



Statewide MPO Meeting
Hosted by Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
August 25, 2017
1-2:30 p.m.
CDOT HQ Auditorium

Meeting Participants:

- MPOs: Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) - Steve Cook, Jacob Riger, and Beth Doliboa; Grand Valley MPO (GVMPO) - none; North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) - Terri Blackmore and Becky Karasko; Pueblo Area Council of Governments (PACOG) - John Adams; and Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) - Ken Prather.
- CDOT HQ: Jeff Sudmeier, Michael King, Gail Hoffman, Jason Wallis, William Johnson, Darius Pakbaz, and Charles Meyer.
- CDOT Regional Planners: Danny Herrmann, R1, and Karen Schneiders, R4.
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): Aaron Bustow and Bill Haas.

Welcome and Introductions - Ken Prather, PPACG

- Ken Prather asked for all to introduce themselves.

Performance Measures (Informational) - William Johnson, DTD

- FAST Act performance measures for safety (PM 1), asset management (PM 2), and system performance (PM 3) have been discussed in different FHWA webinars.
- By May 20, 2018, all state departments of transportation (DOT) must set targets, and MPOs have 180 days after that to set their own targets, or decide to "support" the DOT targets for PM2 and PM3. CDOT had an Aug. 1, 2017, deadline for submission of PM 1 (Safety) targets to FHWA.
- For Safety, FHWA expressed that how a MPO demonstrates support for DOT targets doesn't mean that MPO targets need to be proportional to total population of the state or some other similar yardstick, although it might mean that MPO targets should show the same rate of change as the statewide targets.
- For system performance, CDOT has very reliable information for one year only. At least three years of data is needed to see trends. The lack of system performance data is due to using HERE data through 2015 and 2016 and then switching to INRIX for 2016 and 2017.
- For asset management, some of the data won't be available until January 2018.
- During the discussion, DRCOG, NFRMPO, and PPACG representatives said their MPOs are interested in getting the data used in target setting that is specific to their MPO. PACOG is waiting to see what will happen.
- One possible option for those MPOs that wish to support CDOT's targets could be to send a resolution from their boards stating that.
- Aaron Bustow of FHWA said federal law requires state MPOs to have performance-based regional transportation plans. If they don't, that would definitely be something that would come up during a certification review.

Safety Performance Measures Target Setting (Informational) - Charles Meyer, CDOT

- The federally required safety performance measures for MPOs are numbers and rate of fatalities and serious injuries, and numbers of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries.
- Charles said CDOT has geocoded fatality data by county, but not by MPO, for 2012-2016. Charles said he would send the data to the MPOs.
- Information on approximately 40 percent of crashes is submitted electronically to the Colorado Department of Revenue, but locations of crashes aren't reported by geocode. One idea discussed at meetings of the multi-agency State Traffic Records Advisory Committee is to ask law enforcement personnel to get the latitude and longitude from their department cell phones.
- Improvements to the Colorado Department of Revenue's crash data collection went into effect in February 2017. Those improvements match crash data with driver's licenses. CDOT received what appears to be pretty complete and accurate data about a month ago.
- The safety targets that CDOT set for this year were realistic, not aspirational.
- Terri Blackmore suggested that CDOT do a better job of seeking MPO assistance in cleaning up the data for their areas.
- Charles Meyer said it would be fantastic if MPOs wanted to geocode crashes in their areas, and forward that information to CDOT.

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

- DRCOG - The DRCOG board approved set-asides as part of preparing the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The board received a briefing on Denver's *Vision Zero Action Plan*, and also received a briefing from the CDOT Division of Transit and Rail on Bustang expansions and rail studies. Beth Doliboa also was introduced; she will be leading performance-based planning work, increasing public involvement capabilities, and helping prepare the 2045 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan, among other duties.
- GVMPO - Although the MPO wasn't in attendance at the meeting, it was noted that GVMPO is the only MPO that has completed and had its board approve its new Memorandum of Agreement with CDOT.
- NFRMPO - Work continues on a 2017 INFRA grant application for expanding I-25 North from south of SH402 to SH66 three lanes in each direction. The MPO is continuing to work with Fort Collins, Greeley, and Loveland on getting the MOA with CDOT approved and signed. Staff is also working on goals, objectives, performance measures, and targets for the 2045 plan, and on the regionally significant corridors for the MPO area. In September, the NFRMPO Technical Advisory Committee will have a presentation from CDOT on the proposed Road Usage Fee for Colorado.
- PACOG - The Colorado legislature has earmarked about \$7 million for continuation of the Southwest Chief by paying for needed repairs to the tracks. The 2017 legislation that created the expanded Southwest Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission requires the commission to extend rail service to Pueblo.
- PPACG - The application period for a new executive director has been extended for one more month, and a new executive director should be selected in November 2017.
- FHWA - All the UPWPs (Unified Planning Work Programs) that have been completed should be submitted to FHWA. (Four UPWPs have been submitted to CDOT, and will be passed onto FHWA once PACOG's UPWP is completed and submitted.) Training on

the ITS Architecture will be offered Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 28-29. The daylong session on Monday will be about basic ITS Architecture principles, and the session on Tuesday will allow participants to actually play with the software.

CDOT Updates (Discussion) - Jeff Sudmeier, CDOT

- CDOT Division of Transportation Development will have contracts for the MPOs executed by October 1, 2017, the first time this has happened in quite some time. Jeff complimented Marissa Gaughan in her absence for spearheading the effort.
- Jeff mentioned the three working groups that have been formed as part of the TransPlanning Partnership initiative to engage stakeholders and the public in early planning efforts. The work groups will meet on these three topics: Scenario Planning, Technology Policy, and Regional Transportation Planning. MPO membership has been sought on Scenario Planning and Technology Policy. The Scenario Planning Work Group will be the first work group to meet, on Thursday, Sept. 28, 9-11 a.m.

Future Agenda Topics

- Colorado Department of Local Affairs Population Control Totals