



**Transit and Rail Advisory Committee  
 Meeting Minutes  
 September 14, 2018  
 1:00 – 4:00 PM**

**2829 W. Howard Place, Denver, CO 80204 / Auditorium West #159**

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 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	phone	
Matthew Helfant	DRCOG	x		Peter Rickershauser	BNSF Railway	x	
Terri Binder	Club 20	x		Will Jones	Greeley Evans Transit / Small urban areas		x
Vince Rogalski	STAC	phone					

Others Present	CDOT Present
Lan Rao, Mountain Metro Transit David Averill, San Miguel Authority Reg Trans.	David Krutsinger, Director/Division of Transit & Rail Moirra Moon, Grants Unit/DTR Brodie Ayers, Grants Unit Mgr/DTR Bob Wilson, Communications Jeff Sanders, Transit Planning & Infrastructure Mgr/DTR Michael Snow, TP&I Unit Mike Timlin, Bus Operations Mgr/DTR

**1. Introductions/Meeting Overview/Welcome**

Ann Rajewski called the meeting to order at 1:07, welcoming everyone to the meeting, with a roundtable roll-call. David Krutsinger congratulated Ann Rajewski on becoming the full-time Director at CASTA.

**2. DTR Org Change – David Krutsinger (attachment)**

- Many changes have been happening within the Division of Transit & Rail over past year, many not physically apparent.
  - Staff changes
  - Increased funding – Capital Projects
  - Uniform Administrative Requirements
  - FTA Program Changes with Plan requirements
- Additional Unit will be added
  - Programming Unit (included in attachments)
    - Manager, Administrator IV (2), and Administrator II

- Each DTR Unit will also plan on an intern - with the additional projects 4 interns (1 for each Unit can be utilized).
- Jim Souby asked if this required approval, and if it had been approved. David answered that yes the structure change has been approved, noting it took about 3 months and added the vacant Deputy Director position was split into two positions.
- Another two positions are part of the Southwest Chief & Front Range Rail Commission; (funding information will be discussed later in the meeting).
  - Director position is to be created that must be tied to CDOT - this position is to report to David and with his only responsibility to complete reviews and evaluations based on input from the Commission.
  - This Director position will have a supporting assistant position as well.
- David Averill inquired if the changes in positions at CDOT/DTR will result in changes to the award process other than the contact person. David replied grant partners should not see any changes; CDOT/DTR will still process awards as before, by a panel process. If any changes were made in the future, a change in policy would be required and that must be approved by the Transportation Commission.
- The attachments show all the specific job duty changes – all DTR Units will be involved in any of the discussion of directions for funds remaining from year to year.

### **3. Southwest Chief Commission Update – Jim Souby & Pete Rickershauser (attachment)**

- There is a hearing on Thursday for emergency appropriations to get the funding for the Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission released. The hope is to have the funds available in late September or early October.
  - David is meeting Monday with Human Resources to complete the position description in order to get it advertised.
- Amtrak wants to substitute a bus for track between Colorado and New Mexico citing safety issues.
  - Need to come up with a firm plan for an additional \$50m
  - Agreed to work on a financial plan, but then came back and said not only the \$50m but additional funds for PTC are needed. PTC is under consideration for this area, but Amtrak has not backed down. Right now asking for extension for PTC.
  - Maintaining the position need to come up with the \$50m in funds.
  - Amtrak Commission meeting coming up later this month and this will be a topic.

### **4. Ballot Discussion – Ann Rajewski (attachment)**

- Both Transportation Initiatives are on the ballot
  - 109 – no new funding, would be a bond package for state highway specifically and transit is not allowed - paid for from the general fund
  - 110 – Initiative includes funding for highways, counties/cities, provides a multi-modal pot, a bonding portion and part will also go to local agencies. This funding may be used for any project, and gives a lot more leeway for local agencies.
- Let's Go Colorado is still in the "ask phase", if you go on the website all the info is available.
- State employees cannot advocate for any of these initiatives, but they can provide the information.
- Education is very important for the voters.

