



**Transit and Rail Advisory Committee
 Meeting Minutes
 March 12, 2021
 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
 Google Meets**

Member	Organization	Yes	No	Member	Organization	Yes	No
David Averill	SMART	x		Danny Katz	CoPIRG	x	
Craig Blewitt	Mountain Metro Transit	x		Alana Miller	City of Denver	x	
Sarah Curtis	All Points Transit			Ann Rajewski	CASTA	x	
Jonathan Flint	Steamboat Springs Transit	x		Vince Rogalski	Gunnison Valley TPR / STAC	x	
Matthew Helfant	DRCOG	x		Jim Souby	ColoRail	x	
Lauren Isaac	Easy Mile, Inc.	x		Bill Van Meter	RTD	x	
Dave Johnson	RFTA	x		Wilson, Eva	Town of Avon	x	
Will Jones	City of Greeley	x					

Others Present	CDOT Present
Cady Dawson Dana Brosig Ed Parks, AECOM Ken Mooney Michaela Craig	Michael Timlin, Interim Director, DTR Audrey Dakan, CDOT Bob Wilson, CDOT Brandon Najdovski, CDOT Brodie Ayers, CDOT Christopher Robbie, CDOT David Singer, CDOT Cemal Akcicek, CDOT Erik Stanley, CDOT Geoffrey Guthrie, CDOT Jeffrey Prillwitz, CDOT Josie Hadley, CDOT Kay Kelly, CDOT Kyle French, CDOT Laura Morales-Garcia, CDOT Lisa Streisfeld, CDOT Mark Rogers, CDOT Maxwell Gesten, CDOT Michael King, CDOT Rachel Bolin, CDOT Sarah Crump, CDOT Sharon Terranova, CDOT Spencer Dodge, CDOT

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

Ann Rajewski called the meeting to order at 1:08 PM, welcoming everyone to the meeting, asking for roll call.

2. **Round Table** – Ann Rajewski

Open Announcements and Discussion:

- Michael Timlin- American Rescue Plan will be signed into law today. How will DTR manage the many funding new sources upcoming?
- Brodie Ayers- Three parts to American Rescue Plan funding for transit. Colorado could expect the same 5310 allocations as from CRRSA and a potential second 5311 allocation.
- David Singer- Introduction and taking over position for Randy Grauberger at DTR, Front Range Passenger Rail.
- David Averill – Commissioners in his region voted to apply for a LoNo Emissions Grant.
- Jim Souby – RTD and FRPRC working toward northwest rail agreement with series of meetings.
- Danny Katz – Boulder Valley School district now has electric buses. CO Bill awaiting signature that adds more funding to revitalizing main street grant funds. Bill Wilson adds CDOT will be meeting with Governor Polis regarding this bill.
- Johnathan Flint – A large bus statewide bid would be helpful. Raises capacity issues and COVID restrictions, which primarily affect transit dependent populations. Is there news about when capacity restrictions will be lifted? Will Jones also seconds this concern. Ann Rajewski mentions that raising capacity could occur in April but nothing definitive is known at this time.
- Alana Miller – Mayor Hancock testified to US Congress on Metro Denver’s need of transportation infrastructure. Link to testimony. https://www.denvergov.org/files/assets/public/mayor/documents/new-folder/denver_mayor_hancock_2-24_epw_written_testimony_as_submitted.pdf
- Craig Blewitt – What will be the continuity of leadership after David Krutsinger’s departure from DTR? Mike Timlin will serve as interim head of DTR until a replacement is hired.

3. **Federal & State Legislative Update** – Ann Rajewski

- Ann received an email from Offices of Senators Hickenlooper and Bennett on reauthorization process. Every member of Congress might have the ability to add ten proposed projects to a future US infrastructure bill. Ann can share information to coordinate talking points on potential projects.
- State transportation bill could be forthcoming. A slideshow is expected of what might be included in the bill.

4. **Transit Emissions Dashboard** – Lisa Streisfeld Office of Innovative Mobility (attachment/presentation)

- Transit Emissions Dashboard- improving and measuring transit emissions. What is the dashboard? Graphic User Interface (GUI) to graphically display emissions data. Will demonstrate emissions reductions by transit user. The dashboard will track data on transit fleet conversion to vehicles to zero emission vehicles.

