



**Transit and Rail Advisory Committee
 Meeting Minutes
 October 13, 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	phone		Kurt Ravenschlag	TransFort	X	
Bill VanMeter	RTD	X		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	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
Jacob Riger, DRCOG Evan Enarson-Hering, Cambridge Systematics	Mark Imhoff, Director/Division of Transit & Rail 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 Jeff Prillwitz, Bus Operations/DTR Andy Karsian, Intragovernmental Relations Jeff Sanders, Transit Planning Mgr/DTR

1. Introductions/Meeting Overview/Welcome

Meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm. Mark Imhoff notified the Committee of his retirement which will be effective at the end of this calendar year. Mark thanked the Committee for playing a big part in the progression of transit over the last 5 years.

2. State Legislative Agenda - Andy Karsian

- Special session called in order to fix problem - CASTA testified
- Impact is about \$550,000/month along the same lines for cultural
- RFTA will lose about \$140,000/year
- Discussed on if the budget will be revised in January – final outcome may end up being more expensive than just fixing now

3. Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission – Jacob Riger – (attachment)

- Broken into subcommittees
- A lot of questions around the public
- Are you looking at Legislative funding requests - hard to do this with only 4 months and the same Legislature

4. Southwest Chief, TIGER Updates – Jim Souby & Pete Rickershauser

- Colfax County 18.3 TIGER IX applicant / matching funds are coming in up and down the line and the application is due on Monday.
- Renewal of track – hope to complete 28 more miles under this grant along with ties in NM and signaling work, performing some rock stabilization, pleased NM is in front of it – so pleased they are involved and believe this will strengthen the application.
- This is the fourth application for the SWC route past projects have been rail replacement projects, with two successful projects, 56 miles yet to be replaced and this will replace half of that. The scrap value from the previous projects will be addressed in this application.
- Match was approved
- There is a TIGER Grant application from CDOT that is highway related
- A certain percentage of the TIGER Grant awards is designated to be awarded to rural areas

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

- Continue outreach and coordination
- One more meeting with Committee – validating with the group
- Will present to STAC on October 22, 2017.
- Working groups - joint meeting 11/14/17 - targeted review take home plan for review for few weeks
- Joint Project Advisory Committee / developed campaign rollout (Colorado Delivers) open source materials showing how important rail is to Colorado – this is in development right now
- Hoping for TC adoption in February 2018 and will then go to FRA
- To TRAC in January meeting.
- Breathing working living plan – larger effort – educate the general public

6. Hyperloop update – Peter Kozinski

- Road X – next generation / Hyperloop Colorado is on the shortlist as 1 of 10
- Renewed interest in Hyperloop – small scale demonstrations, first feasible route is 50 miles long (DIA / Greeley, will then review other segments).
- State of Colorado is being viewed for next generation mobility as it relates to VH1.
- Speculating who has jurisdiction, who covers the funding – this will have to be sorted out.
- No certification piece on the freight part of this - the high value part of freight is coming into play

7. Possible Reprogramming of Annual Transit Funds – Mark Imhoff (attachment)

- Nothing is final yet, large urban areas still get a fair share
- Shifting of projects makes better use of funds

- If TC adopts policy – reprogramming 2.0 million / 5311 methodology in 2019 rural entities approval next summer / would be implemented over the next year / details over the next year – amounts of funding would be the same, but sources would be different
- SB 267 – expected changes from the Legislation
- Risk is there and if we need to revisit the cash flow for the capital needs then we will revisit.
- How might it impact existing regional services – today we have 10 m (slide 5). The 2 million is suggesting go to capital – (recommendation is if you commit you must maintain).

8. 5311 Redistribution Status Update – Jeff Sanders (attachment)

- Challenging to keep the subcommittee focused on the methodology and the transparency
- Mitigating risk on volatile situation
- Have not heard any word of this program being under any risk

9. Transit Development Program Status Update – Jeff Sanders (Attachment)

- CDOT wide effort – Highway side has their own effort
- Includes the Rail Plan
- Includes additional routes for buses as well as capital needs for these routes
- It is an unconstrained list
- Transit passenger side, does not include freight (list)
- Projects that would be helpful to many – could make the list, key data, funding source
- You will hear a lot more about this Program. It is hard for a Division of our size to put a list of this size together, there is a lot to consider (if the project should be on the list and the ranking of the project) and then the dialog around the list continues.

10. Questions / Round Table – Ann Rajewski

- Mike Timlin presented a video to the Commission highlighting Bustang ridership and introducing Outrider. The video was presented to the I-70 Coalition and it went over very well.

11. Meeting adjourned at 3:59 pm – Ann Rajewski