



**Transit and Rail Advisory Committee
 Meeting Minutes
 May 11, 2018
 1:00 – 4:00 PM**

4201 E. Arkansas Ave (Conference Room #225), Denver, CO 80222

Member	Organization	Yes	No	Member	Organization	Yes	No
Ann Rajewski	CASTA	X		Rob Eaton	Amtrak	phone	
Sara Cassidy	Union Pacific RR	Phone		Kurt Ravenschlag	TransFort		X
Bill Van Meter	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		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
Jacob Riger, DRCOG	David Krutsinger, Director/DTR Brodie Ayers, DTR Michael Timlin, DTR Jeff Sanders, DTR Sharon Terranova, DTR Laura Morales-Garcia, DTR Bob Jones, Communications Michael Snow, DTR

1. **Introductions/Meeting Overview/Welcome – Ann Rajewski**
2. **Legislative Update – David Krutsinger (attachment)**
 - a. **Federal / USDOT Agencies – David Krutsinger**
 - b. **State Legislative Agenda – David Krutsinger**
 - Likely to be 2 ballot measures
 - Top yellow in the display captures the CDOT portion, not how this affects the Towns/Cities.
 - We do not know how the funding is going to affect Transit at this point – we will find out after and if the ballot measures pass.
3. **Ballot Discussion – Ann Rajewski (attachment)**
 - Meeting a week from today – there will be more information.
 - Bonding for multi-modal projects – up to \$30 million annually
 - The bonding questions will likely come to CDOT for a list – goal is for a Tier 1 list

- 4. Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail – Jacob Riger / TIGER 9 – Jim Souby, Pete Rickershauser, & Rob Eaton / CRISI – Sharon Terranova & David Krutsinger (attachment)**
- One provision SB1 / 2.5M - Service Planning, scope of services for consulting, staffing (project manager), and a year of funding.
 - Discussion regarding – widening gap (I-25 project). Right around first of July this project will start – this project affects the layout of the railway.
 - TIGER9 up in the air as Amtrak has placed conditions on this, but would like to hear what update Rob Eaton might have on this. There has been previous work already completed.
 - Rob Eaton noted the landscape is changing on a daily basis. Currently, no additional updates. He has a call in to Ray Lang trying to get an update for the next meeting on the 30th, noting there is a changing environment and hopes to have an update for the next meeting.
 - Pete Rickershauser noted BNSF commitment, will live by the cash commitment to install and pay for all the other work.
 - CRISI – 11 eligible recipients
- 5. 5 Year Draft Budget – David Krutsinger (attachment)**
- Information shows how the funds are coming in and going out.
 - FASTER \$15M Safety fund, license plate tax including late fees
 - SB267 – line item discussion regarding bus purchases
 - 5339 funds were doubled
- 6. Transit Development Program – Michael Snow (attachment)**
- Additional document was distributed
 - Shows the formula – on what would apply for Tier 1 and how big is Tier 1
 - TRAC recommendations / Subcommittee made recommendations
- Terri Binder moved to adopt the formula / accept this regional tool**
- Larry Worth seconded**
- Will Jones who was on the phone abstained, as he was unable to view document with the paperwork distributed to those present at the meeting (the document will be sent out to the entire Committee, as it was not part of the meeting packet)**
- Motion passed.**
- 7. State Management Review Update – Brodie Ayers**
- Every 3 years the Site Management Review is completed
 - Site Reviews take approximately 1/2 day to complete with an After Action Report assisting us to move forward Areas and other programs involved include
 - Technical reports
 - Civil rights
 - Milestones
 - Program measurements
 - Processes & training
 - State Management Plan also included which includes processes and procedures that is completed
- 8. Consolidated Capital Call for Projects Recommendations – Jeff Sanders (attachment)**
- November 2017 issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to state and local government authorities, nonprofit organizations, operators of public transportation or intercity bus service, and other transit groups for transit capital projects that are eligible for funding through federal and state programs that CDOT administers.
 - Over 60 applications totaling over \$30 million in grant requests - \$13 million available to build or rehab facilities

9. State Transit Plan RFP – Jeff Sanders (attachment)

- Writing the RFP to obtain the assistance of a Consultant.
- One of the first things is create a steering committee – including TRAC Members, will be a two-year effort.
- Joint COPIRG document is a part of this, benefit with a part of this, will help the document to speak in a louder way.

Danny Katz noted that the Plan could learn a lot from the Transit Development piece, where do we go and how do we move, the formula tries to provide how we value different parts of the state, try to incorporate different parts of the state, here is why different parts of the state get more and here is why. Incorporate that as much as you can. Jeff Sanders noted as soon a project is listed the projects change, do you just list strategies, or challenges. The Statewide Transit Plan will be a more high level needs. David Krutsinger added, are we using the budget right, how does the system work, are we making Bustang fit right, where are we going how should we spend the money, what are the critical pieces? Danny Katz said what we have a hard time articulating is I find plans more helpful and that is where a group like mine can use it. Bill Van Meter added that transit is very hard right now changes so hard. Danny Katz asked if a scenario plan is possible for the Plan. Jacob Riger noted that is essentially what mobility choice is doing, a blueprint plan – what does that actually mean for partnerships, how to engage, it started beginning of this year. Bill Van Meter asked if it was possible to develop different scenarios on potential technical change and impacts in the Denver metro area transferrable to the state helping all agencies aligned with statewide investments. David Krutsinger added that maybe for the next meeting in July we could have an agenda item for this topic and discussion around that for the Statewide Transit plan.

10. Transit Town Hall Report – Brodie Ayers (attachment)

- Added Greeley this year
- Fairly well positive attendance
- Soliciting feedback – please push feedback
- Current feedback
 - Satisfied with attendance & dates
 - Monthly calls – very helpful, very beneficial updates with that information
- Completed After Action reports internally and will start planning the Town Halls much earlier next year

11. Quarterly Reports – (attachments)

- SB228 update will be run through TRAC at same time as SB1 (on the same schedule)

12. Questions / Round Table – Ann Rajewski

- Danny Katz – Cooper released a report on electric buses / NTD, RTD one of only seven agencies on the road. Saves money over the life of the bus.
- Ann Rajewski – CASTA conference next week will have a whole day track on electric buses.
- David Krutsinger / Mike Timlin noted bringing 5 agencies into Google planning with some available 5311F funds.
- Mike Timlin noted at the end of the meeting that 5 agencies are being added onto Google Platform; they will be included in Google Transit Mapping.

13. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm – Ann Rajewski