



**Transit and Rail Advisory Committee
 Meeting Minutes
 April 14, 2017
 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		X	Kurt Ravenschlag	TransFort		X
Bill VanMeter	RTD		X	Larry Worth	Rural Transit	X	
Craig Blewitt	Mountain Metro Transit	X		Mike Ogborn	Omnitrax	phone	
David Johnson	Roaring Fort Transit		X	Danny Katz	CoPIRG		X
Jim Souby	Colo Rail	X		Steve Hurlbert	I-70 Coalition / Local jurisdictions	phone	
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
Lee Cryer, RTD	Mark Imhoff, Director/Division of Transit & Rail David Krutsinger, Deputy Director/DTR Mike Timlin, Bus Operations Manager/DTR Sharon Terranova, Senior Transit & Rail Planner/DTR Jeff Sanders, Transit Planning Mgr/DTR Laura Morales-Garcia, Program Asst/DTR Brodie Ayers, Grants Unit Mgr/DTR Qing Lin, Budget & Policy Analyst/DTR Michael Snow, Transit Infrastructure Specialist/DTR Shilpa Kulkarni, DTR

1. Introductions/Meeting Overview/Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Legislative Update (Ann Rajewski & David Krutsinger)

a. Federal / USDOT Agencies

- CASTA and CDOT took their annual trip to Washington DC in April this year.
- Colorado has more rural rides than any other state in the United States.
- Made the effort to meet with Senator Lamborn, but it did not work out
- 2018 fiscal year – TIGER Program and New Starts program will not be funded / those were discussed as they are very important to Colorado

- Gondola service is considered an official transit service (public transit).
- Unsure what direction funding is headed, only that we have to be more reactive.
- Infrastructure has been spread way beyond roads, operating on continuing resolution

b. State Legislative Agenda – Mark Imhoff

- HB1242 will replace SB228 after two years which was originally for 5 years if it passes
- The Bill had 13 amendments passed
- The structure still had a good chunk going to CDOT to bond for major highway projects and some to local jurisdictions and a piece to multi-modal split no more than 75 to transit and no less than 25% to bike/ped.
- Transit & Multi Modal Committee would take applications and be the approving and awarding authority for distribution of awarding funds/project approval.
 - Amendment indicated TRAC would be used with additional members – if that passes TRAC’s workload would increase.

3. Sub-Committees Update

a. Statewide Transit Plan Implementation – David Krutsinger

- HDR is working/contracted with Division of Transit & Rail
- Annual Reports will be completed for the past few years to show what has been accomplished
- Sub-Committee has not met recently

b. Performance Asset Management – Jeff Sanders

- Sub-Committee has not met this last quarter, last met in January and discussed FTA requirement
- CDOT is sponsoring a group asset management plan for sub recipients.
- COTRAMS contains all the data for asset management.
- The data was entered initially, but it is incomplete in a lot of ways, before we take the next step, want to slow down a bit.
 - New CDOT (temporary) employee is getting this database information completed. Once that is done, Michael Snow, CDOT/DTR will oversee the program.

c. 5310/5311 Distribution Subcommittee – Jeff Sanders (attachment)

- Checkmarks on the presentation note changes
- Presenting to TC commission – next week
- We did not have a good way to document how the funds were distributed
 - The distribution is driven by the federal requirement.
- When you get to the rural areas, it is driven by the matching funds and that sets the stage.
- Needed a documentable way for the transparency piece.
- Current legislation could loosen some of this funding and help these rural agencies.
- Multi-county agencies will be evaluated
- 1 year trial
- A different group will be tasked with 5310 funding
- There was discussion regarding the updates among the TRAC members present with no disagreement.

- There was a CASTA Meeting/call held yesterday and there was no info against it at that time – a survey is being sent to each representative/agency for a more direct response.
- Larry Worth asked the TRAC Members to make the recommendation to move forward with supporting these updates, Craig Blewitt seconded the motion, members present were in favor to move forward

d. **Bustang Expansion/Rural Regional Bus Reconfiguration (Outrider) – (attachment)**

- May use unallocated FASTER Operating funds later
- Ideally ticketing will be at 17 cents per mile

4. Transit Development Program – Michael Snow (attachment)

- Discussion of how projects are determined and was it looked at from a stakeholder perspective.
- How is the project amount determined?
- Recipients of FTA funds are not excluded.

5. SB228 Transit Projects Update – Jeff Sanders (attachment)

- Rifle - Inquiry of if there is still going to be a stop in Rifle / short and long term solutions
 - We do not know the answer, only that we need a long term easily accessible stop
 - Region 3 - the planning is not far enough long – can't commit to those dollars
 - Withdrawn from this funding source at this time.

6. Grant Partner Survey / Transit Grants Quarterly Report – David Krutsinger (attachment)

- Contracts have improved, but we will still try and do better
- Many different divisions work to improve in the process for contracts and invoices it takes all of us working together including the Grant Partner

7. Transit Town Halls – Brodie Ayers

- Four Transit Town Halls were held
 - Pueblo, Denver, Durango, and Glenwood Springs
- There was not much discussion regarding 5311
 - Credit that to good job keeping information communicated and open to discussion

8. Multimodal Freight Plan update/ State Passenger & Freight Rail Plan – Sharon Terranova & Evan Enarson-Hering (attachment)

- Four members from the committee are here at the table.
- Rail Plan is now required every 4 years instead of 5 – even though the planning is for a 20 year outlook.
- The draft plan will come to TRAC later this year.

9. Southwest Chief, TIGER updates – Pete Rickershauser, Jim Souby

- Southwest Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission (SB17-153) was sent to the Floor passed 8-4 strong.
- Successful in funding to keep the SWC operating, track work all the raiing has been laid
- TIGER funding was discussed – Jim noted that support will be requested from our senators in this area.

- David Krutsinger noted that half of the funding is already in the bank for this next fiscal year, likely TIGER 9, being deferred because of all the politics.

10. Bustang / Quarterly Report – Michael Timlin (attachment)

- Ridership continues to increase
- Looking to add on-line ticketing in conjunction with Greyhound.

11. Questions / Round Table – Ann Rajewski

12. Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m. – Ann Rajewski