



STAC Summary – February 26th, 2016

- 1) **Introductions & January Minutes** – *Vince Rogalski (STAC Chair)*
 - a) January STAC Minutes approved without revision.
- 2) **Transportation Commission Report** – *Vince Rogalski (STAC Chair)*
 - a) US 36 - Phase 2 anticipating a June opening.
 - b) I-70 Mountain Express Shoulder Lanes operating successfully.
 - c) Presentation on “Central 70” (viaduct) at March STAC meeting.
- 3) **Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Program** – *Ryan Rice (Director of CDOT Division of TSM&O) and Tim Keeton (Colorado State Patrol)*
 - a) TIM is a coordinated program to detect and remove incidents and restore traffic capacity safely and quickly, potentially reducing delays by 30% - 50% for little cost.
 - b) Every minute of lane closure increases the odds of a secondary crash.
 - i) 2 CSP officers died from these in 2015 and 10 have been hit in the past 3 months.
 - c) CDOT working closely with CSP, Fire, and other first responders to improve TIM speed and safety.
 - d) Goal is to establish at least one multidisciplinary team in each CDOT Region by end of FY15.
 - e) STAC Discussion: Members are supportive of these efforts and will encourage local participation. Importance of TIM in rural areas noted due to lack of alternate routes.
- 4) **TPR Reports** – *TPR Representatives*
- 5) **Freight Advisory Council (FAC) Update** – *Gary Beedy (STAC Representative to the FAC)*
 - a) Last meeting held on February 11th at the University of Denver.
 - b) Group prioritized topics for future discussion – top items included truck parking, railroad crossings, public communication/education, low bridge clearances, safety, and shoulders / pullouts.
- 6) **Federal and State Legislative Report** – *Herman Stockinger (CDOT Office of Policy & Government Relations)*
 - a) New “FASTLANE” grants announced with an application deadline of April 14, 2016.
 - b) New round of TIGER grants announced with an application deadline of April 29th, 2016.
 - i) The average grant in the last round was \$14 million, with a maximum of \$25 million.
 - ii) US DOT will host several webinars to support applicants in preparing their materials.
 - c) Colorado Contractors working on potential sales tax initiative – doing additional polling to test viability.
 - i) Feel that they have enough support from last two polls to keep moving forward.
 - ii) Looking at a range of .6 ¢ to .75 ¢ for the potential tax.
 - d) Bus-on-Shoulder bill has passed through to the Governor – important for US 36 operations.
 - e) CDOT ability to charge for Park-and-Rides was introduced and is waiting for a hearing.
 - f) Hospital Provider Fee legislation has not yet been introduced, probably won’t without more Senate support.
 - g) Haven’t introduced bridge height bill yet because of new FAST Act requirements – working to incorporate new elements into it.
 - h) Bill to change STAC’s role to include advising TC has passed through to the Governor.
 - i) Bill to allow Tribes as voting members of STAC is also moving along, with no issues expected.
 - j) Senator Baumgartner has introduced an oversight bill that would require annual CDOT reports to the TLRC on policy and STIP amendments (would have to work with MPOs on that).
 - i) About 1300 admin amendments per year – seems too detailed for the Legislature.
 - k) Bills to extend SB 228 funding years and eliminate FASTER Transit both failed.
- 7) **Budget Update** – *Louie Barela (CDOT Division of Accounting and Finance)*



- a) CDOT staff presented updated FY16/17 and FY17/18 budgets, amended to account for FAST Act legislation. Increased SB 228 transfer forecasts to \$200m in FY15/16 and \$100m in FY16/17.
 - b) Estimated CDOT Budget for FY16/17 totals \$1.514 billion.
 - c) Pending TC approval in March, the FY16/17 budget will be sent to the Governor for his approval in April and signed by July 1st, 2016.
- 8) **Senate Bill 228 Update** – *Jeff Sudmeier (CDOT Division of Transportation Development)*
- a) SB 228 candidate projects identified in fall of 2014 based on mobility and economic vitality benefits.
 - b) Currently anticipating a full transfer of \$200 million in FY16/17 and about \$100 million in FY17/18.
 - i) Previously identified FY16/17 funds to go to Central 70 (\$180 million) and transit (\$20 million).
 - ii) FY17/18 fund direction is TBD.
 - c) CDOT staff came to STAC for input on additional projects to include on this list for TC consideration.
 - d) STAC Discussion: Some STAC members were supportive of adding additional projects to the list, while others preferred prioritizing the completion of existing projects (such as I-25 N “missing miles” or the US 160/US 550 interchange near Durango). Another suggestion was to use SB 228 funding on I-25 as part of the Governor’s commitment to improve that corridor.
- 9) **FAST Act Freight Program** – *Debra Perkins-Smith (Division of Transportation Development)*
- a) The National Highway Freight Network (NHFN) includes the interstates and small portions of other highways (US 85, SH 2, E-470, US 6) in the Denver metro area.
 - b) Beyond that CDOT can only add 80 miles of critical urban highways and 160 miles of critical non-urban highways throughout the state.
 - c) Nationally Significant Freight & Highway Program – \$4.5 billion discretionary grant program for projects of national or regional significance. Now known as FASTLANE.
 - d) National Highway Freight Program – Formula program of \$15 million per year to Colorado (\$85 million over 5 years).
 - e) STAC Discussion: CDOT should look into the possibility of combining these two funding streams to leverage their impact.
- 10) **SWP Lessons Learned** – *Michelle Scheuerman (CDOT Division of Transportation Development)*
- a) CDOT Regional Liaisons are distributing SWP Lessons Learned kits to TPR Chairs to assist in soliciting member feedback – goal is to collect all input by April 11th, 2016.
 - b) Timetable: Conduct Interviews (February), Review Workshop Format (March), Hold STAC Workshop (April).
- 11) **Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Update** – *Jamie Collins (CDOT Office of Financial Management and Budget)*
- a) A STIP update was distributed to the group – staff will return at next month’s STAC and subsequently for approval by TC in May.
- 12) **Bicycle and Pedestrian Update** – *Betsy Jacobsen (CDOT Division of Transportation Development)*
- a) The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) “16 for 2016” trails are part of the Colorado the Beautiful initiative to increase access to open spaces for all Coloradans.
 - b) Trails were selected based on economic development and environmental factors.
 - c) No money is associated with the 16 trails – the list is meant to bring attention and support rather than direct funding.
 - d) STAC Discussion: Inclusion on the “16 for 2016” list will be considered as a factor in TAP applications.
- 13) **Other Business** – *Vince Rogalski (STAC Chairman)*
- 14) **STAC Adjourns**