



**Transit and Rail Advisory Committee
 Meeting Minutes
 July 12, 2019
 12:00 – 3:00 PM**

2829 W. Howard Place, Denver, CO 80204 / South Platte River Trail (#231)

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

Others Present	CDOT Present
Dave Averill, SMART (phone)	Qing Ling, DTR Araya Messa, DTR Mike Timlin, DTR Nate Vander Broek, DTR Gail Hoffman, DTD Sophie Shulman, Chief of Innovative Mobility David Krutsinger, DTR Rocio Ramirez, DTR Michael Snow, DTR Lisa Streisfeld, Innovative Mobility

1. Introductions/Meeting Overview/Welcome

Ann Rajewski called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm, welcoming everyone to the meeting, asking for a roll call.

2. Round Table

Danny Katz noted he would be attending the next Transportation Commission meeting to deliver a letter with signatures of over 100 citizens noting their support of Bustang celebrating the 4th Anniversary. They are also letting their local media know including John Suthers on Wednesday who will be in Fort Collins.

Ann Rajewski noted the Anniversary of RTD of 50 years congratulating them supporting the community for this extended time.

Ann also noted CASTA would be launching Fall CASTA Conference. Planning for electric bus, mobility, easy mile, and laps around bus show.

David Krutsinger announced Michael Snow will be transferring from the Division of Transit & Rail to the Division of Transition & Development into a similar planning role in the next few weeks.

3. Federal & State Legislative Update

- CDOT just turned in their legislative agenda plan to the Governor's office and will get the 1st feedback. Response to that feedback will be required in August then more formal information will follow.
- Roughly \$150M year from general fund, may be referred to the ballot.
- If SB1 ballot measure / will be a delay of 3rd SB267 will be delayed till after 267 then goes away.

David noted rural transit provider increasing extraordinary insurance costs / wondering if state insurance costs bill to capital costs could be created? Ann asked what other states were doing. There was some discussion amongst the Committee. If trying to do something in an entire county each individual city has to have this pass, it is very complex.

4. State Transit Plan Update – Nate Vander Broek (attachment)

- Do you have the transit development (data) spreadsheet? / Yes, we will get you that data.
- First round of meetings is almost complete.
- Time line for completion is March / April 2020 as we still have 95 meetings for this process.
- How much public involvement are you asking for or are you wanting at this time? / Transit right now, public human service is still needed so hopefully we will get that input and more as we move along.
- We may discuss the committee at the CASTA Conference, if we can get a contact list as we move forward, the sooner the better.
- The survey will be similar to the last plan / age over 65 mostly and data source was helpful for assessment of need.
- Next week first telephone town hall
 - Last time around had over 50,000 – much more effective – obtains a different demographic.

5. SB 267 - Process – David Krutsinger (attachment)

- Stops are along existing routes and strategic in planning to meet and link up routes.
- These funds come in the next few years and suggest turn shovel in next few years spent, keeping in mind it is a set amount of funds.
- Do we need to be aware of the operating balance as we have mobility hubs and consider maintenance of these locations as well? Also considering around the state not just in one location.
 - Hubs are built around the state in all areas to consider all populations around the state including rural areas.
- Subsets of money urban and rural. Design – call for projects.

6. SB 267 Hwy 119 / I-25 Property Acquisition Approval – David Krutsinger (attachment)

- Buy land south of what is currently owned – have pedestrian tunnel shorten by 400 fl.
- Would you support / oppose
- Why not other location
 - No other known location with existing parking.
 - Believe several hundred people a day / good use.
- If you sell the property and get the money back, can the money come back to Transit?
 - Can be a qualified recommendation.
- Ann feels good about the why this location question and why we are using this specifically.
- Important for growth.

- Allows us to serve both directions.
- Is there any data to show if there is any information that shows the Northwest riders (rail) this might show it would help / or attract them?
 - It might use – help attract them right now yes.
- How far is this station from Longmont
 - Approximately six
- Ann noted not wanting funds to go just to rural, just want to be wise about where money is spent.
- David closed the topic stating it sounded like those present are on board / those present agreed.

7. **Bustang Expansion – Mike Timlin (attachment)**

- Estes Park – Pilot Test
 - \$10.00 guaranteed seating
 - What sort of local transportation – Estes Park will have their own / all over the city local shuttle – buses will be there to meet our bus.
 - Pete said we should anticipate people who do not normally use transit. DVD on bus who don't normally use transit.
 - David said we do not have a lot of funds for this “test pilot”. Next year if it works maybe we can plan a contract with an agency.
- Snowstang – 2019
 - Demand is there in February (according to last year's ticketing)
 - Is this the right way to proceed?
 - cost to CDOT is anticipated at predicted zero.
 - Public perception – want to go skiing, take time to get used to out of nowhere and have a way to do this, really impressive, resorts if you want it then you can pay for it, creates competition then it works for the momentum.

8. **Southwest Chief & Front Range Multi Modal Option Fund – Jim Souby / Pete Rickershauser / Randy Grauberger**

- Five or six different options and does not require district definition.
 - Domain, taxation, & if enterprise authority & police powers.
- Finishing agreements on TIGER 9 & CRISI agreements.
- Placing BUILD to finish last pieces to complete last part of the Southwest line.
- Selected consulted rail HDR expected sign 7/8 of August a \$3m to study Front Range Rail.
- Will that study have any type of Advisory Committee?
 - Yes, many levels / executive on policy level and separate on STP, rail specific & survey wise.
- What is the timeline & details?
 - Definition by about January to hit this legislative session determine by May – funding question to voters – seems quick / political party item.
- Is there enough definition, can the Commission get there fast enough?
 - They are aware how fast this will come up.
- Question of possible Amtrak monies?
 - Interest – anything less than 750 miles they are less interested in is their response.
- SWC is not going away, only one grant away from being secured.

9. **DTR Fiscal 19 / 20 Budget Qing Lin (attachment)**

- Ann – how much are people asking for capital from 5311F?
 - Depends on where it is reserved from. Because we have other funding sources, replacing from the other sources.
- Nate asked if it could be sustained indefinitely.
 - Because it is increased by 2% the belief is, yes - by year 6, we believe it can be restored.

- The big question is can it be sustained, the other concern is we are now doing more of that as we took more before and would now be doing more of that. Can only do for replacement and not expansion.
- State of good repair – scheduling what the capital needs are / are we getting ourselves into something that is not sustainable? \$61M estimated backlog and we are still building the list.
- Ann feels like there is more funding needed on the operating side.
- Because there are so many questions and not enough time for consideration and not enough time for review of these documents, this item should be brought back to the Committee another time to give everyone more time for review and further anticipation on time on future financial.

10. Multi-Modal Option Fund David Krutsinger (attachment)

- Formula splits 19% rural area funds
- If does not go down, then return to projects.
- Unlinked counts as 2 trips / shorthand for ridership.
- Advisory information (Table 4) – jurisdiction can choose to use / not a formula

11. Meeting adjourned at 2:37 Ann Rajewski