



## Statewide MPO Friday, April 28, 2017 1-2:30 p.m. CDOT HQ Room 225

### Meeting Participants:

- MPOs: Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) - Steve Cook and Jacob Riger; Grand Valley MPO (GVMPO) - Todd Hollenbeck and Dean Bressler (via Zoom); North Front Range MPO (NFRMPO) - Becky Karasko and Terri Blackmore; Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) - Ken Prather; and Pueblo Area Council of Governments (PACOG) - John Adams.
- CDOT HQ: Tim Kirby, Marissa Gaughan, Michelle Scheuerman, Kathleen Collins, Michael King, and Carrie Latimer.
- CDOT Regions: Region 2 - Wendy Pettit, and Region 3 - Mark Rogers.
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): Aaron Bustow.
- Federal Transit Agency (FTA): Larry Squires.

### MOA Status Update (Discussion) - MPO Staff

- DRCOG: In development. Regional Transportation District (RTD) is currently reviewing, at least one month before the draft will be prepared and two to three months to adoption.
- PPACG: Draft next week, anticipate June adoption.
- PACOG: Discussion with Region 2, going into draft form and Board adoption in May.
- NFRMPO: Just finished negotiation with transit agencies and CDOT, now the three transit agencies are referring it to their legal counsels. The MPO expects to take it to the Board in the fall at the earliest.
  - Note: Marissa Gaughan was recognized for her good work on this.
- GVMPO: The new MOA is in draft form. CDOT has it for review now, and board adoption is anticipated in June.

### Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Approval Status (Discussion) - MPO Staff

- MPO Reports:
  - DRCOG: Approved and delivered.
  - PPACG: Not until next year.
  - PACOG: Approved and delivered.
  - NFRMPO: Approved and delivered in February.
  - GVMPO: Approved and delivered (2018-2021).
- Larry Squires of the FTA recommended that MPOs review the CDOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to confirm that all MPO projects are properly represented there. In the past, some Mountain Metro projects haven't appeared, for example.
- Dean Bressler requested clarification that the language doesn't have to match up exactly, just that the project should be represented. Larry pointed out that, according to the regulations, MPO projects must be incorporated "without revision", which would

include name changes.

- Tim Kirby pointed out that CDOT is continually working to make improvements to its STIP system. CDOT is willing to continue discussions about how to get to that end goal using TELUS or some other system that would reduce the number of errors that can occur in the TIP/STIP process.

### **Safety Performance Measures (Informational) - Charles Meyer, DTD**

- DTD and Safety staff met to discuss next steps for developing safety performance measures. CDOT is willing to come out to MPO Boards, stakeholders, and/or staff to help explain the performance measure establishment process to those groups, and one-on-one meetings with staff to discuss the safety data analysis.
  - Please let CDOT staff know if and when you would like those to occur so that we can get them on the calendar.
- MPOs may choose to adopt CDOT's safety performance measure targets but may also develop their own that vary significantly from the statewide ones. MPOs may also set distinct targets for urban versus rural areas, unlike the state. It is also important to keep in mind that while CDOT can be penalized for failing to meeting safety targets, MPOs cannot.
  - Terri Blackmore pointed out that the "penalty" is for CDOT to spend safety funds on safety, which is not very punitive.
- NFRMPO and DRCOG expressed interest in CDOT staff outreach, but need to see the data first to know when to schedule that meeting.

### **MPO and FHWA Updates (Discussion) - MPO and FHWA Staff**

- NFRMPO:
  - A new staff person from North Carolina will be starting on May 22 after graduation this spring with experience in public involvement and environmental planning.
  - Working on the TIP. Adjustment of the Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZs) boundaries was described last month, and is still being worked on.
  - No conformity will be required based on the most recent 2040 regional transportation plan amendment.
  - The board will adopt the FY 2018-2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) in May.
- DRCOG:
  - DRCOG is going through annual travel model adjustments and improvements. The MPO is making some changes that could be discussed with the Statewide MPO group within the next two months.
  - Just posted a PDF of the regional crash report, which incorporates CDOT and Department of Revenue data. The intention of the posting is to raise public awareness about crashes.
    - Will be doing a separate bike/pedestrian version.
  - The new Active Transportation Plan is being developed over an intensive 12-month process.
  - DRCOG will be starting a new two-year Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Pool call for projects this summer.
  - A public involvement plan update will be done and will be more agency-wide than

