



5 military
installations

The Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) is a regional organization of municipal and county governments serving the Pikes Peak region through coordination and cooperation. We are communities working together to enrich the quality of life for the citizens of our region.

PPACG Members

El Paso County | Park County | Teller County

- Alma
- Calhan
- Colorado Springs
- Cripple Creek
- Fairplay
- Fountain
- Green Mountain Falls

- Manitou
- Monument
- Palmer Lake
- Ramah
- Victor
- Woodland Park



MEMBER GOVERNMENTS

Counties

- El Paso County
- Park County
- Teller County



Cities

- Colorado Springs
- Cripple Creek
- Fountain
- Manitou Springs
- Victor
- Woodland Park

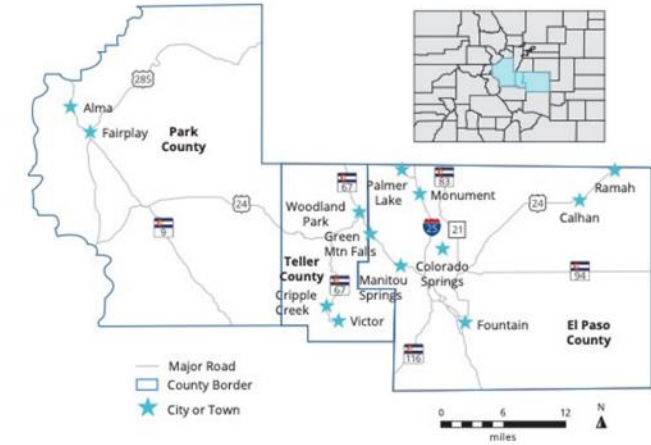


Towns

- Alma
- Calhan
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- Green Mtn. Falls
- Monument
- Palmer Lake
- Ramah



STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS



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.

Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging

The mission of the Area Agency on Aging is to help older adults by providing services and supports that enable them to remain as independent as possible in their homes and communities.



The Area Agency on Aging in Colorado Springs

Senior Insurance Information and Assistance

- Counseling and information on Medicare through the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP).

Family Caregiver Support Center

- Counseling, education and support groups for caregivers of older adults.

Ombudsman

- Support and assistance dealing with issues regarding long term care facilities.

Information and Assistance

- The Yellow Book provides information on resources available throughout El Paso, Park and Teller Counties.
- Adult Medicaid and Veterans Guidebook.
- Classes on Medicare, Social Security, Retirement and more.

Advocacy

- Pursuing additional funding for services for older adults.
- Partnering with state and federal organizations to support programs and services.

2022 Priorities

Area Agency on Aging

Pandemic Support/Funding
Senior Affordable Housing
Mobility Coordination



2021 Caregiver Pampering Day attendees at Newman University

Environmental Quality and Planning



PPACG serves as the lead air quality planning agency for Colorado Springs metro area and the lead water quality planning agency for El Paso, Park, and Teller counties.

2022 Priorities

Environmental Planning

Air quality

Pursue ozone advance strategies to keep the region in attainment with ozone standards, and explore grant opportunities to assist with wildfire mitigation

Water quality

Conduct outreach, education and awareness around water quality issues, and begin watershed planning research



2019 Creek Week Clean up crew from PPACG

Military Planning Program



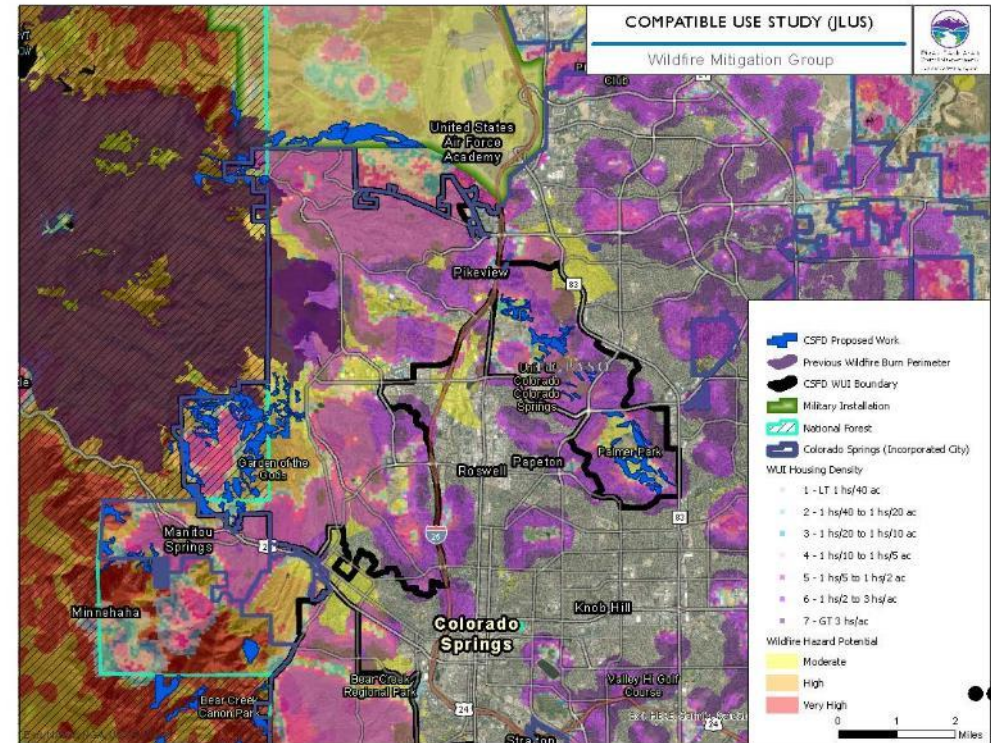
The Military Planning Program completed a Joint Land Use Study to consider how to plan for a future that ensures successful growth, economic health, and continued military operations between our five military installations and local communities and is engaged in implementation of the studies recommendations.

