



Transit and Rail Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2019

12:00 – 3:00 PM

2829 W. Howard Place, Denver, CO 80204 / Auditorium East (#162)

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
Lee Cryer	RTD	x		Mike Ogborn	Ogborn Consulting / Short-line railroad		x
Craig Blewitt	Mountain Metro Transit	X (on phone)		Danny Katz	CoPIRG		x
David Johnson	Roaring Fork Transit	X (on 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 (on phone)	

Others Present	CDOT Present
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Krutsinger, DTR • Randy Grauberger, CDOT / SWC&FRPR • Gail Hoffman, CDOT • Spencer Dodge, CDOT / SWC&FRPR • Qing Lin, DTR • Brodie Ayers, DTR • Bob Wilson, CDOT • Sophie Shulman, Chief of Innovative Mobility • Sharon Terranova, DTR • Jamie Grim, CDOT • Nate Vander Brock, DTR • Julie Goose, CDOT • Andy Karsian, CDOT • Araya Messa, DTR

1. Introductions/Meeting Overview/Welcome

Ann Rajewski called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm, welcoming everyone to the meeting, asking for a roll call.

2. Round Table

- Ann noted CASTA would be launching Fall CASTA Conference. Planning for electric bus, mobility, easy mile, and laps around bus show.
- Matthew Helfant noted that DRCOG and RTD will have a joint presentation through webinar to highlight their collaboration.

3. TRAC Members / Meeting Time (attachment)

- TRACK agreed with the proposed meeting dates and times included on the memo.
- Further discussion needed to approve two additional seats: Transit Technology seat and Senior/Disability seat
- Mathew noted DRCOG has a staff to represent transit technology
- Inquiry on if Southwest Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail representation is needed. The answer is no since there is a rail advisory group and participation takes place within that advisory group.

4. Federal & State Legislative Update (Incl TLRC) – Andy Karsian

- Two new staff were introduced: Jamie Grim and Julie Goose from the state legislative unit
- Jamie Grim will represent region 4 and 5 and Julie Goose will represent Region 1 and 2
- Upcoming referendum election will be held
- There is ongoing discussion about funding distribution methods
- Q: Does anyone ask about those economically limited areas to get them any assistance? Ans: Not yet

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

- DRCOG offered any cooperation if CDOT needs any help on transit planning
- Ann let Nate know that people have a positive reaction towards any cooperation needed about their research and she also suggested he present progress at the upcoming CASTA conference.
- Online surveys will be conducted about inventory, human service providers etc. in the future

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

- Please see memo (attachment)

7. 2019 CDOT Transit Project Call Summary – Qing Lin (attachment)

- 2020 CDOT consolidation and capital call will be made at about the end the September with \$34M total fund. 5310 funding source will include both urban and small urban areas
- There will be \$7M from FTA
- Q: Is settlement included under consolidation? Ans: Yes

8. SB 267 Project Decisions – Sharon Terranova (attachment)

- SB267 Transit Projects discussion will be held at a TRAC meeting (possible special meeting).
- Q: how would people be informed about the project description? Ans: All the project scope of work (SOW) will be sent out to intended designees for a better understanding about the project.
- Ann suggested that small agencies might obtain more technical assistance from CDOT
- Mathew from DRCOG added that if possible some funding sources could be administered by CDOT to those small agencies such as 5304.
- Q: Can any project be added on the pipeline on the go? Or are these list of projects the only projects on the pipeline? Ans: Yes, any project can be allowed to be added in the future. These list of projects are only for year 1. In year 2, 3, and 4 etc. other new projects may be added.
- Comment: People need to get informed as funding comes. Ans: Note of funding availability will be publicized as funding comes.
- Requesting TRAC recommendation for transportation commission approval to use a \$2.9M: \$2.5m for property acquisition (purchasing land) AND \$0.4M for design of an interim transit station at I-25 and SH 119 from Senate Bill 267 was favored and approved by TRAC.

9. Bustang Expansion – Mike Timlin (attachment)

- Bustang Estes Park route is currently free for kids under 12 as a promotion.
- As riders are booming by the mountain areas, Bustang faces shortage of drivers.

10. Quarterly Memos / Informational

- a. Bustang & Rural Regional / Outrider Program** – Michael Timlin (attachment)
 - Riders feedback about Bustang service shows Bustang is reliable, great service and on time service
 - TRAC commented that Bustang will have their hands full with all the planned expansions proposed by Bustang and managing all the upcoming changes especially towards Colorado Springs, Pueblo, and all other south side areas are appreciated.
 - Having robust advertising about service expansion to Grand Junction area will help to inform people about the service.
- b. Transit Grants** – Qing Lin (attachment)
 - Please see memo (attachment)
- c. SB 228** – Sharon Terranova (attachment)
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- d. SB 267** – Sharon Terranova (attachment)
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11. Meeting adjourned at 2:35 Ann Rajewski