



**Transit and Rail Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 13, 2020**  
**12:30 – 3:30 PM**  
**2829 W. Howard Place, Denver, CO 80204 / East Auditorium (#162)**

Member	Organization	Yes	No	Member	Organization	Yes	No
David Averill	SMART	Phone		Michael Koch	Town of Winter Park		X
Craig Blewitt	Mountain Metro Transit	Phone		Alana Miller	City of Denver	Phone	
Rob Eaton	Amtrak		X	Mike Ogborn	Ogborn Consulting	Phone	
Matthew Helfant	DRCOG	X		Ann Rajewski	CASTA	X	
Lauren Isaac	Easy Mile, Inc.		X	Pete Rickershauser	BNSF Railway		X
Dave Johnson	RFTA	Phone		Vince Rogalski	Gunnison Valley TPR / STAC	X	
Will Jones	City of Greeley	Phone		Jim Souby	ColoRail	Phone	
Danny Katz	CoPIRG		X	Bill Van Meter	RTD		X

Others Present	CDOT Present
Lee Cryer, RTD Cady Dawson, Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Krutsinger, Director - DTR</li> <li>• Randy Grauberger, SWC&amp;FRPR</li> <li>• Qing Lin, DTR</li> <li>• Bob Wilson, CDOT</li> <li>• Sophie Shulman, Chief – Innovative Mobility</li> <li>• Nate Vander Brock, DTR</li> <li>• Eric Richardson, CDOT</li> <li>• Laura Morales-Garcia, DTR</li> <li>• Claire Gomba, DTR</li> <li>• Ken Mooney, DTR</li> <li>• Brian Hartman, DTR</li> <li>• Jeff Prillwitz, DTR</li> <li>• Mike Timlin, DTR</li> <li>• Andy Karsian, CDOT</li> <li>• Lisa Streisfeld, OIM</li> <li>• Brodie Ayers, DTR (phone)</li> <li>• Sharon Terranova, DTR (phone)</li> <li>• TJ Burr, DTR (phone)</li> <li>• Julia Wcislo, DTR (phone)</li> <li>• Moira Moon, DTR (phone)</li> <li>• Matthew Duchan (phone)</li> </ul>

**1. Introductions/Meeting Overview/Welcome – Ann Rajewski**

Ann Rajewski called the meeting to order at 12:31 PM, welcoming everyone to the meeting, asking for roll call.

## 2. Round Table – Ann Rajewski

- MMOV moving well through the process, there is a number of people on the schedule for next week and Transportation Commission will vote next week for approval.
- ColoRail meeting that was scheduled for March 21, 2020 is being postponed, unsure of date at this time.
- RTD has an interim General Manager, Paul Ballard.

## 3. Federal & State Legislative Update – Andy Karsian - State & Eric Richardson - Federal

### Federal Legislative update

- Front Range dual service was mentioned, that is worth paying attention.
- Infrastructure Framework for 760B over 5 years was introduced.
- Transit Fed Form Funding Formulas – Rural formulas is being watched closely as Colorado has so much rural in the state.
- Do not believe an agreement will come on Reorganization in the next few months.

### State Legislative update (attachment)

State Legislature planning an early closure due to COVID-19, asking CDOT what essential bills they believe might need to be looked at sooner rather than later if an early adjournment might be called.

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

- This plan is projecting out to 2045.
- Outreach included transportation providers, the public, and human service agencies.
- Reviewed financial snapshots / operating vs capital

**Q:** Data was integrated last time and was helpful again, will want to work together to make sure will work together will this happen again? **A:** Yes, but it also includes a separate planning process for individual projects.

**Q:** Process question on TPR plans: Do local planning efforts/future projects need to be identified in the TPR plan to be eligible for funding (5304)? We've been so focused on operations and capital projects that this hasn't come up in our TPR (GVTPR).

Will the TPR plans be seen as an adequate level of planning for the area, or will CDOT still entertain more focused local plans through the 5304 program in the next couple of years? For instance, we see a need to do a specific and focused study to assess the mobility needs and existing gaps in service for disabled/elderly populations in the greater Telluride region. TPR plans don't typically go to the level of operational detail, funding partnerships, that a study like that would flesh out. **A:** We have a list for projects, but not for planning as they are in our plan as they are in there to move forward. Related to the project list, they are in there so if you want that in there they can be added to the plan.

