
MACC Meeting Summary 10/17/25

Key Takeaways:

There was a robust discussion about the priorities and by majority, it was decided to focus on Regional Emergency preparedness as the #1 priority for the 2025-26 MACC year. #2/#3 (tied): Construction Defects & Cold Weather Coordination. Commitment to remain nimble to address emerging issues.

State Budget Outlook

- The legislature faces a \$300M shortfall for FY 2025–26 plus \$190M needed for the Senior Homestead Exemption (previously funded by TABOR refunds).
- No TABOR refund expected this year; FY 2026–27 projected to have a \$700M refund but an \$800M deficit.
- Major fiscal balancing work ahead for 2026 legislative session.

Artificial Intelligence Law

- Implementation delayed to October 2026.
- Anticipated to be a major policy issue for the 2026 session.

Legislative Priorities

- Code Enforcement Reform (Adams County): Douglas, Morgan & Grant Counties collaborating to strengthen counties' authority for public health and safety code enforcement.
- Prop 123 Reform (Jefferson County): Streamline credit allocation between cities and counties partnering on affordable housing projects.
- Human Trafficking Law (Douglas County): Renewed bipartisan effort to close probation loophole for child solicitation offenses.

Process and Coordination

- Counties agreed to take proposals back to local boards before MACC votes (“one county, one vote”).
- Discussed adopting principles on county powers to mirror municipal authority where appropriate.

Regional Updates

- DRCOG Housing White Paper: Underway to inform gubernatorial candidates on local housing and land use progress.

- Food Insecurity: Concerns about SNAP reductions, Meals on Wheels waitlists, and regional food pantry closures.
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Action Items

1. Circulate draft language for all proposed bills (Code Enforcement, Prop 123 Reform, Human Trafficking).
 2. Counties to review and provide feedback before next MACC meeting.
 3. DRCOG to present housing white paper draft when complete.
 4. Jayla Sanchez will attend Nov. 21 meeting for discussion on SNAP and food insecurity.
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Next Meeting Discussion Topics

- County votes on legislative priorities
 - County powers and local control framework
 - Housing white paper progress
 - SNAP and regional food access updates
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