



**Transit and Rail Advisory Committee
 Meeting Minutes
 April 29, 2016
 1:00 – 4:00 PM
 CDOT/HQ Auditorium**

Member	Organization	Yes	No	Member	Organization	Yes	No
Ann Rajewski	CASTA	X		Rob Eaton	Amtrak		X
Sara Cassidy	Union Pacific RR	Phone		Kurt Ravenschlag	TransFort		X
Bill VanMeter	RTD	X		Larry Worth	Rural Transit	X	
Craig Blewitt	Mountain Metro Transit	Phone		Mike Ogborn	Omnitrax		X
David Johnson	Roaring Fort Transit	Phone		Danny Katz	CoPIRG		X
Jim Souby	Colo Rail	X		Steve Hurlbert	I-70 Coalition / Local jurisdictions	X	
Matthew Helfant	DRCOG	X		Peter Rickershauser	BNSF Railway	X	
Terri Binder	Club 20	X		Will Jones	Greeley Evans Transit / Small urban areas	Phone	
Vince Rogalski	STAC		X				

Others Present	CDOT Present
	Mark Imhoff, Director/Division of Transit & Rail David Averill, Planning & Infrastructure/DTR David Krutsinger, Deputy Director/DTR Mike Timlin, Bus Operations Manager/DTR Maria Johnson, Bus Operations/DTR Laura Morales-Garcia, DTR Sharon Terranova, Senior Transit & Rail Planner/DTR Andrew Karsian, Government Relations

1. Introductions/Meeting Overview/Welcome & Approve (1/29/16 TRAC Meeting Minutes)
 (attachment)

Ann Rajewski called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. State Legislative Overview – Andrew Karsian

Mr. Karsian works in the office of Policy & Government Relations at CDOT and he is tracking many bills for possible direct or indirect impact to employees or the state’s transportation network. Mr. Karsian provided an update to some of those bills including:

- SB16-123 (Switchable Transponders on HOV Lanes)
- SB16-122 (More Oversight for CDOT)
- HB16-1298 (Height, Weight Limits for Vehicles)

- HB16-1416 (State Infrastructure General Fund Transfers)
- HB16-1405 (Colorado Long Budget Bill)

3. Legislative update – CCA ballot initiative potential – Ann Rajewski

Ann provided an update from a CASTA perspective noting that there is a proposal for a sales tax increase. There is to be a review and a decision.

4. Sub-Committees - update

a. Statewide Transit Plan Implementation – David Averill & Sharon Terranova

(attachment / powerpoint)

There has been a message of encouragement to have members over subscribe. There will likely be an announcement November 1, 2016 with more information regarding funding. We will pass on any information received. There will not be a lot of activity happening over the summer.

b. Performance Asset Management – David Averill

DTR continues to work on the concept of how to fund facilities. We are starting to explore the capital facility pipeline and anticipating notifications of at least a year or two out so we know of any issues in advance.

There is still no final rule for asset management. We have 2 years to meet the requirement. DTR is in good shape to meet the mark to be the first DOT to be in compliance for this rule.

DTR is also still looking at funding for operating and how we can assist in accommodating, we will be reporting that back to you.

Craig is in a state of good repair. This is how we are dealing with Craig, as the state's goal focus on the rural fleet trying to get good at 65% fair/good above that and think can move a little higher.

c. Rural Regional Bus – Michael Timlin

In 2004 some private and some non-profit agencies reduced their scheduling and this affected rural regional bus routes. CDOT is not trying to take over any routes, only make some meaningful connections for citizens across the state. All suggestions that are being considered are part of the State Transit Plan. There are no suggestions to get rid of any routes, only to add routes. CDOT would like to work with the transit agencies to get these routes into service. Some funding is specified for urban specific and some is specified for rural, DTR is trying to be creative in how to best utilize those funds and get the most out of each dollar spent.

5. Bustang – Quarterly Report – Michael Timlin

(attachment)

The ten fareboxes loaned from the City of Colorado Springs were replaced with newly purchased Genfare Fast Fare fareboxes. All glitches were found in the report server and ticket acceptance and issues have been rectified. Public comments have been very positive regarding the May 22 schedule change originating all North Line departures from the Fort Collins Downtown Transit Center. The three new buses are being assembled.

Pete Rickershauser asked where the 3 new buses would be utilized. This has not been decided. It is likely that 1 will be added to the West line, possibly 1 added to the North line and the 3rd is still being planned. In terms of projections for Bustang ridership, the West and North lines are exceeding projections and the South line is doing well. Overall Bustang is going great, exceeding projections. DTR will have more definite information regarding ridership and numbers after July 2016.

6. Break

Ten minute break was taken.

7. Multimodal Freight Plan update/State Passenger & Freight Rail Plan – Sharon Terranova (attachment / powerpoint)

Sharon presented a quick project status update noting current efforts, stakeholder involvement, and that by the next TRAC meeting she expects to have some information regarding the following:

- Project kick off meeting
- Project management plan
- Steering committee meeting
- Project team begin
 - Data collection & inventory
 - Future conditions & trends
 - Economic analysis
 - Stakeholder participation & public involvement

8. SB228 – David Averill & David Krutsinger

(attachment)

Park & rides are being evaluated to see if we can enhance the current Bustang system in place or expand it utilizing the park and rides we now use for Bustang. Capacity is being looked at and we feel like there are also partnership opportunities out there. DTR will also look at possible new Bustang stops, what we call the Outer Ring (Castle Rock, SW Weld County, & Idaho Springs). There is also some considerations for relocating Loveland/US 34 & Colorado Springs/Woodmen Road park & rides.

The other piece of SB228 is the potential for strategic projects. The TC approved The Winter Park Project Platform.

9. Transit Grants Quarterly Report – David Krutsinger

(attachment / powerpoint)

David Krutsinger presented the powerpoint giving the summary of the progress made since 2014. Rob Andresen noted the Grant Partner Manual deadline submission for public comment was extended. Will Jones noted Greeley has seen an improvement in response time and that is appreciated. There are roughly 50 contracts that are outstanding left behind that are not new. These are considered priority before the new ones, they just have specific special circumstances and are requiring special care and are still open. COTRAMS does alert if there has not been any activity on the account. COTRAMS also requires a vendor submit invoices within a designated amount of time. Both the Grant Partner and the Grant Coordinator will have a learning curve with the new process.

10. SWC update – Pete Rickershauser

The meetings of recent have been for the SWC branching off to Pueblo. Discussion has been for 3 cars, with no impact on the Chicago & La Junta lines; existing bus service; and the multi-modal Trinidad station.

11. TIGER VII & VIII update – Pete Rickershauser

Pete noted for TIGER VI, BNSF expects to have rail relay work completed for 47 miles in Garden City by June 10, 2016. TIGER VII work east of La Junta in Colorado with the same resources is expected to start by July 1, 2016 and be completed by 2016. TIGER VIII is being led by the City of Lamar with the same consultant.

12. Adjourn

The next TRAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 29, 2016. Ann Rajewski adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.