

Transit & Intermodal Committee Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2013

Committee Members Attending: Ed Peterson (Chair), Shannon Gifford, Kathy Gilliland, Kathy Connell, and Bill Thiebaut

Also attending were DTD Director Debra Perkins-Smith and Bike/Ped Section Manager, Betsy Jacobsen

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

1. **Approval of October 2013 Minutes**: The minutes of the October 2013 meeting were approved unanimously as written.
2. **Bicycle Strategy Presentation**: Betsy Jacobsen presented information about the League of American Bicyclists' Bicycle Friendly State Program. Currently, Colorado is ranked Number Two, and Governor Hickenlooper wants the state to be Number One by 2015. Jacobsen presented six strategies to move Colorado in that direction:
 1. Establish a statewide bicycle advisory committee that would be appointed by the Governor to advise on policy and issues affecting the state.
 2. Add bicycle safety to the Strategic Highway Safety Plan. CDOT's Traffic and Safety Branch is examining this as they currently move forward with their plan.
 3. Implement Performance Measures. Measurements are currently being developed as Phase II of the Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. It was noted that developing an inventory of bicycle/pedestrian facilities was necessary; as well as a way to determine specific funds spent on bike/ped projects when they're part of a larger road project.
 4. Implement AASHTO's US Bike Route System. This is a developing network of routes throughout the United States (much like the Interstate System is for motorized vehicles). CDOT would need to coordinate with local agencies and neighboring states to determine the best routes. Funding for appropriate signage and outreach would also be required.
 5. Adopt a Mode Share Goal for Biking. This strategy would encourage integration of bicycle transportation needs into all transportation and land use policies. CDOT can work with MPOs to develop a mode share goal and add it to PD 14. Additionally, continued expansion of CDOT's Bike/Ped Counting Program will provide more accurate data regarding actual usage.
 6. Dedicate Funding for Safe Routes to School. MAP-21 eliminated dedicated funding. Colorado has received national recognition for its program, yet unless another funding mechanism is provided, the program will expire.

Committee members commented that the six strategies were a good idea. There were no questions or comments regarding implementation. Perkins-Smith said we would come back to them with more details regarding budget needs and timelines for implementing.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.