

**Transit and Rail Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 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 | Rep. | | Larry Worth | Rural Transit | X | |
| Craig Blewitt | Mountain Metro Transit | X | | Mike Ogborn | Omnitrax | X | |
| David Johnson | Roaring Fort Transit | | X | 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 | phone | | | | | |

| Others Present | CDOT Present |
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| Brian Welch, 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 Laura Morales-Garcia, Program Asst/DTR Brodie Ayers, Grants Unit Mgr/DTR Qing Lin, Budget & Policy Analyst/DTR Michael Snow, Transit Infrastructure Specialist/DTR Jeff Prillwitz, Bus Operations/DTR Nate Vander Broek, Transit Planner/DTR Eboni Younger-Riehl, Civil Rights |

1. Introductions/Meeting Overview/Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. Mark Imhoff introduced Transit Planning & Intermodal Unit staff from the Division of Transit & Rail. Sharon Terranova, Senior Transit & Rail Planner; (new to DTR) Nate Vander Broek, Transit Planner; and Michael Snow, Transit Infrastructure Specialist. This particular Unit in the DTR Division has deep involvement with TRAC.

2. State Legislative Agenda - Andy Karsian

- South West Chief & Front Passenger Range Rail Commission
- Taxes

- 267 passed this year – fund roads by leasing state buildings
 - Percentages specified of where the money is spent
 - Where does the money come from for paying this money back – it can only come from certain locations
 - Unsure there is \$2.0 Billion available for CDOT – payment is a concern as it comes from the maintenance fund. Transit piece of that cannot be spent in this manner, minimal funds can be spent this way but up to the commission, this is being researched.
 - Maintenance costs, BRT projects can be on the table for discussion / managed lane – past legislation would allow toll revenue
 - Criteria has not been set, need to hear from TRAC members over the next few months
 - Using the money for capital is the plan (BRT, stations, park n rides, etc.)
 - Chasing inflation – over 20 years
 - Nullified 228 going into the future
- VW settlement of approximately 68 million for Colorado over 3 years through CDPHE
 - \$15 million to Transit with a push to electric buses and vehicles.
 - \$15 Million to the City
 - Over \$10 Million to charging stations - additional \$10 Million. Colorado was selected as one of the states to receive additional funds.
 - Reserve fund also in place

3. Colorado Transit Network - David Krutsinger – (attachment)

- Requesting feedback from this presentation
- Attempting to explain the concept to show our Commission the funding for Transit and where the money is coming from and where it is going
- Inclusion of match requirements – increases the funding for local partners
- Education to the general public – joint logo on all buses (idea) interregional network – universal use

4. SB267 Approach - Mark Imhoff (attachment)

- Discussion of how projects are determined and was it looked at from a stakeholder perspective.

5. Transit Development Program – Michael Snow (attachment)

- Identification of specific programs for the program
 - no size limit due to the project needs growing
- Making multi-modal transit decisions
- Conversations with broader audiences will happen and there will be partnerships
- First and last mile how much will that make it into the list – that will be captured, it is a good conversation, also part of a funding discussion
- Funding conversations – seems like we need to have information that equals to people (movement) to solve a corridor problem to show the benefit
- Conscious recognition of rail weigh in of SWC – NFRPRF
- Mark noted – big effort Transportation Development program for CDOT trying to mirror that program and have a list
 - Every project has many columns to help prioritize

6. SB228 Transit Projects update – David Krutsinger (attachment)

- Replacement vehicles over expansion is questionable

- Years 2 and 3 will come blended and will need to be looked at closely
- \$7.9 – Phase 2

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

- On page 7 of the presentation – did not differentiate (rail vs train)
- A subcommittee off of TRAC is part of the next steps
- There are a lot of federal requirements and key recommendations included in the Plan
- In October a presentation will be made to TRAC on the Rail Plan

8. Southwest Chief, TIGER updates – Jim Souby & Pete Rickershauser

- Southwest Chief Commission sunset – end of June
- TIGER failed last round
- New Mexico issues are problematical
- Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission (SB17-153)
 - Challenge of funding moving forward
 - Sustaining long-term viability
 - Re-route La Junta to Pueblo and Walsenburg to Trinidad
 - Mandate Commission by December 1, 2017

9. Questions / Round Table – Ann Rajewski

- 5311 Methodology approved – 1 year
 - Subcommittee continues to meet
- Bustang reached two year anniversary on July 13
 - 50% increase in ticket sales & passengers over the last year
- CASTA Fall Conference – September in Telluride

10. Meeting adjourned at 3:56 pm – Ann Rajewski