



**Transit and Rail Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2012
1:00 - 4:00 PM
CDOT/HQ Auditorium**

Members Present	Yes	No	Members Present	Yes	No
Tom Allen	x		Matthew O’Neill	x	
Gary Beedy	x		Ann Rajewski	x	
Terri A. Binder	x		Peter J. Rickershauser	x	
Craig Blewitt	x		James Souby	x	
Richard Hartman		x	Michael E. Timlin	x	
Todd Hollenbeck	x		Bill VanMeter	x	
Jonathan Hutchison		x	Stan Zemler	x	
David Johnson	x				

Others Present

Alice de Stigter UP Public Affairs
 Bob Felsburg, Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
 Steven Marfitano, Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
 Randy Grauberger, PB
 Brian Welch, RTD

CDOT Present

Division of Transit and Rail: Mark Imhoff,
 Tom Mauser, David Averill
 Division of Transportation Development:
 Debra Perkins-Smith, Mehdi Baziar,
 Jason Wallis, Tracey Wolff

I. Call to order

Ann Rajewski called to order the regular meeting of the Transit and Rail Advisory Committee (TRAC) at 1:10 pm on January 13, 2012, in the CDOT/HQ Auditorium.

II. Agenda items

1. Introductions

2. Monthly Updates: Mark mentioned that his goal was to select someone to fill Wendy Wallach’s position in the following week. That position will be Project Manager for the AGS Study. Jim Souby announced that he had been selected as Colorado representative on the board of the National Association of Railroad Passengers. It was announced that the Rocky Mountain Railroad Authority, the public authority made up of over 50 local governments and which had conducted the Colorado High Speed Rail Feasibility Study, had dissolved. Mark asked to add a new item to the agenda—a special report from Herman Stockinger, CDOT’s director of the Office of Policy and Government Relations.

3. State Freight and Passenger Rail Plan: Mehdi Baziar informed the Committee the draft state rail

plan was submitted the previous for internal review by CDOT and the FRA. The plan is to have their comments to the consultant by 1/23, with one week for the consultants to address the comments. By 1/30 an email will be sent to the plan's stakeholders, announcing the availability of the draft plan on CDOT's website and the opportunity to submit comments by 2/10. The plan will be submitted for Transportation Commission approval in March, following a workshop session in February.

4. *Railroad Communications Handbook:* Jason Wallis presented a rough draft of the Handbook. He would like comments on the document. The objective is to show what's done at CDOT in working with the railroads, indicating specific roles and responsibilities. The CDOT Regions have been given two weeks to review and comment on the draft. Another objective is to identify gaps in our communications. CDOT's goal is to bring a few documents together into one published handbook. Jason will have some updates by the next TRAC meeting. He plans to have a handbook by spring but expects it will have several editions as we go on. Comments should go to Jason.

5. *Governor's TBD effort:* Herman Stockinger presented an overview of a new proposal from the Governor's office. He first pointed to CDOT's process improvement program, such as one streamlining CDOT's permitting process, and an effort that found unspent dollars, as examples of how CDOT has tried to stretch its limited resources by improving efficiency. But he added that CDOT has already made many good efforts at such and doesn't expect to discover more huge savings from these efforts.

The Governor is proposing to determine the state's priorities in the areas of transportation, health care, education, budget and personnel rules reform, by convening a large group of 100 community leaders to advise him on the effort. The effort is referred to as TBD Colorado, because its ultimate goal is still "To Be Determined." It is much like the Envision Utah effort. It is a nonpartisan effort that will create visions within about 40 regions of the state, each with 35-40 community leaders crafting that region's vision.

6. *2013 FASTER Transit Grant Recommendations:* Tom Mauser explained that Colorado's FASTER legislation provides \$15 million annually for transit projects--\$5M for local transit grants selected by CDOT's Regions and \$10M for statewide and regional multimodal, transit-related grants selected by DTR. Late in 2011 DTR issued a broad Call for Projects for FY 2013 FASTER Transit funds. DTR received applications for 78 projects requesting nearly \$36 M. DTR is recommending \$14M for 49 projects, as included on handouts sent to the TRAC. There were no objections to the recommended projects.

7. *Develop Performance Measures:* Bob Felsburg continued the ongoing, detailed discussion of preferred performance measurements by presenting various options for selected values.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00.

Submitted by Tom Mauser