

No Transportation Commission Workshops were held in December 2016. The December 2016 Regular Transportation Commission Meeting was conducted via conference call that was hosted at CDOT HQ in Room 225 to discuss time sensitive agenda items only. Commissioner comments and all customary reports were not part of the meeting agenda.

Note: Materials for specific agenda items are available at <https://www.codot.gov/about/transportation-commission/meeting-agenda.html> by clicking on the agenda item on the schedule provided at this site. For the full agenda of workshops and sessions see the link presented above.

Transportation Commission Regular Meeting Thursday, December 8, 2016

Call to Order, Roll Call

- Ten Commissioners were in attendance via telephone with Commissioner Barry being absent.

Audience Participation

- Two audience members were interested in commenting on condemnation proceedings, but once they realized that condemnations were not being discussed or approved at this meeting, they decided to step down and not comment.

Discuss and Act on the 6th Budget Supplement of FY 2017 (Maria Sobota) - Approved unanimously on December 8, 2016.

- The project request included in the Supplement is consistent with the FY 2017 through FY 2020 STIP. Funds are available from the Regions' allocations unless otherwise indicated.
- Per Transportation Commission direction, Emergency Relief project updates are included in the Budget Supplement.
- Region 1 - \$241,748 - *TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROLLER REPLACEMENT*- Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnerships (RAMP) Operations Contingency- Additional funds needed for project award.

Discuss and Act on SIB Rate (Maria Sobota) – Approved unanimously on December 8, 2016.

- The Division of Accounting and Finance (DAF) recommends that the Transportation Commission increase the current interest rate of 2.25% by 25 basis points to 2.50%, for loans originating in the second half of FY 2016-17 and continue to assess the adopted origination fee schedule detailed in this memorandum. No SIB activity in occurred in the first half of FY 2016-17.

Discuss and Act on the FASTLANE Grant Submittal (Debra Perkins-Smith) – Approved unanimously on December 8th 2016.

- Transportation Commission approved to move forward with the submittal by CDOT of two FASTLANE project applications:
 - US 85 Centennial Highway/Rail Corridor (Large Project)
 - Truck Parking Information Management System (TPIMS) (Small Project)
- Transportation Commission approved to commit matching funds to these projects, if an award is received, as well as to an application being submitted by La Plata County for US 550.

Discuss and Act on ROW Acquisitions (Josh Laipply) - Approved unanimously on December 8, 2016

- 49 right-of-way acquisition requests through appraisals and negotiation for staff to proceed with acquisition, via approval of submitted resolutions by the Transportation Commission.

- Two resolutions for 7 right-of way acquisition settlements for agreed upon dollar amounts, with agreed amounts highlighted in the resolutions, with edits to reference “CDOT shall acquire” and strike “CDOT has acquired”.
- It was noted that none of these actions are condemnations.
- Chief Engineer noted that US 34 property acquisition discussed last month, with a family burial plot – latest news - CDOT will avoid and not disturb this site.

Discussion on Project Selection Factors (Jeff Sudmeier/Debra Perkins-Smith)

- Potential for TC to affirm the 10-year Development Program is a good list and starting point. TC may want to provide additional input on factors/criteria to be used to identify projects from the 10-Year Development Program for funding. Will place more time on the TC agenda to discuss this next month.
- Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) input received to date – let’s prioritize and get list of projects – but agreed some flexibility would be good – tier for now and not prioritize.
- TC is often pressed to prioritize, but sees value in flexibility and in getting ready but not prioritizing at this point.
- Public understanding to support what CDOT is doing – need to communicate this very well to the media – some people not fully informed.
- TC lunch with STAC in February 2017 - will stress the collaborative effort taking place in relation to the project selection for the 10-year Development Program.
- TC Secretary developing a presentation to describe the project selection process – will share presentation with Commissioners once it is ready.
- It is a bottom up process – emphasize local participation in decision making.
- Chief Engineer noted - \$2.5 billion – what projects should be advanced to stay poised for significant projects - will ask TC for contingency to get projects more ready some from 10-year Development Program and others potentially from the 5-year STIP.

Guard Rail Update

- End treatments – either crumble or slide out in one direction.
- Some locations with mismatched pieces – don’t function as intended.
- Did full inventory – are 98% complete with inventory – not at 100% until all snow melts.
- About 0.8% installations are incorrect – 50-60% complete on fixing entire system.
- Interstates complete by Monday, December 14th next week.
- Guard Rail Region 4 Letter received by CDOT will receive a response from CDOT and be shared with Commissioners.
- Is a national issue not just Colorado.
- CDOT is working with FHWA to work on maintenance and construction inspection training at national level.
- Per Deputy Executive Director this happened in late 1990s – not a brand new occurrence.
- December 15th 90% will be complete
- December 31st – 98% will complete all repairs (except those under snow).
- Commissioners impressed with CDOT’s press conference response to the issue.
- Chief Engineer gave credit to the Regional Transportation Directors and Region maintenance staff for the heavy lifting related to this effort.
- Press release distributed on status yesterday, December 7th.
- Reached out to local partners to look at their own guard rails also and spoke with STAC on this too.

Joint Budget Committee

- Commissioners recognized staff response who worked on the Joint Budget Committee report and questions raised.