### **5. SB 1 – Michael Snow & Jeff Sanders (attachment)**

- Multimodal Options Fund (MMOF) – legislature did not appropriate funds, CDOT is requesting a supplemental appropriation action I September, if unsuccessful, will wait until 2019 session for appropriation.
- Provide geographic distribution
- Integrated multi-modal solutions of significance
- The original bill SB18-001 is how this was defined for multi-modal.

- TRAC will discuss how to best utilize these funds based on the current needs that already exist and around the SB18-001 definition.
- David noted funding could be a combination of funds or it may be stand alone for projects.
- Pete Rickershauser asked if multi-modal in this context included freight, the answer is no.

#### **6. SB 228 & 267 – Jeff Sanders (attachment)**

- These bills were passed last year, and 10% will come to Transit. The first year is guaranteed for funding, but each year after that is not guaranteed.
- Since funds are one-time based, they will be capital projects
- Ann Rajewski noted if the ballot initiative were to pass, there could be huge advantages for the rural areas with this and the initiatives.
- Jim Souby asked if there is a fixed match requirement, and if there is some guidance for this. David Krutsinger stated returning with the non-rural in November and depending on what happens with that, we will need to proceed from there.

The Commission discussed releasing \$9.5 to rural funding and making that available for fall-call projects – Jim Souby asked the Commission to suspend the rules making it an action item and not an informational item, as the memorandum attachment indicates this is an informational item.

**Jim Souby motioned to release \$9.5m of rural funds for Fall Call Projects**

**Larry Worth seconded the motion**

**All members present & on the phone approved / motion passed**

#### **7. Rural Regional Bus – Mike Timlin (attachment)**

- Last year finished phase 1 - Outrider was completed
- Phase II was completed June 29, 2018
  - Lamar – Pueblo
  - Alamosa – Pueblo
  - Gunnison – Denver
  - Durango – Grand Junction
- Jim Souby asked how the Beeline service began. Mike noted indicated Kansas approached Colorado a number of years ago and the service was “pieced” together. Colorado reinstated the service from 2005 and that continued from highway 50 into Grand Junction. They had to piece together the connections between Wichita and Pueblo so the times were varying in order to make all the different connections. David added 5311F funding was handled and this was the application that fit at that time, policy shifting allowed for the use of the funds to be utilized more efficiently and better serve the residents of Colorado.

#### **8. State Management Review Update – Brodie Ayers (attachment)**

- Many divisions of CDOT are involved in this process not just DTR (Procurement, Civil Rights, Business Office).
- Documents were compiled by everyone involved – for 20 different review areas
  - State Management Review Package was submitted early
  - Audit also included a site visit
  - 8 Draft deficiencies in 3 Review Areas & 14 Draft – Corrective Actions
  - To close by February 14, 2019
- In 2015 DTR had findings in 75% of the areas and this year we had no findings in 85% of the areas
- Audited every 3 years
- Hard to see the value when you are in it, but when you look at the bigger picture there is value in the process.

**9. Transit Asset Management Plan Update – Michael Snow (attachment)**

The Commission discussed the graph and the tables as a whole knowing the entire inventory continues to be added.

- This is a guideline/tool to assist in the competitive award process to help us with some decisions.
- It is not a fail-safe tool, nor does it take into account real or existing conditions, it is only a guideline to assist it does not define what vehicles must be replaced.
- Transit Asset Management does not apply to 5311F services.
- Every year, the hope is that it will become more sophisticated as we continue to include more real data and refine this tool.

**10. Quarterly Memos**

**a. Bustang & Rural Regional / Outrider Program – Mike Timlin (attachment)**

- West line is averaging over 61 passengers per day

**b. Transit Grants – Brodie Ayers (attachment)**

**c. SB228 – Jeff Sanders (attachment)**

**11. Questions / Round Table**

Jim Souby noted there is a meeting for Colorado on Saturday, September 22, 2018 for Colorail – general membership meeting, the website has all details.

Ann Rajewski noted the CASTA meeting will be held on Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

**12. Meeting adjourned at 3:42 pm – Ann Rajewski**