



**Transit and Rail Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2012
1:00 - 4:00 PM
CDOT/HQ Auditorium**

Members Present	YES	NO	Members Present	YES	NO
Gary Beedy	X		Ann Rajewski	X	
Terri A. Binder	X		Peter J. Rickershauser	X	
Craig Blewitt		X	Jim Souby	X	
Richard Hartman		X	Michael E. Timlin		X
Todd Hollenbeck	X		Bill Van Meter		X
Jonathan Hutchison		X	Jacob Riger	X	
David Johnson	X				

Others Present

Bob Felsburg, Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
 Steven Marfitano, Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
 Ray Krueger, Accessibility Plus
 Dave Hollis
 David Menter, Mountain Metro Transit (*Phone*)

CDOT Present

Division of Transit and Rail: Mark Imhoff,
 Debra Perkins-Smith, David Krutsinger,
 Tracey MacDonald, David Averill,
 Julia Spiker, TJ Dlubac

I. Call to order

Ann Rajewski called to order the regular meeting of the Transit and Rail Advisory Committee (TRAC) at 1:05 pm on October 12, 2012, in the CDOT/HQ Auditorium.

II. Agenda items

1. *Introductions*

Everyone at TRAC introduced themselves.

2. *Monthly Updates*

Western High Speed Rail conference will be meeting October 22-23. Infrastructure Forum, which fosters partnerships around the country, will be convening next Monday (Oct. 15) in Westminster. DU and RTD have partnered up to discuss intermodal transportation and transit finance on November 15th. Northern Colorado Commuter Rail has released a statement to the press and will be holding a press conference October 13th in Fort Collins and Loveland. There was discussion on the message and approach of this organization. Mark Imhoff and David Krutsinger shared the limited background knowledge they had of the organization as well.

3. Transit Guiding Principles Discussion

Tracey MacDonald provided a handout indicating the changes to the principles based on discussion the previous Committee meeting. Some additional changes were made to the document to clarify the intent and role of these guiding principles and how they interact with other CDOT plans. Key discussion items:

- Language was amended to clarify that the Statewide Transit Plan will be *incorporated* into the long-range Statewide Transportation Plan, rather than a *key component* of the plan.
- The list of types of transit was removed from the principles with the understanding that that list will be located within the plan itself and was not necessary in this location also.
- The first "Transit" was removed from the bullet point section title to remove redundancy.
- One reference to "system" was removed from the first bullet point to remove redundancy.
- Discussion of the proposed changes to the fourth bullet point ensued, but the group decided the language was appropriate as proposed.
- A question regarding whether an economic impact analysis will be completed through the Transit Study was brought up as it doesn't appear to be included in what DTR is doing now. CDOT responded by explaining that this piece will be encompassed in a much larger economic analysis of all transportation modes.

The next steps include to post the Principles on the DTR website and get put on the Transportation Commission's November agenda. As for the Statewide Transit Plan, the RFP is out now, and a Notice to Proceed is anticipated to be in January of 2013.

4. Performance Measurements

Bob Felsburg, with Felsburg Holt & Ullevig, presented an overview of the document and suggested that this was an on going process and should be a living document. It was explained that there are two general uses of these performance measurements: 1) Externally – how citizens can see progress of mobility around the state, and 2) Financially – assist in asset management, ridership projections, funding scoring and need, etc. Because many TRAC members were unable to view the document via the link provided to them, everyone will have one week to provide comments to David Krutsinger, Steven Marfitano, and Bob Felsurg. Once comments are received, the first roll out of the Performance Measures will be a few of the major measures on the CDOT website at the end of October with additional measurements being added to DTR's website.

5. Break – no break was taken

6. MAP-21 Change Overview

Mark Imhoff provided a general overview of the MAP-21 changes which went into effect on October 1, 2012. David Averill and Jacob Riger also added observations on applicable changes. General changes were:

- CDOT has, historically, asked the TC for a loan to fund the operations programs so contracts could be executed on January 1. However, this year, DTR is going to request a loan to cover the capital awards as well.
- Funding went to formulized vs earmarked which means a predictable, consistent amount.
- 5316 and 5317 programs were rolled into 5311 and 5310 programs, respectively.
- 5310 will be administered by direct recipients in Large Urbanized Areas rather than through CDOT as previously administered.

7. FREX Update

David Averill explained how all ten FREX buses will be going to Eagle County and Summit County. Mountain Metro Transit is about halfway through the decommissioning process and the buses should

be turned over to the appropriate agency shortly. David clarified that these agencies were required to provide a 20% match for the buses. The Committee agreed that it was great to see these buses stay in the state.

8. *FASTER Application Update*

David Averill presented that of the 85 or so applications, approximately half were for replacement vehicles, a quarter were for miscellaneous equipment replacement/needs, two planning studies and approximately 20 construction projects of varying sizes. The total requested amount was approximately \$40 million while there is only \$28 million in available funding. The hope is to have these applications evaluated in the middle of November and present the proposed awards to the TC at their February meeting. David also explained how the 5311 call for projects went out with the goal of syncing up this review/awarding process with FASTER awarding timeline to be able to look at all the projects holistically.

9. *TRAC Work Plan / Agenda for 2013*

- a. *Calendar* – TJ Dlubac gave an overview of the draft spreadsheet. Mark Imhoff explained how the work plan fits into a quarterly meeting of the TRAC; the 2nd Friday of the month still. Mark went on to explain the scope and need for each sub-committee. Jim Souby asked how TRAC could keep track of the large projects with statewide interest, such as the Mason Street Corridor in Fort Collins. David Krutsinger explained the FASTER application DTR had submitted to assist in this task.
- b. *Sub-Committees* - Discussion shifted to how TRAC can advance the knowledge and create the base work so that when the funding becomes available, both the legislature and citizens are aware and buy-in to the projects. Jim Souby recommended an Outreach Committee. After further discussion, the following was reached on committees:
 - i. *Performance Measures*: David Johnson
 - ii. *Outreach*: Jim Souby
 - iii. *Regional Commuter Bus*: Terri Binder, David Johnson
 - iv. *Statewide Transit Plan*: Ann Rajewski, Jim Souby
- c. *New Member Roster* – Mark Imhoff discussed the new additions to the group and that he was waiting to hear back from some of the individuals too. The final TRAC roster would have approximately 16-18 members with good representation across the state as well as transit and rail community. The question was raised as to if there was a need for freight users on the TRAC. The response was that there is a Freight Advisory Board.

10. *Wrap-Up*