



STAC Summary – May 20th, 2016

- 1) **Introductions & April Minutes – Vince Rogalski (STAC Chair)**
 - a) April STAC Minutes approved with changes.
- 2) **Federal and State Legislative Update – Herman Stockinger, Ron Papsdorf, & Andy Karsian (CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations)**
 - a) All of the significant transportation funding bills failed to pass, including TRANS Bond II.
 - b) The only remaining option for increased funding is via the TABOR reform effort, which would allow the state to retain excess revenue beyond the TABOR limit and direct 35% of it to transportation.
 - i) Supporters are currently collecting signatures to get on the ballot, due by August 8th.
 - c) CDOT generally fared well in the legislative session and appreciates the support of STAC members who spoke for or against pertinent bills and helped support the state transportation system.
 - d) STAC Discussion: CDOT should expect future opposition to the planned switch from HOV 2+ to HOV 3+ and be prepared to explain and rebut it.
- 3) **Transportation Commission Report – Vince Rogalski (STAC Chair)**
 - a) The most recent TC meeting was held in Steamboat Springs.
 - b) The FY2017 – FY2020 STIP has been approved.
 - c) The US 36 project wrap-up will occur on June 13th, celebrating the state's first big P3 project.
 - d) Discussion is underway with FHWA about the potential for increasing the number of operating days on the I-70 mountain express lanes from 73 to 100 days based on success thus far.
- 4) **TPR Reports – TPR Representatives**
 - a) Denver is one of 7 nationwide finalists in the US DOT's Smart Cities Challenge, which received 78 applicants. If Denver wins they will receive a \$50 million grant to deploy vehicle electrification and connected/autonomous vehicle infrastructure throughout the city.
- 5) **Discretionary Grants Update – Debra Perkins-Smith (CDOT Division of Transportation Development)**
 - a) CDOT is submitting one application for TIGER VIII (N I-25), four for FASTLANES (N US 85, US 287 Lamar Reliever Route, US 550 / US 160 Connection, and Statewide Truck Parking System), four for FLAP (US 160 north of Towaoc, US 50 Blue Creek Canyon, US 550 CR 218 – CR 302, and SH 139 Little Horse South), one for ATCMTD (Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment) (I-25 Managed Motorways), and one for FTA 5339 (Bus Capital Replacement).
 - b) CDOT is also supporting the Western RUC Consortium's STSFA (Surface Transportation System Funding Alternatives) grant application for a multistate RUC pilot.
 - c) STAC Discussion: Concern that RUC concept could negatively impact rural drivers but some feeling that the new model might be more equitable towards those individuals than the existing gas tax.
- 6) **CMAQ Alt Fuels Colorado (AFC) Program Update – Steve McCannon (RAQC) and Wes Maurer (CEO)**
 - a) AFC is in program year 2 of 4. Thus far it has funded 521 alt fuel vehicles and 14 new alt fuel stations.
 - b) Priority focus is on closing remaining gaps in the statewide CNG fueling network, specifically on I-70 W between Denver and Glenwood Springs, US 287 near Lamar, and secondary locations along US 285, US 50, US 160, and US 550.
 - c) Next application rounds for both vehicles and fueling station grants will open in June.
 - d) STAC Discussion: Interest in eliminated co-location requirement on EV charging infrastructure to better serve the needs of urban and mountain communities hoping to establish EV corridors.
- 7) **STAC Retreat and Role of STAC – Vince Rogalski (STAC Chair)**



- a) Recent legislation redefines the STAC's advisory role towards the TC. A retreat is proposed to discuss this new relationship and build understanding between the two bodies. Potential topic areas include budgeting, legislation, PD 14 performance measures, and the engagement cycle.
- b) A tentative retreat date of September 22nd, 2016 is set.
- 8) **Safe Routes to School Update** – *Leslie Feurborn (SRTS Program Coordinator)*
 - a) Since 2015, SRTS is funded by the TC at a rate of \$2.5 million per year.
 - b) CDOT received 38 applications for this year's program and awarded 21 of them – 7 infrastructure and 14 non-infrastructure.
 - c) The next round of applications will open in August and be due in November.
- 9) **Development Program Update** – *Jeff Sudmeier (Multimodal Planning Branch Manager)*
 - a) The Development Program is an inventory of unfunded major project priorities drawn from MPO, TPR, and other project lists. It is a compilation of existing project lists, not a new one.
 - b) The current inventory contains 100+ projects totaling over \$8.5 billion.
 - c) The 10 Year Development Program is a subset of the above list with a shorter time horizon and target amount of around \$2.5 billion.
 - d) The reasons for the creation of the Development Program include consolidation of existing lists, avoiding silos, and getting ahead of the curve for future discretionary or formula funding programs.
 - e) Only "major" projects are included – a threshold defined by each individual region.
 - f) Next Steps are to continue working with planning partners to refine the inventory and create a final draft of the 10 Year Development Program in the fall of 2016.
 - g) STAC Discussion: Comments on how "major" should be defined in each region, whether or not a project must be in the STIP to make it on the Development Program (answer: no), and whether project costs should include pre-construction components like EIS, ROW, etc. (answer: yes).
- 10) **Statewide Plan Lessons Learned Workshop** – *Michelle Scheuerman (CDOT SWP Manager)*
 - a) CDOT staff is in the midst of compiling SWP Lessons Learned results and will provide a full report at next month's meeting. The report will highlight items to keep, items to improve, and items to add.
 - b) More than 100 people participated in the effort via interviews, surveys, workshops, and TPR meetings.
 - c) The STAC Workshop was held in April and focused on prioritizing future informational topics, improving plan integration, and brainstorming other lessons learned from the SWP/RTP process.
- 11) **Statewide Travel Model Overview** – *Erik Sabina (Information Management Branch Manager)*
 - a) CDOT is working to develop a Statewide Travel Model based on DRCOG's existing model.
 - b) It will be an Activity Based Model (ABM) that creates a more realistic representation of individual travel behavior and provides insights on mode choice, demographics, economics, and regional differences.
 - c) Basic model outputs include: VMT, travel speeds by time of day, travel delay by time of day, traffic volumes by time of day, mode choice, truck volumes, and trip origins and destinations.
 - d) CDOT is coordinating with a number of stakeholders to ensure that the model meets their planning and analytical needs.
 - e) Completion of the Statewide Travel Model is anticipated to occur in 2017.
 - f) FAQs on the Statewide Travel Model are available for those who want to learn more.
 - g) STAC Discussion: Suggestion to bolster the model's ability to track and forecast cross-state freight and tourist travel and agreement that common modeling parameters and standards among MPOs, regions, and the state should be established over the longer term.
- 12) **Other Business** – *Vince Rogalski (STAC Chairman)*
 - a) The next STAC meeting will be held on June 24th, 2016.
- 13) **STAC Adjourns**