



**Transit and Rail Advisory Committee
 Meeting Minutes
 November 9, 2018
 1:00 – 4:00 PM**

2829 W. Howard Place, Denver, CO 80204 / Valley Highway Conf Room #158

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

Others Present	CDOT Present
David Averill, San Miguel Authority Reg Trans. Alison Trammel, CoPIRG	David Krutsinger, Director/DTR Brodie Ayers, DTR Sharon Terranova, DTR Michael Snow, DTR Gail Hoffman, Statewide Planning Section Jeff Prillwitz, DTR Nate Vander Broek, DTR Bryan Boykin, DTR

1. Introductions/Meeting Overview/Welcome

Ann Rajewski called the meeting to order at 1:05, welcoming everyone to the meeting, asking for a round-table roll call.

2. Post-election Debrief

a. Governor – David Krutsinger (attachment)

- Map review by county is attached.
- Not known yet how cabinet appointments will pan out
 - Information will be passed on when it is available
 - Includes expected new CDOT Executive Director

b. Ballot Pass – Ann Rajewski (attachment)

- Seems Coloradoans won't vote for tax increases, discussion on local level
- Seemed that the ballots were viewed as urban issues
 - Assumed the multi-modal definition was urban / key is understanding what transit is.

- Why would it pass in one area and not another – because that area knew what they were going to gain.

3. Southwest Chief Commission Update – Jim Souby / Pete Rickershauser / David Krutsinger

- Meeting last Wednesday, November 9, 2018
- Focus on sustaining SWC route / Amtrak has agreed to not discontinue service mainly due to our Senators at least through this fiscal year.
 - As of December 7, 2018 this has to be reconsidered.
 - Leadership of house will be important in this decision.
- Met with Senate appropriation staff, but our state will not be in a position to match any federal funds.
- Will be working on an additional CRISI Grant Application – Amtrak imposed conditions and unlikely to release conditions as in the TIGER 9.
- Next issue with Amtrak is equipment funding issue – due to age
- Will have about 1M in funding this year
 - Will be hiring a Director with part of these funds
 - This position has been posted closes on November 30, 2018.
- Rights of way to protect are also being looked at for Front Range.
- CRISI Grant
 - First time in different approach to matching it 300,000
 - split 3 ways - Rail commission, TC, & Highway.
- Colfax County is the lead in TIGER 9 and there are deadlines that must be met with schedules in place for BNSF for work calendars and urgency is growing. This continues to be pointed out and again – pointed out this week. Three years to put projects in place and BNSF has not been notified to request to have anything scheduled for 2019 for this project and so this is not in the plans thus far.
- Front Range is not yet identified
- Hats off to CDOT staff on the CRISI Grant being completed.

4. SB 1 / TPR Allocation Process (attachment)

- Set funds to every region of the state.
- Suggestion to use one person to represent two organizations
- Question on how many from TRAC
 - One and two overall (CASTA & TRAC)
- Colorado Commission on Aging Center for Independence (communication among regions)
- Develop the distribution formula
- Volunteer from TRAC – David Johnson of RFTA is volunteering.

5. (PNR) Match – Sharon Terranova (attachment)

Park-and-rides (facilities) are either a bus stop, station, or a parking lot. Some are owned by CDOT, some are city owned, or privately owned. Because of this, each one has their own unique set of guidelines. For proposed policy or future guidelines, discussion was held regarding the direction the TRAC considered this should move towards. Discussion was also held on what percentage of funding might be used for a PNR match for capital funds.

- Simple stops, local transit services, and full out services
- Local services may be required to be coordinated / case-by-case basis
- When is a PNR a priority
 - Pete Rickershauser – Bustang vision inter-line cross agency
 - Larry Worth – minimum obligations might be part of the plan
 - Danny Katz – expectation (CDOT) place PNR where other options like shopping or downtown resources are.

- Sharon Terranova – running time is taken into consideration and a big reason for the planning
- Jim Souby – seems obvious negotiate and case-by-case also highest priority for current time
- Ann Rajewski – maybe a list to help prioritize if able to meet more of the requirements
- David Krutsinger – if we have funds, what % of 30m should be spent on PNR, funds could go to anything not funded by 110 – still talking about capital (20-year life) / what percentage of capital funds would each TRAC Member consider in building a park-and-ride?
 - Danny Katz 20%
 - Jim Souby less than 50%
 - Will Jones 50%
 - Pete Rickershauser no percentage (show me the data and alternative uses)
 - Vince Rogalski what kind of results and best use of funds
 - Matt Helfant preventative maintenance - some kind of balance
 - Ann Rajewski less than 50%
 - Bill Van Meter 50%
 - Mike Ogborn 50%
 - Larry Worth not to exceed 50% (tied to the vision & mission)
 - Craig Blewitt not 100%
 - David Johnson no % given

6. Call for Projects – Tom Mauser (attachment)

- Staff capacity / alternate vehicles those two things combined spread over 5 years
- Spacing over 5 years does not put us at a disadvantage and we can accelerate if needed

7. (BOC) Price Agreement – Nate Vander Broek (attachment)

- Sixteen agencies have contacted us for 2018
- Six for 2019
- Has helped the smaller agencies
- Selecting vehicle upfront so assisting in the contract and helping upfront.
- No electric in this price agreement.

8. State Transit Plan / Statewide Transportation Plan – Nate Vander Broek (attachment)

- Released the RFP today
- Plans are completed every four years
- Question 1 (memo attachment) discussion
 - System performance, infrastructure
 - Interconnectivity
 - Economic vitality
 - Safety is inherent, set performance standards (minimum benchmark)
 - Move people more efficiently
 - Maintenance
- Question 2 (memo attachment) discussion
 - Going to have to better integrate just to reach the baseline
 - To continually move more people

9. TRAC Reappointments – David Krutsinger (attachment)

- One change to the attachment
 - Larry Worth’s appointment will extend to the end of 2019.
- If anyone has ideas or suggestions – notify David Krutsinger.

10. Quarterly Memos / Informational

a. Bustang & Rural Regional / Outrider Program – Jeff Prillwitz (attachment)

- 4 Bustang routes dropped due to driver shortages
 - This is not a new issue, just seems to be getting worse
- DTC service is starting
- Durango/Grand Junction is back to daily service

b. Transit Grants / Sub-Award – David Krutsinger (attachment)

- Attachment provides latest updates

c. SB228 – Sharon Terranova (attachment)

- Attachments provides latest updates

11. Questions / Round Table – Ann Rajewski

- Danny Katz asked David Johnson of RFTA to share what happened on the funding side regarding transit. David Johnson noted 2.65M property tax did pass. A narrow margin of 52%. The focus was on bus replacement and the downside of this was that if it didn't get passed they would have to cut service by 25% meanwhile ridership was growing every year. David will email the information. TRAC members requested David present this item to the TRAC members at the January TRAC meeting, he agreed.
- Pete Rickershauser attended an interesting conference in Chicago and learned about a study from Norm Carlson (Metro in Chicago) Consultant on board who conducted a study to identify a rider's value to the region. Each metro rider / \$4,700. rider benefits – be on the lookout for the study.
- Vince – selected for statewide 2045 planning committee for planning process meetings coming up.

12. Meeting adjourned at 3:37 pm – Ann Rajewski