Discussion:

- Dana Brosig- Grand Valley Transit has an all CNG fleet. Will recaptured CNG be considered in the dashboard? Yes, that data should be captured in the NTD, but Lisa and Dana will talk offline about the GVT recapture program to specifically include it.

- David Averill –Would it be possible to make intervals of reporting for the dashboard on a quarterly basis instead of monthly as per other DTR reporting? Lisa does not want to create more work for agencies and agrees that obtaining information in line with other reporting efforts is more agreeable.
- Matthew Helfant- Is the ratio of 1 to 1 on reducing car trips with transit trips? Lisa, statewide travel model is being considered to determine the ratio.
- Danny Katz – AQCC rule making should be considered with this dashboard. Lisa is working with that effort and will check in to determine that this program is in concert with that effort.

5. ZEV Transit Roadmap – Mike King (attachment)

- Colorado Transit Zero – Emission Vehicle Roadmap. Colorado Transportation Commission recently updated PD 14 Environmental Impact Objectives and Targets, including updates to GHG reductions and increased EV registrations. Roadmap will assess the current state of the total Colorado transit fleet and how it aligns with ZEV technologies and develop policies and timelines to achieve Colorado ZEV goals.
- Michael will share summary of electric school bus applications to the mailing list.

Discussion:

- Danny Katz- It is a positive advancement for CDOT to be working with utilities through this project to overcome any private market barriers to ZEV advancements.
- Johnathan Flint- Many communities are interested in ZEVs but there are barriers to entry that CDOT could potential solve, funding, infrastructure, etc. Michael King- yes, CDOT’s role should be to guide agencies in Colorado’s mission to create more ZEV access.
- David Johnson – Is there merit in using or possibility in using VW settlement funds as matching funds for LoNo grants? Michael King- Some past VW applicants have leveraged that grant to obtain FTA funds. Any agency should consider applying for multiple grant sources that could be used toward the same ZEV goals.

6. FY 22 Budget and CRSSAA Update - Qing Lin (attachments)

- 5 year financial plan complies with State Transit Management Plan and CDOT requirements.
- Table only includes funds managed by CDOT, not direct recipients, for regular yearly funding (does not include CARES, CRRSA, or COVID response stimulus funds).
- CRRSAA funds use 2018 budgets to determine allocations. Option two fund allocation with a slightly higher gradation for agency size was selected based on agency and STAC feedback.
- Considerations- With new round of funding coming with the American Rescue Plan, how should the future stimulus allocations be made for capital versus admin and operating?

Discussion:

- Matthew Helfant- does DTR have sufficient staff to handle all additional federal stimulus funding and grants? Michael Timlin- No, more staff is needed to manage additional grants.
- David Averill – From his perspective current allocations of extra funds is working. Don’t make changes to allocations.
- Sharon Terranova- anticipates \$50,000,000 of SB267 funding per year starting in 2023.

7. SB 267 Update Year 3 – Sharon Terranova (attachment)

- Programs for year one and two were the focus during COVID pandemic. Current updates are for year three. See presentation charts for SB 267 YR3 projects by transportation region. Contact Sharon Terranova for more extensive information on each project.

Discussion:

- David Averill- At what point does it make sense for Bustang to add a maintenance facility on the western slope? What is the long-term outlook? Michael Timlin – Yes, a western slope maintenance facility for Bustang is being considered.
- Craig Blewitt- The availability and impact of this transit funding is monumental across the state. CDOT's efforts to ensure equity and identify projects to use this funding are important.
- Jonathan Flint- He would promote the advertisement of these projects and how they were funded and what projects are on the horizon. This would be helpful for Coloradoans to further understand the many aspects of Colorado transit and support SB267 as a continued funding stream.

8. Informational Memos (quarterly through December 2020)

a. Bustang Microtransit - Michael Timlin (attachment)

- Upcoming review of I-70 transit corridor plan white paper with the transportation commission. More to report soon.

b. Quarterly Bustang Program (attachment)

c. Quarterly Outrider Program (attachment)

d. Quarterly Transit Grants (attachment)

e. Quarterly SB 228 (attachment)

f. Quarterly SB 267 (attachment)

(Additional Items) - Other Discussion

- Jim Souby could potentially put together a proclamation for TRAC to vote on as a group in an effort to thank David Krutsinger for his work on the TRAC committee.
- Kay Kelly, CDOT is moving forward to find a replacement head of Division of Transit and Rail for David Krutsinger.

9. Adjourn – Ann Rajewski

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.