2022 Priorities

Military Planning Program

Continue coordinating regarding wildfire mitigation needs and grant funding opportunities to fund mitigation around military installations

Coordinate with the City, County, Peterson Space Force Base and other partners to generate a design plan for safe access through the Peterson North Gate



Transportation Planning

Providing coordinated input into the planning and implementation of federal funds for transportation within the Colorado Springs Urban Area MPO.



Transportation Planning

Current Activities

- New TIP Adopted FY23-27
- Updating the region's Long Range Transportation Plan to 2050
- Determining compliance with State's Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions requirements
- Drive Smart Colorado Transportation Safety Program
- Federal Infrastructure Bill Collaboration



Transportation Projects in Colorado Springs

FY2021-2024 (TIP)

Shooks Run at Uintah Signalized Trail Crossing

Platte Avenue Bridge Replacement

Shooks Run Trail Improvements

Hancock Expressway - Academy Boulevard Multimodal Improvements
Phase 1

Pikes Peak Greenway Improvements

Cheyenne Canon Road Bridge Replacements

31st St. and Pikes Peak Crossing Improvement Project

Rock Island Trail Construction. Sand Creek Trail to Constitution Avenue

School Safety Mobile Education Program

Pike Ride Expansion

Hancock Sidewalk - Sand Creek Trail To Academy Blvd.

Paseo Road Bridge Replacement

31st Street and Fontanero Bridge Reconstruction

Bus Stop ADA Compliance

MMT Route 6

Colorado Springs Signalized Crossings at Rock Island Trail and Murray Blvd., Shooks Run at Uintah St., and Dublin Park Trail at Dublin Blvd.

Sand Creek Trail: Palmer Park Boulevard to Constitution Avenue

Dublin Park Trail at Dublin Blvd Signalized Trail Crossing

Academy Boulevard Reconstruction: Airport Road to Academy Loop

30th Street Roadway & Safety Improvements

MMT Route 1 & 7, Pedestrian/Transit Accessibility and Bicycle Lanes

MMT Route 12, Phase 3 Enhancements

Enterprise Asset Management (EAM) System Implementation

MMT Transit Planning Studies

MMT Route 8, Pedestrian/Transit Accessibility Improvements

Alternative Transit Services Implementation

Administration

Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority

PPACG administers the PPRTA, the voter-approved transportation funding for El Paso County, City of Colorado Springs, City of Manitou Springs, Town of Green Mountain Falls, Town of Ramah and Town of Calhan.



Legislative Advocacy

Overarching Themes

- Support local control.
- Oppose unfunded mandates to local governments.
- Support legislation related to addressing redundant or unnecessary Regulation.

2022 Legislative Themes

Support Pandemic Recovery

Protect and Enhance Services for Seniors in the Region

Protect and Enhance Transportation Throughout the Region

Support Air and Water Quality

Support and Protect Our Military Partners

Support Improvements to the Regional Quality of Life

2022 Legislative Initiatives

Affordable Senior Housing

Wildfire Mitigation Funding

Funding for GHG Rule Implementation

2022 Priorities

Enhance our legislative advocacy with our state and federal delegation, particularly with the federal transportation funding equity issue for Colorado

Convene a Regional Forum/Assembly with other partners with a focus on how to achieve our vision for the region

Engage proactively with our regional partners along the Front Range Mega-Region for stronger collaboration around addressing our challenges and identifying needs

Engage with city/town/county managers, especially on collaboration and training opportunities

Engage with city/town/county planners to coordinate around growth-related issues, forecasts and needs

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Thank You
