

**DRAFT STAC
October 8, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

Location: CDOT Headquarters Auditorium
Date/Time: October 8, 2009 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Chairman: Vince Rogalski
Attendance: A sign-in sheet was distributed to note attendance at the meeting.

Agenda Items/Presenters/Affiliations	Presentation Highlights	Actions
Introductions	Everyone in the room gave self-introductions.	No Action taken
September Meeting Minutes	September minutes approved with no changes.	Approved minutes
FY 11 Budget- Heather Copp	<p>We began the FY 11 budget discussion last month. Staff presentations to the STAC and Commission outlined estimated FY 11 revenues and a possible allocation of those funds. Based on those discussions, staff has developed two additional scenarios for discussion at this month's workshop.</p> <p>Scenario 1 (see handout) is closer to what the Commission would like to see but \$141 million beyond available revenues.</p> <p>Scenario 2 (see handout) is a staff recommendation for a balanced budget.</p> <p>In FY 11 we will have a problem with not having enough state funds for the program. Under the current program, we do not have enough state money to cover our federal match and maintenance activities. More federal funds will need to be used for eligible projects to free up state funds. Projects using federal money will need to meet federal design standards. Staff has been reviewing this issue and will present some possible solutions at the Strategic Resource Allocation workshop.</p>	Motion Approved-Recommend Staff Budget Recommendation to Commission

	<p>Question- Commissioner Wayne Williams: How long would it take to complete the strategic projects if we invested \$45 million annually?</p> <p>Heather Copp: A very long time- 68.5 years in FY 10 dollars, so actually a lot longer when you deflate dollars.</p> <p>Commissioner Wayne Williams: I think we should look at putting money towards ROW and design for 7th Pot projects so that these projects will be ready to go if additional funds become available.</p> <p><i>Motion by Commissioner Wayne Williams to recommend the staff budget recommendation to the Transportation Commission. Motion approved.</i></p> <p>Despite significant efforts by CDOT, our planning partners and our Congressional Delegation, the \$8.7 billion rescission went through. Colorado's final share of the rescission was approximately \$115 million. We had sufficient unobligated balances to comply with the rescission as a whole, but a preliminary review of some of our accounts shows that we lost unobligated balances that were programmed in the STIP or projects that were already budgeted but not obligated in projects. It is estimated that this will impact approximately \$50 million in "real" dollars, or dollars that could have or have been programmed in projects but now cannot go forward because there is no apportionment. Most of the dollars came out of three categories-STP-Metro, Enhancements and CMAQ.</p> <p>A meeting will be setup in the next couple of weeks to review the rescission information in detail.</p> <p><i>Handouts: FY 11 2nd Budget Workshop, Rescission Update, FY 11 Budget, FY 11 Budget Decision Items</i></p>	
<p>Recovery Act Update- Sandi Kohrs</p>	<p>Last month the Commission approved nine bid-savings projects. We are now looking ahead to the 100% obligation deadline of March 2, 2010. CDOT currently has about 90% of funds obligated.</p> <p>The Office of Management and Budget at the federal level recently issued its own</p>	<p>No Action Taken</p>

	<p>set of reporting requirements. Staff has been working on developing this new report and making sure that it is consistent with data being reported to other entities such as FHWA. The report is officially due on Saturday, October 10 but will be submitted today due to the furlough day on Friday.</p>	
<p>FASTER Update- Jennifer Finch & Bob Garcia</p>	<p>There will be a FASTER Workshop next week where we will review the planning process, investment categories and programs with the Commission to familiarize new members and to provide them with the appropriate context for making decisions about FASTER funding. Bob Garcia, Region 4 RTD, will lead a discussion on safety projects and the selection process.</p> <p>The Commission will be asked to make a decision as to how we should select projects going forward. The staff recommendation is that the process should follow existing planning processes. However, other options include focusing on lists developed specifically for FASTER, using a corridor-based process, or addressing strategic project commitments.</p> <p>We will also discuss performance measurement and how to report on what we achieve with FASTER dollars.</p> <p>Hopefully the Commission will approve the list of FASTER safety projects next week so that we can move forward with the TIP/STIP process.</p> <p>Gary Beedy: Seeing the amount of work going into another list of projects, it seems like a waste of resources to develop another list. I think we need to stress this to the Commission. I think we need to keep it within the current planning process.</p> <p>Steve Rudy: Our board's perspective is that FASTER is in trouble at the legislature this year and we need to have a pretty definitive idea of what the projects look like for 2011 and 2012 so we can show what projects will be lost if FASTER funding is eliminated.</p> <p>Jennifer Finch: The list they are approving is a list that is separate from the STIP and Statewide Plan and this is somewhat unusual with respect to our typical</p>	<p>Motion Approved- Recommend Safety Project list to Commission for approval.</p>

