

FASTER Redistribution Meeting #4

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THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014
10-11:30 AM

Agenda for Meeting #4

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- **Welcome & Introductions** 10:00-10:10
- **Review Minutes & Action Items** 10:10-10:20
- **Revised Scenarios Discussion** 10:20-11:10
- **Next Steps Discussion** 11:10-11:30
- **Adjourn** 11:30

Goals for Meeting #4

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- **Feedback from Subcommittee on Meeting #3**
- **Review Revised Scenario Table & Related Topics**
- **Formulate Draft Recommendations, for review and input by Full TRAC, STAC, and TC's Transit & Intermodal Committee**
- **Outline Next Steps for mid-April to mid-June**

Review of Minutes & Action Items

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PRIOR MEETING: 3/24/2014

Review of Minutes & Action Items

- Clarification / Edits to the Minutes?
- Status of Action Items

Start	Complete	Action	Lead(s) for Response
3/14/2014	4/7/2014	Verify 2013 bar data re: all FTA funds to Colorado being >\$100 Million lower than any prior year	Andresen, RTD
3/14/2014	4/7/2014	Revise allocation bar charts for UFR & Eastern (re-allocate NECALG more to Eastern) and SLV & CFR (re-allocate Chaffee Shuttle more to SLV).	Martinson
3/14/2014		When issues have been vetted well, draft new screening/selection criteria for future call-for-projects	Averill, Mauser
3/24/2014	4/7/2014	Show a FASTER Scenario table with both the FY 2014 (no IX Bus service) and FY 2015 (with IX Bus) for two points of reference	Krutsinger
3/24/2014	4/10/2014	CDOT DTR provide a description of purpose of stipend	DTR
3/24/2014	4/10/2014	CDOT DTR provide some new scenarios with MMT and TransFort stipends out of the local pool	DTR
3/24/2014	4/10/2014	Transit Agencies / Subcommittee members seek input from decision makers / board of directors on Meeting #3 ideas and stipends	Transit Agency Subcommittee Members

Overview of FASTER Scenarios

(Dollars are in Millions, For Discussion Purposes Only)

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	Funding Use / Category	0 Recent FY14	1 Existing FY15 (Base)	2 Existing + Stipend	3 Existing + Regional Bus	4 Existing + Stipend + Regional Bus	5 Existing +Stipends +Regional Bus (Max)
Local Pool	Local Pool Capital/Bus	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$5.0
Statewide Pool	CDOT Admin	\$1.0	\$1.0	\$1.0	\$1.0	\$1.0	\$1.0
	IX Bus Operations	\$0.0	\$3.0	\$3.0	\$3.0	\$3.0	\$3.0
	Regional Bus Operations	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1.0 - \$2.0	\$1.0 - \$2.0	\$2.0
	Large System Stipend(s)	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$3.0	\$0.0	\$1.5	\$3.0
	Competitive Capital Pool	\$9.0	\$6.0	\$3.0	\$4.0 - \$5.0	\$2.5 - \$3.5	\$1.0
	<i>Totals</i>	<i>\$15.0</i>	<i>\$15.0</i>	<i>\$15.0</i>	<i>\$15.0</i>	<i>\$15.0</i>	<i>\$15.0</i>
	Potential Large Agency Stipends*			RTD, MMT Transfort		RTD	RTD, MMT, Transfort

Answers to a few Questions

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- **Why did reported 2013 FTA dollars drop by \$100 M?**
 - RTD receipts of New Starts Money was lower for FY13

- **Adjustments to population vs. FASTER funding bar charts based on NECALG (Eastern/UFR TPR's) and Chaffee Shuttle (CFR/SLV TPR's)?**
 - Did not turn out to be NECALG, but park-and-ride facility funding in SW Weld County near Ft. Lupton.
 - No revisions to CFR/SLV TPR numbers. Chaffee Shuttle an FTA grant recipient, not a FASTER recipient.

