

**Transit and Rail Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**July 12, 2013**

**1:00 - 4:00 PM**

**CDOT/HQ Auditorium**

**Members Present YES NO Members Present YES NO**

Larry Worth X Ann Rajewski X

Terri A. Binder X Peter J. Rickershauser X

Craig Blewitt X Jim Souby X

Vince Rogalski X Michael E. Timlin X

Todd Hollenbeck X Bill Van Meter X

Jonathan Hutchison X Jacob Riger X

David Johnson X (on phone) Danny Katz X

Tim Mauck X Mike Ogborn X

Kurt Ravenschlag X Sara Cassidy X

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| **Others Present** | **CDOT Present** |
| Ray Krueger, Accessibility Plus | Mark Imhoff, David Krutsinger, Tracey MacDonald, David Averill, Tom Mauser, Julia Spiker, TJ Dlubac, Jason Wallis, John Valerio |

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Rajewski at 1:10 p.m. She first asked for updates from members.

* Bill Van Meter reported that RTD opened the W line April 26. The opening date of for Denver Union Station and closing of Market Street Station will be May 9, 2014. The Union Station hotel is scheduled to open July 2014. RTD has received west corridor ridership complaints. It was projected between 13,000-14,000 riders, holding up to 18,300 people. The question was raised how long to build ridership. FTA states approx. 2 years. The downtown circulation service will start August 2014, and will run weekdays along 15th & 19th street.
* Jim Souby announced September 14 will be the date for Front Range Rail in Pueblo. Delegates from New Mexico and Kansas will join.
* Ann Rajewski announced the CASTA conference will be held September 24-27 in Avon. TRAC members will pay the member rate.

Next were reports from the various subcommittees.

* Jason Wallis (Item 3a) reported on the Freight Advisory subcommittee, stating the plan was behind schedule. The first week of September will be the 1st meeting.
* Craig Blewitt (Item 3b) reported on the Performance Measures/Asset Management subcommittee, with the FASTER local fund allocation as the topic. DRCOG is reporting to not make a decision yet. Option 1 more fair by POP, riders, etc than 3b. They should not formulize allocation within regions, staying competitive. New boundaries cant be directly compared to old boundaries. Counties have changed regions, but there were never county-level allocation amounts/%. FASTER currently has a 2 year call and it needs to move and align to the 6 year STIP. After asset plan is completed, keep basic threshold criteria in place so money isn’t spent “just be spent.” There was discussion as to when the changes would take effect; FY16 or FY15. Timing is an issue, with the Sub-Committee finalizing in 2-3 months (August-September). This topic needs to go to T&I or TC Workshop for November and TRAC in October.
* David Johnson (Item 3c) reported on the Intercity Bus Plan/Regional-Commuter Bus Operations, with their next meeting being Tuesday July 16. The topic of how to fund RCB was brought up with these topics:
* FASTER Statewide program-using $2-$5 million of the $10 million
* Concerns that you get good bang-for-buck
  + Performance criteria
  + Additional funds by MPACT 64?
  + Backup money for infrastructure, park n rides
  + Fore systems
  + Fueling and maintenance agreements
  + Why not locally-operated regional services
* Jim Souby (Item 3d) reported on the Statewide Transit Plan, focusing on statutory requirement, improvement system-wide, statewide mobility, building upon pose studies, refine and consolidate codify results with the policies of the TC and money allocation procedures and results. The 25 committee members will meet again August 7. The 1st technical meeting was completed. It was well-organized and had good advance information. All meetings are located on the project web page and the DTR calendar.
* Danny Katz (Item 3e) reported on Outreach and Education. Transit is the now and the future, adding CDOT Communication’s Director has aggressive ideas to revamp website and make transit more visible. She would like to show 3-4 modes on the CDOT main page, 3-4 big topics on the DTR page and develop a communication strategy for DTR. The next steps for the website are content additions, FAQ’s, top facts and figures regarding transportation and transit facts. Jim Souby prefers more frequent meetings. Would like email to all the TRAC Sub-Committees that include the dates of upcoming meetings, to be added to the distribution list. Also, would like a list of decisions that need to be made and when in addition to monthly status updates and calendar updates.