	<p>planning process. However, we felt it was necessary in order to get projects ready to go for this next season. We want to recommend to the Commission that for 2011 and beyond we need to use our regular planning process and not come up with separate lists outside of that planning process. Each RTD developed their list as best as they could within the time available. Some might have been able to go through what resembled the normal planning process, while others might not have been able to do that.</p> <p>Steve Rudy: DRCOG has not yet reviewed the final list, so I would suggest changing the language on the second slide to read "Initial MPO & TPR meetings are <i>almost</i> complete." Also, add "conditional" before approval in the second bullet.</p> <p><i>Motion by Commissioner Wayne Williams to recommend the Safety Project List for approval by the Commission, with the caveat that DRCOG has not yet reviewed the formal list and there might be changes needed based on this review. Motion approved.</i></p> <p><i>Handouts: FY 10 FASTER Safety Projects, FASTER Road Safety Projects Presentation</i></p>	
<p>Final Bicycle/Pedestrian Policy Directive- Jennifer Finch</p>	<p>The Bicycle/Pedestrian policy directive will go to the Commission for approval next week. We still have some additional details to be worked out on the accompanying procedural directive, but the Commission does not need to approve that. It will probably take us a couple of months of working with our partners to develop and finalize the procedural directive. The objective is to look at the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians and to include those in our planning, design and operations processes. A decision to not accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians should be documented based on exception criteria in the procedural directive.</p> <p>Question-Commissioner Wayne Williams: I know there were some issues raised last time. Were these addressed in the revision to this?</p> <p>Jennifer Finch: We did make changes based on feedback from the STAC, Commission and the Transit & Intermodal Committee.</p>	<p>Motion Approved – Recommend Bicycle/Pede strian Policy Directive for Commission Approval</p>

	<p><i>Motion by Commissioner Diane Mitsch Bush to recommend the Bicycle/Pedestrian Policy Directive for approval by the Commission. Motion approved.</i></p> <p><i>Handout: Policy Directive 1602</i></p>	
FY 11 Congressional Appropriations Notebook- Herman Stockinger	We are about to begin the next appropriations cycle, which means we need to update the FY 11 Congressional Appropriations Notebook. Our approach is to use the STIP and organize it by TPR/MPO and congressional district. We hope to develop a draft soon and submit in February to both House and Senate members. They in turn use the notebook in making earmark decisions.	No Action Taken
Federal and State Legislative Update- Herman Stockinger & Mickey Ferrell	<p>We have until the end of the month with the current extension of SAFETEA-LU. We are not sure how long the next extension will be. There is no CDOT legislative agenda at this point.</p> <p>There was some concern raised about the wording of one of our SAFETEA-LU Principles. We are working on addressing and clarifying this. The Principles are a living document.</p>	No Action Taken
Denver Union Station- Frank Cannon	The Union Station Neighborhood Company is the master developer of Denver Union Station (DUS). The Union Station neighborhood is the last piece of undeveloped land in downtown Denver with access to all the transit coming in and out of downtown. Its development is a public-private partnership with CDOT, RTD, the City and County of Denver, and DRCOG. The Denver Union Station Project Authority is a non-profit entity that was created in the last 12 months and will be responsible for the design and construction of the transportation infrastructure. The Union Station Neighborhood Company is the private sector partner collaborating in the management of the infrastructure program and responsible for acquiring and developing the real estate surrounding DUS, which will in turn help to pay for the transportation infrastructure being constructed. The DUS Project Authority includes the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), FTA, DRCOG, CDOT, RTD, and the DUS Metropolitan District. The Union Station Neighborhood Company is a joint venture between East West Partners and Continuum Partners.	No Action Taken

	<p>We anticipate a full notice to proceed hopefully before the end of this year. It will be a four year project, with construction anticipated to begin in December of this year and completion by the end of 2013. Transit elements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New 8 track commuter rail station replacing existing 4 track system • New 3 track light rail system replacing existing 2 tracks • New 22 bay regional and commercial bus facility that will double the existing capacity of RTD's Market Street Station. • New downtown circulator bus and expanded 16th St. Mall Ride <p>The total project cost is approximately \$500 million, \$320 million of which will be financed with two federal loans.</p>	
Other Business	<p>Commissioner Wayne Williams: At some point I would appreciate it if we could be provided with a full list of the 30 projects that Colorado submitted for TIGER grants.</p> <p>Jennifer Finch: The first Interim Transit & Rail Advisory Committee meeting was held last month. The next meeting is next Thursday. We sent out a questionnaire in advance of the meeting to generate ideas. The main focus will be on the roles and responsibilities of the new division and short and long term focus areas.</p> <p>Cliff Davidson: The new Efficiency & Accountability Committee met at the same time last month. I am the representative of the TPRs and MPOs. I want to impart your knowledge and wisdom to the Committee. So far I have only heard from the MPOs, but I want to hear from the TPRs as well.</p> <p>Commissioner Joelle Riddle: I want to take a moment and honor Aaron Bustow of FHWA. Aaron worked with the southwest TPR on a freight profile. Southwest TPR submitted it for an award and received an award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO).</p>	No Action Taken