

Colorado Department of Transportation Standing Committee on Efficiency and Accountability (E&A) Meeting Minutes

Date: April 17th, 2013

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Location: CDOT Headquarters, Mt. Evans Room

Committee Members in Attendance:

Jody Randall, American Civil Contractors (via teleconference)

Barbara Gold, Audit Director

Solomon Haile, CDOT Division of Engineering, Design and Construction

Maribeth Lewis-Baker, Chairperson; Free Ride Transit System, Breckenridge (via teleconference)

Gary Vansuch, Vice Chairman; CDOT Director of Process Improvement

Michael Penny, City of Littleton

Bill Weidenaar, Regional Transportation District

Daniel Owens, Operating Engineers Union

Bob Sakaguchi, Jacobs Engineering

Beverly Wyatt, Division of Human Resources and Administration

Louie Barela, CDOT Division of Finance and Accounting

Dan Gibbs, Summit County Commissioner

Committee Members Absent:

T.K. Gwin, CDOT Division of Aeronautics

Dave Childs, CDOT Division of Highway Maintenance & Operations

Steve Hofmeister, Transportation Commission

Debra Perkins-Smith, CDOT Division of Transportation Development

Others Present:

Anna Ryazantseva, CDOT Process Improvement Intern

(I) Welcome:

Gary Vansuch began the meeting by reviewing the items on the agenda for the meeting. He asked if there were any proposed changes or additions to the agenda; none were proposed. The agenda was approved. The Committee then decided to defer the approval of the March minutes until the next meeting.

(II) FASTER Legislation:

Dan Gibbs presented to the Committee an overview of the legislation that started the Standing Committee on Efficiency and Accountability. The Committee was started due to three factors. The combination of an increased threshold of the number of employees CDOT has, money brought in by FASTER legislation, and politics to get the bill passed resulted in the Standing Committee on Efficiency and Accountability. The Committee was designated to be a way of making sure funds were being spent wisely and of reviewing efficiency in the department. It was to meet periodically, report to the Transportation Commission, and make recommendations on efficiency and accountability within CDOT. It was stated that the Committee was formed as a way to manage the new funds from FASTER. The Committee members present discussed the role of the E&A Committee. The consensus was that it had accomplished some good things and helped raise awareness of efficiency and accountability in CDOT, but its efforts must be refocused. Committee members went on to discuss how efforts should be refocused and came to a general agreement that the Committee should work with Don Hunt to be a valuable asset to his overall goals of cutting red tape; the Committee members expressed a desire align their effort with the Director's goals. It was agreed that the Committee should be an entity that people keep in mind when executing projects i.e. get Committee's input on projects being worked on. It was also expressed that it would be beneficial for the Committee to identify what outputs CDOT gets from the money it spends.

(III) Review and Discussion of the Stakeholder Issues List:

Discussion turned to determining the Committee's priorities in terms of reviewing and assessing efficiency and accountability within CDOT. The Committee reviewed the original list of stakeholder issues and identified the issues that have and have not been addressed. It was decided that each Committee member would compile a list of top 3-5 items they believe the Committee should focus on. Gary Vansuch volunteered to compile and aggregated list of issues.

(IV) Traffic Data Task Force Update:

Solomon Haile reported on the Traffic Data Task Force. He reported that they have narrowed their focus to using on specific piece of equipment to collect data. The data has been collected and the task force is in the process of analyzing it. Solomon Haile stated that there will be more to report at the next Committee meeting.

(V) Adjourned:

Gary Vansuch reviewed the action items from the previous Committee meeting and asked the members if there were any other topics that needed to be addressed. None were brought forth. Gary Vansuch motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. The motion passed.

(VI) Action Items:

1. The Committee will invite Don Hunt to come and discuss his goals and how the Committee can align their efforts with those goals.
2. The Committee will invite a representative from the Government Relations Office to discuss the legislative agenda.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee,

Anna Ryazantseva