

Transportation Commission of Colorado
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2016

Chairman Gary Reiff convened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

PRESENT WERE: Gary Reiff, Chairman, District 3
Shannon Gifford, District 1
Ed Peterson, District 2
Heather Barry, District 4
Kathy Gilliland, District 5
Kathy Connell, District 6
Kathy Hall, District 7
Sidny Zink, Vice Chair, District 8
Steven Hofmeister, District 11

EXCUSED: Bill Thiebaut, District 10

VACANT: District 9

ALSO PRESENT: Shailen Bhatt, Executive Director
Michael Lewis, Deputy Executive Director
Josh Laipply, Chief Engineer
Debra Perkins-Smith, Director of Transportation Development
Maria Sobota, CFO
Scott McDaniel, Staff Services Director
Amy Ford, Public Relations Director
Herman Stockinger, Government Relations Director
Paul Jesaitis, Region 1 Transportation Director
Karen Rowe, Region 2 Transportation Director
Dave Eller, Region 3 Transportation Director
Johnny Olson, Region 4 Transportation Director
Mike McVaugh, Region 5 Transportation Director
Jane Fisher, Director of Program Management
Kathy Young, Chief Transportation Counsel
David Spector, HPTE Director
Mark Imhoff, Director of Transit and Rail
Vince Rogalski, STAC Chairman
Chris Wedor, Director of Audit Division

AND: Other staff members, organization representatives,
the public and the news media

An electronic recording of the meeting was made and filed with supporting documents in the Transportation Commission office.

Audience Participation

Chairman Reiff opened the floor for audience participation. There were no public comments.

Individual Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Hall had nothing to report for June.

Commissioner Gifford met with members of the Northwest Cornerstone Collaborative in Denver to discuss the Central 70 project.

Commissioner Hofmeister had nothing to report.

Commissioner Peterson took part in the telephone town hall in June. He was pleased to hear all of the comments from the citizens who took part.

Commissioner Barry also took part in the June telephone town hall. She thanked staff for their hard work putting together the event. She also thanked Commerce City for hosting Bagels with Barry. There were a number of good questions at the meeting brought up regarding I-70 and I-270.

Commissioner Gilliland attended the groundbreaking for the I-25 Express Lane project between 120th and E-470. She stated that the event was well attended, and was complete with a large crane working on the project. She also had the chance to take part in the telephone town hall in June and appreciated the opportunity to speak with her constituents.

Commissioner Zink took part in the June telephone town hall. She thanked staff and Mike McVaugh for their help in the event. After the calls, she received two emails from citizens thanking CDOT for holding the informational town halls. She also attended the Club 20 Transportation Committee meeting in Cortez.

Commissioner Reiff met with Mayor Kathy Noon of Centennial to discuss the I-25 and Arapaho project as well as other transportation issues in the area. He brought up the Commission Retreat which took place yesterday morning. At the retreat the Commission worked on creating a clear direction for the next year to guide staff and the commission.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Bhatt highlighted that he joined the Governor for the annual Cabinet retreat. The vision for CDOT and how it fits into the Governor's vision for 2018 was laid out. There was a lot of talk on reducing fatalities on our roadways, as well as reduce the driving time on I-25.

CDOT senior staff took part in their annual staff retreat. They discussed the purpose of CDOT, and how to best reach that vision set forward by the Governor and Shailen. Additionally, the Lieutenant Governor Donna Lynn joined the staff for the retreat, and came on a site visit to CDOT HQ.

Finally, CDOT received a number of awards this month. At the WASHTO Conference, CDOT won two awards for innovation. The PPSL project and the US6 project were both specifically recognized at the conference.

Chief Engineer's Report

Chief Engineer Josh Laipply congratulated the teams recognized by WASHTO for their awards and hard work. Josh informed the commission that the first phase of construction contract for US 84 has just been signed with Kiewit. He noted that the I-25 and Arapahoe Road project is underway, and is actively making changes ahead of schedule to ease construction traffic.

HPTE Director's Report

HPTE Director David Spector gave the commission an update on the PPSL project. This last Sunday I-70 had a high number of cars, with a significant number using the express lanes. The road functioned well, and the toll rates moved appropriately. Additionally, he announced that US 36 had received the P3 Project of the Year award from ARTBA. Finally he let the commission know that the smart signs will be tested soon on US 36.

STAC

Vince Rogalski let the Transportation Commission know that they had a robust discussion the last month on the multimodal freight plan the state is working on. Additionally, STAC called for a more transparent process for the authorization and creation of CDOT IGA's.

Act on Consent Agenda

Chairman Reiff entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Peterson moved for approval of the resolution, and Commissioner Hofmeister seconded the motion. Upon vote of the Commission, the resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution #TC-16-7-1

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Transportation Commission's Regular Meeting Minutes for June 16, 2016, are approved.

Discus and Act on the 1st Budget Supplement of FY 2017

Chief Financial Officer Maria Sobota brought forward the 1st budget supplement of 2017. She recognized Eric Ehrbar from her team for his hard work every month in putting together the budget supplements.

Chairman Reiff entertained a motion to approve the 1st Budget Supplement of FY 2017 for Service. Commissioner Gilliland moved for approval of the resolution, and Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Upon vote of the Commission, the resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution #TC-16-7-2

Authorize Rule-Making Process by opening Transportation Commission Rules

Herman Stockinger explained to the commission the changes that have been proposed to the Transportation Commission rules, and opened the floor for question. There were none.

Chairman Reiff entertained a motion to approve the rule-making process by opening the Transportation Commission Rules. Commissioner Hofmeister moved for approval of the resolution, and Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion. Upon vote of the Commission, the resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution #TC-16-7-3

Discuss and Act on DBE FTA Goals

Greg Deihl educated the commission on why the DBE program needs to set overall goals. They are set through mode and FTA guidelines. He stated that CDOT will use robust public outreach to meet these goals.

Chairman Reiff entertained a motion to approve the amendment to enact the DBE FTA Goals. Commissioner Hofmeister moved for approval of the resolution, and Commissioner Gifford seconded the motion. Upon vote of the Commission, the resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution #TC-16-7-4

Other Matters

Chairman Reiff informed the Commission that Commissioner Nolan Schriener has resigned from the Commission due to health issues. He thanked Commissioner Schriener for his hard work in the last year, and stated that he will be missed on the Commission.

Adjournment

Chairman Reiff closed the July Transportation Commission meeting at 9:35 a.m.