**Discussion:** The last State Transit Plan which completed covered through years 2040 had safety as part of the Vision & Goals, with 3 main categories. TRAC believes it is important to maintain consistency moving forward into the 2045 plan, maybe just fine tuning the new plan Vision and Goals. TRAC is requesting an email be sent to Ann or David on the final 2045 Vision and Goals so that they may forward to all TRAC Members for review.

## 5. Ten Year Pipeline – Nate Vander Broek (attachment)

- Transit planning continues to analyze and will use to inform policy.
- Maintain this list of projects and update accordingly.

## 6. PD 14 – Sharon Terranova / David Krutsinger (attachment)

- In addition to connections to trails and mobility hubs it would be great to include something about secure bike parking at certain transit locations to facilitate those connections.
- The 2018 Transit Asset Management Plan is available on the CDOT website.
  - Measures were met with this plan.
- Assets should be updated annually by Grant Partners.
  - The inventory information is used when capital call is held and holds a lot of value when making these decisions for replacement vehicles.

- SB 267 is going to be helpful with transit facilities.
- All call for projects - use of minimum useful life is a challenge ahead of us
- Some things to consider –
  - Increased ridership but not connectivity
  - What is the focus, how do we want to measure, is it critical to fund?
  - Have we looked at radius for jobs or shopping, 45 miles might be the consideration, maybe more?
  - Ideally more time, but not for new mobility hubs
  - Critical connections
  - Rural specific demand response
  - Increasing costs and flat funding
  - 2019 big expiration year for some
- Reminder from Vince Rogalski that this is only part of what PD14 is about. Sharon did note DTR will also go before STAC most likely in April, coordinating with them as well.

**7. 2020 CCCP Update – Ken Mooney / Audrey Dakan (attachment)**

- 80 of 85 replacement vehicle requests were funded based on age and mileage criteria
- All applicants will be notified, including those not awarded

**8. “Super Call” Update – Qing Lin (attachment)**

- As TRAC requested at the January meeting a survey was sent out to our Grant Partners statewide with the results attached.
  - 35 responses
  - 74% generally supported this idea
  - 74% replied they had the staffing capacity to submit multiple applications on the proposed due dates
  - 42.9% replied their agency would have the local match budgeted by Spring 2020 for 2021 capital projects
- Based off of this information due to the concerns about the overmatch and advance notice, the complete “super call” will not take place until calendar year 2021.
- This year DTR will combine 2021 Admin/Operating and Planning call in April 2020. DTR will also accelerate 2021 CCCP in August 2020.

**9. Connected Colorado – Qing Lin (attachment)**

- Believe this will provide options for transit agencies – looking to Trillium to cover and start first work on platform in bridging some of the gaps.

It was noted that some agencies are heavily vested in specified software, so they would need to know first if the software is compatible. If it is an option versus a requirement, that is a big deal.

Jim Souby noted he was in Sacramento in September and California is in the middle of doing this type of project, he suggested making contact with them. Qing noted that has been done. She is starting to have this item added to agendas for different councils and emailing to communities. Vince noted this needs to be done sooner rather than later as the process can be time consuming for approval with some agencies.

**Q:** Is the end goal here something like a statewide transit passenger app? Route/trip planning, e-faring, next bus/AVL component? That’s where things are going at the local level. - Explain “statewide rural dispatching” as you conceive of it for this effort. Is that dial-a-ride only? **A:** Can ask Trillium & come back in a month or two.

## 10. Informational Memos

- a. **Southwest Chief Front Range Rail Commission Update** – Randy Grauberger (attachment)
  - CRISI Grant kickoff meeting, the plan is to hold a meeting next week.
  - The third round of Stakeholder Meetings that was scheduled for April 7-9 has been pushed back by at least 3 weeks as of today.
  
- b. **Quarterly Bustang** – Jeff Prillwitz / Michael Timlin (attachment)
  - New Bustang stop is planned for May 17, 2020 at Sky Ridge Station
    - Working on fine tuning the stop times as the Sky Ridge Medical Center has many staff that work 12 hour shifts so we are trying to take that into consideration.
  - Tentative Estes opening day is Memorial Day, but that may be delayed due to COVID-19.
  
- c. **Quarterly Outrider Program** – Jeff Prillwitz / Michael Timlin (attachment)
  
- d. **Quarterly Transit Grants** – Qing Lin (attachment)
  - Division of Transit & Rail increased the number of invoices processed and anticipate that number will continue to increase in the next year.
  
- e. **Quarterly SB 228** – Sharon Terranova (attachment)
  
- f. **Quarterly SB 267** – Sharon Terranova (attachment)

## 11. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 2:53 Ann Rajewski