Revised Scenarios Discussion

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**STIPENDS FEEDBACK & DISCUSSION
2ND ROUND/REFINED SCENARIOS
OPERATING INPUT**

Stipend Discussion – 1 of 4

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- **Feedback from Subcommittee Members**
 - Policy questions, concerns, expectations
 - Staff questions, concerns, expectations
- **What will help to move the discussion forward to closure / conclusion?**
 - Elements of fairness
 - Elements of transparency
 - Elements of collaboration / cooperation

Stipend Discussion – 2 of 4

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- **RTD, MMT, & Transfort...**
 - Receive bus / vehicle replacement money directly from FTA
 - Already required by FTA to have robust fleet management
 - Documented capital expenditures: advance notice/discussion of projects to be funded to maximize best use of funds
 - Preliminary stipend estimates:
 - ✦ \$0.7 Million to Mountain Metro Transit (MMT) – Colo Springs
 - ✦ \$0.3 Million for TransFort – Fort Collins
 - ✦ \$3.0 Million for RTD

Stipend Discussion – 3 of 4

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Agency Info	RTD	MMT	TransFort	Remaining Local Pool
Peak Vehicle Fleet (2012 NTD data)	1,288 (1,555 Veh. Total)	160 (208 Veh. Total)	46 (56 Veh. Total)	560 (630 Veh. Total)
Regional Population (persons in the MSA, and remainder of state)	2.90 M (includes Boulder MSA)	0.65 M	0.30 M	1.35 M (remainder of state)
Revenue Vehicle Miles	52.25 M	4.47 M	1.19 M	n/a
Draft Concept Stipend / Pool	\$3.0 M (from statewide pool)	0.7 M (from local pool)	0.3 M (from local pool)	\$4.0 M (remaining local pool)
Stipend : Peak Vehicle Fleet (\$/bus per year)	\$2,330	\$4,375	\$6,520	\$7,140
Stipend : Population Ratio (\$/person per year)	\$1.03	\$1.08	\$1.00	\$2.93
Stipend : Rev. Miles Ratio (\$/revenue mile per year)	\$0.06	\$0.16	\$0.25	n/a

Stipend Discussion 4 of 4

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- **Funding and State Role**
 - Higher *potential* funding per rural / resort agency outside the stipend pool
 - Higher state oversight of fleet management practices
 - Typically tougher for smaller agencies to compete for statewide pool funds

Operating Assistance Question #1

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- **CDOT Interest in Branding (Inter-)Regional Route Structure for Ease-of-Use**
 - Washington State Example
 - “No State Funds” based on FTA 5311(f)...also not commuter
 - Integrate commuter w/ Inter-city & inter-regional
- **How & where to start?**
 - Potentially up to \$1.0 Million of FTA Money Used
 - ✦ Shift up to \$300,000 more per year to 5311(f) to leverage private inter-city services which also provide inter-regional service?
 - ✦ Allocate up to \$700,000 5311 (not “f”) to regional service?
 - Potentially up to \$1.0 Million FASTER for additional (inter-) regional service?

Operating Assistance Question #2

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- **What approach to take from here?**
 1. Subcommittee work very hard over next 2 months to have details figured out before June Tr. Commission approval?
 2. Ask TC for \$1.0 Million FY16 FASTER money, held in account until details are figured out over the next 6-12 months.
 - a. Reserved for operating funding assistance
 - b. Reserved for capital uses supportive of (inter-)regional service
 3. Pass on operating assistance for one year. Leave that money in the competitive capital pool. Take time to figure out the details and return to this for next year's FY17 consideration.

Formulating A Recommendation

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- What scenario elements are most “solid”?
- What scenario elements need most work?
- What report-out to TRAC, STAC, and TC’s T&I?

- Elements & preliminary recommendations
 - Stipends from Local Pool: recommendation(s)?
 - Stipend from Statewide Pool: recommendation(s)?
 - Operating assistance: recommendation(s)?
 - Competitive Statewide pool: recommendation(s)?

Next Steps

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**REVIEW OVERALL SCHEDULE &
DATES OF UPCOMING MEETINGS**

NEXT STEPS

Overall Schedule

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Month	Action
February	Initiate subcommittee, Meeting #1 Feb. 24
March	Subcommittee Meeting #2 March 14, 1:30 PM and Meeting #3 March 24, 10-11:30 AM
April	Policy Options Workshops, April 8-18 th Subcommittee Meeting #4 April 10, 10-11:30 Full TRAC consideration, April 11 th CDOT Transportation Commission – T&I Committee, April 16 th
May	STAC Consideration, May 9 th CDOT Transportation Commission Workshop
June	CDOT Transportation Commission Approval
July	Draft Call for Projects
August/ September	Release Call for Projects

You Are Here



Next Steps

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- **April – May**
 - DTR To Do's?
 - Subcommittee Member To Do's?
 - Meet again, if so, when?

Adjournment

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THANK YOU!