



**Transit and Rail Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2013  
1:00 - 4:00 PM  
CDOT/HQ Auditorium**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Members Present</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Larry Worth	X		Ann Rajewski	X	
Terri A. Binder	X	On Phone	Peter J. Rickershauser	X	
Craig Blewitt	X		Jim Souby	X	
Vince Rogalski	X		Michael E. Timlin	X	
Todd Hollenbeck	X		Bill Van Meter	X	
Jonathan Hutchison		X	Jacob Riger	X	
David Johnson		X	Danny Katz	X	
Tim Mauck	X		Mike Ogborn		X
Kurt Ravenschlag	X				

<b>Others Present</b>	<b>CDOT Present</b>
Ray Krueger, Accessibility Plus	Mark Imhoff, David Krutsinger, Tracey MacDonald, David Averill, Tom Mauser, Julia Spiker, TJ Dlubac, Dylan Grabowski

***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 January 11, 2013, in the CDOT/HQ Auditorium.

***II. Agenda items***

**1. Introductions**

Everyone at TRAC introduced themselves.

**2. Monthly Updates**

Ann discussed the HUTF funding bill being proposed in the State Legislative Session. The bill would allow HUTF funds to be used to assist in transit specific projects (mostly capital). In John Valerio's absence, Tom updated the group that John had attended a special train ride from Topeka to La Junta on the Southwest Chief Line. The line is owned by BN and is used very lightly (mostly by Amtrak) since the track is not in great shape. The purpose of the trip was to spread education and information about the line. Discussion continued with other TRAC members also discussing the event and how the coalition in La Junta is active and a resolution passed by multiple states supporting the continuation of use on the line. Jim reminded the group that the winter meeting was on February 15. No speakers have been confirmed yet, but they are working on some. The meeting will be held in Lakewood at a location to be determined. Jacob announced that DRCOG will be holding a public meeting to discuss amendments to the transportation plan. DRCOG is working with CDOT and RTD to determine the

direct recipient of FTA 5310 funds under MAP-21. Jacob wanted to publicly thank Mark for participating in DRMAC event in December.

**3. TRAC (background and orientation)**

Mark presented a slideshow explaining the TRAC and DTR organization. Handout of presentation was provided to the group and will be posted on the website.

**4. Break** – A 10 minute break was taken

**5. 2013 Committee Overview**

- a) Performance Measures – David A. discussed how this group will review MAP-21 and work with CDOT Performance Measure Branch to reach the committee goals of attaining MAP-21 compliance within five years.
- b) Asset Management – David A. is working with RFTA to make a scalable version of their Asset Management program.
- c) ICB Committee – Mark updated the group that there is a consultant who is working on this project. Of the 5311 funds CDOT receives, up to 15% may go to ICB. This plan will 1) look at intermodal facilities and analyze potential locations, 2) look at the I-70 corridor to provide commuter/recreation services, 3) develop and finalize regional commuter bus plan. The regional commuter bus plan is proposed to use approximately 20% of FASTER funds to connect the 7 largest transit systems for commuters, not for recreational users initially. CDOT would buy buses (FASTER) and coordinate with local providers to interface with system. The STAC has recommended that, if DTR does spend FASTER funds to operate, the TRAC should assess FASTER funds being used for operating for all agencies.
- d) State Plans – Tracey explained how the consultant would hopefully be contracted and a NTP issued in February. Six different elements from throughout CDOT will be linked to each other through these plans. The sub-committee will be the core group of the Steering Committee. She anticipates about 7 meetings over the 15 month project. The first kickoff meeting will most likely be in late February or early March before the more formal Steering Committee meetings. Performance Measures and ICB plan will roll up into the State Transit Plan.
- e) Outreach and Education – Mark explained how this is a requirement in the Rail Plan to educate the public. At the first meeting, goals, vision, and scope of committee will be discussed. Mark suggested that TJ be the CDOT staff contact for this committee.
- f) Freight Advisor Committee – Mark explained that this was one element which will roll up into other plans and that it won't be a TRAC committee, but representatives from TRAC will be involved in the plan.

**6. Wrap-Up**

Tracey – What about a financial committee? RTD has used a forum to solicit those who have financial background to see the types of opportunities there are out there to partner. Jim - Passenger Rail Summit at DU may be a good source to see how they are funding projects and financing opportunities with DU Intermodal Program.

Mark – Asked the group if an orientation would be helpful. Craig asked that the powerpoint presentation be available for review and reference.

Mark asked if anyone had any ideas for next quarter's meeting and Ann suggested that we should have RFTA and TransFort present their BRT projects.

Meeting was adjourned.