- transportation focused.
  - Personnel issues include hiring new planning staff, including a bike/pedestrian planner. Interviews were conducted the week of April 24-28. Doug Rex has been made acting Executive Director. The board hopes to have a new executive director in that position by Thanksgiving.
  - UPWP approvals should take place in July.
- PPACG:
  - PPACG hopes to hire a new executive director by June.
  - Working on 2045 Long Range Plan, trying to get the goals through the Board in the next few weeks.
    - Thanks to NFRMPO for letting PPACG borrow many of their goals.
    - Next step is to develop some Scenario Planning materials for the public.
  - Started on the UPWP to deliver to CDOT soon.
- PACOG:
  - PACOG Board went through a reorganization study that recommended breaking transportation out of the main board into its own policy committee; this should make transportation a more focused effort in the future.
- GVMPO:
  - UPWP adoption planned for June.
  - Completed mid-year review earlier this week; thanks to CDOT, FHWA, and FTA for their participation.
  - Kick-off on Grand Valley Transit regional transportation plan coming in May.
  - Received a "Fit To Drive" campaign grant from CDOT and is developing the plan on that; Statewide MPO group will be updated once there's more to say about it.
  - Wrapped up a successful Safe Routes to Schools grant program with potential for ongoing work as the result of 24 school walking audits completed.
    - Materials on the walking audits are available [here](#).
- FHWA and FTA:
  - No updates this month.

### CDOT Updates (Discussion) - CDOT Staff

- Scenario Planning Peer Exchange (June 8, 2017):
  - Will send out some preliminary agenda ideas on Monday for your feedback and review.
- Multimodal Freight Plan
  - Great outreach so far, including an online survey developed in partnership with the Office of Economic Development and International Trade. We'd like to share that stakeholder input with STAC and this group next month. Also considering doing a Facebook Live event with CDOT Executive Director Shailen Bhatt to continue that outreach.
- Metro Planning Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) Timeline:
  - Last year CDOT worked hard to update this schedule and get everything in place by October 1. This process will begin again in May. Marissa will send out the schedule to everyone as a reminder.
- Planning Manual:

- This is a new resource that covers why we plan, how we plan, and who we work with. The intention is for it to be a living document that is updated as circumstances change.
  - Written at a “101” level for someone not familiar with the process, but CDOT is open to creating a technical appendix for those who want to delve deeper into particular topics.
  - A suggestion was made for CDOT to review the *DRCOG Prospectus* for ideas.

#### **Future Meeting Topics (Discussion)**

- The following two topics were agreed to for the May SWMPO meeting:
  - Scenario Planning Peer Exchange
  - Statewide Travel Model MPOs
    - MPOs suggested these topics for Erik Sabina to cover at the May meeting:
      - Methodology for assigning cost between MPOs.
      - Estimating costs based on previous efforts in other states.
    - Agreed to return approximately every other month for future updates.
- Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program Reporting. This discussion could take place after the main SWMPO meeting for the MPOs eligible for CMAQ funding.

#### **Other Business**

- Next SWMPO Meeting - held at CDOT HQ and hosted by DRCOG (Jacob Riger)
- Discussion of STAC / Revenue Projections & Program Distribution / SWMPO Meeting schedules
  - Suggestion to hold Revenue Projections & Program Distribution from 11:30 - 2:00 and then SWMPO from 2:00 - 3:30 (with a hard end at that time).

#### **Future Agenda Topics**

- TELUS Update
- Grand Valley MPO Safe Routes to School Program
- Colorado Department of Local Affairs Population Control Totals