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DATE: September 5, 2014
TO: Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee
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Subject: Policy Directive 14 Update

Purpose

This memo updates the STAC on development of Policy Directive (PD) 14 and the timeline for Transportation Commission adoption in December 2014. PD 14 is a living document with additional refinement and revision anticipated after its initial adoption.

Action

Information only.

Background

PD 14 is to guide the Statewide Planning process, development of the Statewide Plan, and the distribution of resources to meet performance objectives.

Details

STAC members received a copy of draft PD 14 in December 2013 that was used to help guide Program Distribution. Based on the following and to the extent possible, draft PD 14 will be revised accordingly.

- *Governor's Request to State Agencies:* The Governor's Office has asked CDOT and other departments to integrate principles from the book, *The Four Disciplines of Execution*, into performance measurement. Staff is ensuring that PD 14 is aligned with this effort, which involves identifying what activities agencies can undertake to achieve overall objectives.
- *MAP-21 Rulemaking:* Proposed MAP-21 rules for safety and transportation planning have been released. Rules for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program, congestion reduction, and freight are to be released Nov. 1. CDOT has submitted comments on FHWA's proposal to require reporting on attainment of safety targets, or objectives, using a 5-year rolling average. CDOT contends that states like Colorado that have had recent steep declines in fatalities and serious injuries may not be able to show much improvement. Also, for the first time, the proposed rules provide a national definition of serious injuries.
- *Other CDOT Plan Development:* PD 14 goals, measures, and objectives should be consistent with what is contained in the other CDOT plans to the extent possible. Plans that are either in draft or final version are the Risk Based Asset Management Plan, Statewide Transportation System Management & Operations Plan, Statewide Transit Plan, Strategic Highway Safety, and Freight Plan.



Next Steps

- *October Statewide Plan Committee:* Safety Goal Area - Discussion on new definition of serious injuries and revised and new objectives and measures. Possibilities include the addition of safety objectives for freight and bicycle/pedestrian.
- *November STAC:* Update on PD 14
- *November Statewide Plan Committee:* System Performance Goal Area - Discussion on a new measure of calculating System Performance for all traffic, including freight, and bicycle/pedestrian measures and objectives. The possibility of including Economic Vitality measures and objectives will also be discussed.
- *December STAC:* - Final version of PD 14.
- *December Commission:* Adoption of PD 14.
- *January 2015 Commission:* Infrastructure Condition Goal Area - As discussed at the Asset Management Committee last month, the Asset Investment Management System (AIMS) will be used to refine the fiscally constrained and aspirational targets in the near future. If this results in additional Infrastructure Condition objectives, PD 14 can be updated.

