



**Transit and Rail Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**November 8, 2019**

**12:00 – 3:00 PM**

**2829 W. Howard Place, Denver, CO 80204 / South Platte River Conf Rm (#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	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	City of Greeley / Small urban areas	X	
Terri Binder	Club 20		X	Vince Rogalski	STAC		X

Others Present	CDOT Present
Erik Stanley, HDR Kyle Montgomery, Amtrak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Krutsinger, DTR</li> <li>• Randy Grauberger, CDOT / SWC&amp;FRPR</li> <li>• Gail Hoffman, CDOT</li> <li>• Qing Lin, DTR</li> <li>• Bob Wilson, CDOT</li> <li>• Sophie Shulman, Chief of Innovative Mobility</li> <li>• Nate Vander Brock, DTR</li> <li>• Andy Karsian, CDOT</li> <li>• Eric Richardson, CDOT</li> <li>• Laura Morales-Garcia, DTR</li> <li>• Ken Mooney, DTR</li> <li>• Brian Hartman, DTR</li> </ul>

**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**

- Best of Colorado Springs 2019 – Local Transportation Service
  - Gold - Bustang / ridebustang.com
  - Silver - Mountain Metropolitan Transit / coloradosprings.gov/mountain-metro
  - Bronze – PikeRide / pikeride.org
- Craig noted they are finishing the Transit Plans & scheduled to be approved.
- Bill noted at RTD they are well into the initiation of Reimagine RTD to keep pieces of the system optimization & a coverage vs ridership intense system. The other piece of that, stay tuned as RTD gears up to the process, challenged at the moment, with not only operator but a maintenance head count.

Ann asked if RTD was getting good engagement on the planning effort. Bill replied, yes that there is a lot on the series of town halls.

- Greeley getting ramped up for next year with drivers for kick-up of January 2 bus route of Greeley & Fort Collins.
- Gail noted the ongoing 2045 planning efforts, collected all the suggestions for Regions & TPRs to whittle those down to have a plan in place.
- Qing stated the Consolidated Call for Capital Transit Projects has been extended. The new deadline for 2020 CCCP vehicles is November 22, 2019, other capital applications deadline is November 18, 2019.
- Matt noted the Transit & Rail Committee has been working with stakeholders now for several months and they are now looking to get their Plan adopted sometime in the next year. Starting scenario work on financial assumptions for the fiscally constrained plan. A Civic Advisory group for the 2050 TRP is also in the works.

### **3. Federal & State Legislative Update – Andy Karsian (State) & Eric Richardson (Federal)**

Federal Legislative update:

- Rural Transit trips as part of the formula was pushed, reception seemed to be taken well.
- House – maybe early next year Feb/Mar nothing on the Senate side for Banking to get them to do anything for Transit, but wait & see.
- Just yesterday Highway Trust fund to look at ways to finance long-term & other bills that are depleting to figure that out.
- **Q:** Where is there a list of priorities in terms of this so CASTA can add this to their list. Eric will send to Ann
- **Q:** What are the specifics, to assure we don't get hurt & watch Colorado's status on what is going on, looking at the consciousness & rural awareness. This is for all formulas not just rural.

State Legislative update:

- SB19-239 Transportation & Motor Vehicles
  - Emerging transportation technologies and business models
  - Fees that could be collected / motor vehicle definition is the vehicle that is used for commercial purposes.

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

- About 1600 surveys returned
- If interested in receiving surveys to send out, please let us know – have about 1000 left
- Very similar to last survey so comparison will be good
- Thanks to the agencies that provide this – thanks for the correct information, relying on you.
- Each entity received based on criteria (priority projects)
- Chair of TPR meet with areas on their plans & pre-report completion in March
- A lot of information will be from previous plan, plugging in from current/future plan

### **5. Southwest Chief Front Range Rail Commission Update – Jim Souby / Pete Rickershauser / Randy Grauberger (attachment)**

- December meeting in Colorado Springs (13<sup>th</sup>)
- Starting in 2020 meetings will now be held the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month
- CRISI & TIGER Grants work continues
- Meeting to discuss the through-car service / interest in using the existing historical, discussion stands. The voice from the 13 counties, do you know what magnitude would be required. Cursory analysis would all be bonded would all be 3.7, not sure if the 5B is the right number. We don't know what the cost of the project is, that is premature. Round that to 4/10 of a cent, that is similar to the FasTracks monies. This is assuming the entire 13 counties.

6. **Outrider Decision Review** – Michael Timlin / Jeff Prillwitz (attachment)
  - Phase III recommended: Greyhound operating through 2020 (Craig & Denver)
  - Input today & official vote in January, what additional information is needed to make a recommendation in January. Are there any concerns about the proposal? In general, the Committee noted the vetting process seems very thorough.
  
7. **SB 267 Project Decisions** – David Krutsinger / Erik Stanley (attachment)
  - Looking for advice on how to make it better, we need to be prepared as our needs far exceed our funding.
  - Guidance from TRAC & STAC to see equity and honor that
  - **Q:** Is there room for funding for small agencies/rural agencies? / Possible later for small/rural, but would want to talk with them and see how that looks and would also need to run through TRAC as well.
  - Capital Call awards will be in addition to the amounts identified for each remaining balance.
  - A lot of work to do on local projects.
  - TRAC Members should expect an email sometime before December 6, 2019. The email will contain a list of SB 267 Projects and provide their response and/or consent via email so that DTR may proceed with this full remaining list to be taken to the Transportation Commission for approval.
  
8. **Quarterly Memos / Informational**
  - a. **Bustang & Rural Regional / Outrider Program** – Michael Timlin (attachment)  
**Snowstang**
    - Days of operation will be December 14, 2019 – April 19, 2010
      - Arapahoe Basin
      - Loveland Ski Area
      - Steamboat Ski Corp
  
  - b. **Transit Grants** – Qing Lin (attachment)
  
  - c. **SB 228** – Sharon Terranova (attachment)
  
  - d. **SB 267** – Sharon Terranova (attachment)
  
9. **Meeting adjourned at 2:23** Ann Rajewski