

Freight Advisory Council Meeting

Date: Monday, April 04, 2016

Time: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Location: 1445 Market Street, Denver, Colorado, 80202

Welcome and Introductions (2 min.)	10:30	Jenyce Houg
Minutes Adoption – February 11, 2016 (3 min.)	10:32	Jenyce Houg
FHWA Freight Roundtable Thoughts and Discussion (15 min)	10:35	Jenyce Houg
I-70 Closure Lessons Learned (15 min)	10:50	Mike Lewis
CDOT Updates (10 min)	11:05	Jason Wallis
FASTLANE Grant Applications (10 min)	11:15	Debra Perkins-Smith
Focus Areas and Breakout Sessions (70 min.)	11:25	Jason Wallis Work Groups
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus Areas - Background • Focus Areas - Goals and Strategies • Group Reports 		
Wrap-up	12:25	Jason Wallis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting - Date and Location (5 min) 		

Draft Freight Advisory Council (FAC) Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2016

Location: Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, 1445 Market Street, Denver, Colorado

Date/Time: April 4, 2016, 10: 30 pm to 12:30 pm

FAC Chair: Jenyce Houg

Attendees: See Attached

Agenda Items Presenters/Affiliations	Discussion Highlights	Actions
Welcome and Introductions (Jenyce Houg)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenyce welcomed FAC members to the meeting and had attendees introduce themselves. 	N/A
Last FAC Meeting Minutes Adoption (Jenyce Houg)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The notes taken from the February 11, 2016 FAC meeting were approved without comment. 	N/A
FHWA Freight Roundtable Thoughts and Discussion (Jenyce Houg)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDOT Deputy Executive Director thought the roundtable was a good opportunity for the FHWA Administrator to obtain input from private industry pertaining to freight issues. • Colorado has been thoughtful about its issues and desires for the freight system and the freight community is an important voice in Colorado. The CDOT Deputy Executive Director thanked the FAC for participating in the roundtable. • After listening and interpreting the FHWA's Administrator's comments it appears Colorado is well positioned and is working from a good perspective to submit FAST Act freight applications. • The National Freight Strategic Plan comments are due on April 24th. • The National Multimodal Freight Network is due to be released in the very near future. This network will be revisited in five-years, after the network is established. • Appreciation of CDOT Executive Director comments regarding tackling issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FHWA will distribute high level notes of what occurred at the freight roundtable for FAC members who were not able to attend. • FHWA will also send electronic copies of meeting handouts from the roundtable to the FAC Secretary. • CDOT will also draft notes to share their perspective on key takeaways from the Freight Roundtable. • FAC members encouraged to review and comment on the National Freight Strategic Plan before the comment period ends on April 24, 2016. • FAC members that volunteered to work on materials for FAC support - "straw man" included: Grier Baily, Greg Fulton, Barbara Kirkmeyer, Gary Beedy, and Joe Kiely. Volunteers will work together to identify the FAC's position on funding issues. • Investigate TruckTel technology – system for establishing mobile truck hotels – see: http://trucktel.co/ for more information.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractor proposals for transportation-related ballot was discussed. • Contractors want to know if they need to identify a list of projects for this effort and how the list should be identified and considered for its popularity with voters. • Colorado Motor Carriers Association is currently working with the state legislators to increase transportation funding - a referred vs. a petition process for the ballot. • Four different ballot types are moving forward; having some project oriented ballot would be important for freight. • FAC possess the authority by resolution to show support of transportation-related proposals. • Some ballot options do not provide stable funding sources for transportation; stability of funding is an important consideration. 	
I-70 Closure Lessons Learned (Mike Lewis, CDOT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent closure of I-70 due to rock fall was a wakeup call of the transportation system's fragility and lack of redundancy. • Asked the FAC members for input on how CDOT could become more proactive in dealing with rock falls and road closures. • Drivers staying and driving in the left lanes is an issue for freight; Alternate routes offered have no available mobility information for decision making. • Consider multi-state environment when broadcasting information. I-80 is a potential alternate route – but if conditions there are unsafe – need to know when appropriate to recommend it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDOT could provide more public education and awareness campaigns – CDOT is good at broadcasts for emergencies, but get the public more aware of the risks on highways and the importance of continuing freight movement. • Provide signage and information to discourage drivers from staying in the left travel lane when not passing.

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	<p>Had trouble with recommendation of I-70 alternative routes by Google – to Independence Pass – rerouted from the Pass after problems identified – need better information to avoid this type of mishap in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waze crowd surfing app was mentioned along with others in Weld County and CDOT’s COTrip site app. • Local coordination is key; small towns can offer parking in emergency situations that are temporary. 	
Updates (Jason Wallis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Multimodal Freight Plan and State Freight and Passenger Rail Plan consultant has been selected and is anticipated to start in May 2016. • Got outside input from others on the selection process. • National Highway Freight Program – critical urban and rural freight corridors developing these for September 2016 – starting conversations with Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Transportation Planning Regions first and will bring results of conversations to the FAC for their consideration. • I-76 will not be designated as critical rural or urban freight corridor. Need to add 80 miles of critical urban corridors, and 160 miles of critical rural. Process will be incorporated in to plan development. • The Key Freight Facilities map handout was described in more detail; this map will evolve over time as new information and decisions are made. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDOT to add definitions to layers presented in the Key Freight Facilities map – in particular, intermodal facilities. • Interested FAC members to send CDOT industry definition of intermodal facilities for consideration.
FASTLANE Grant Applications (Debra Perkins-Smith, CDOT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had a fast turn-around for FASTLANE applications – six weeks. All projects must cost at least \$100 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDOT to draft a FAC letter of support for the three FASTLANE project applications without prioritization and

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	<p>million and all must be ready for construction to begin in 18 months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colorado is considering 3 projects; initially four projects were identified – but one - US 550 in Durango will be submitted by the City of Durango and not CDOT. • Three projects being applied for include: 1) A multi-state truck parking information system to build upon the Mid-America TIGER Grant – States potentially joining Colorado are: Iowa, Nebraska, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming – the variation with other states is Colorado also including chain up stations. 2) US 287 Reliever Route (on Ports to Plains corridor) where design has initiated; 3) US 85 North of Denver in Weld County – UP railroad crossing improvements – with railroads including sidings – this is multimodal project. • Discussion of the competitiveness of the US 287 reliever route was raised. • Even if CDOT is not successful for this competitive effort first time – it will be a valuable learning experience for this new program to understand US DOT’s preferences. • This is an annual process and the FAC will be brought in earlier to evaluate and assess benefits and costs associated with proposed projects for future FASTLANE applications. • Consider consolidating a statewide submittal effort for the future. • More communication pertaining to the existence of the FAC and the benefits of obtaining FAC support on a given transportation issue is important – in order for the FAC to have proper influence. 	<p>the FAC will be given an opportunity to comment on the letter for submittal prior to April 14th, when the applications are due.</p>

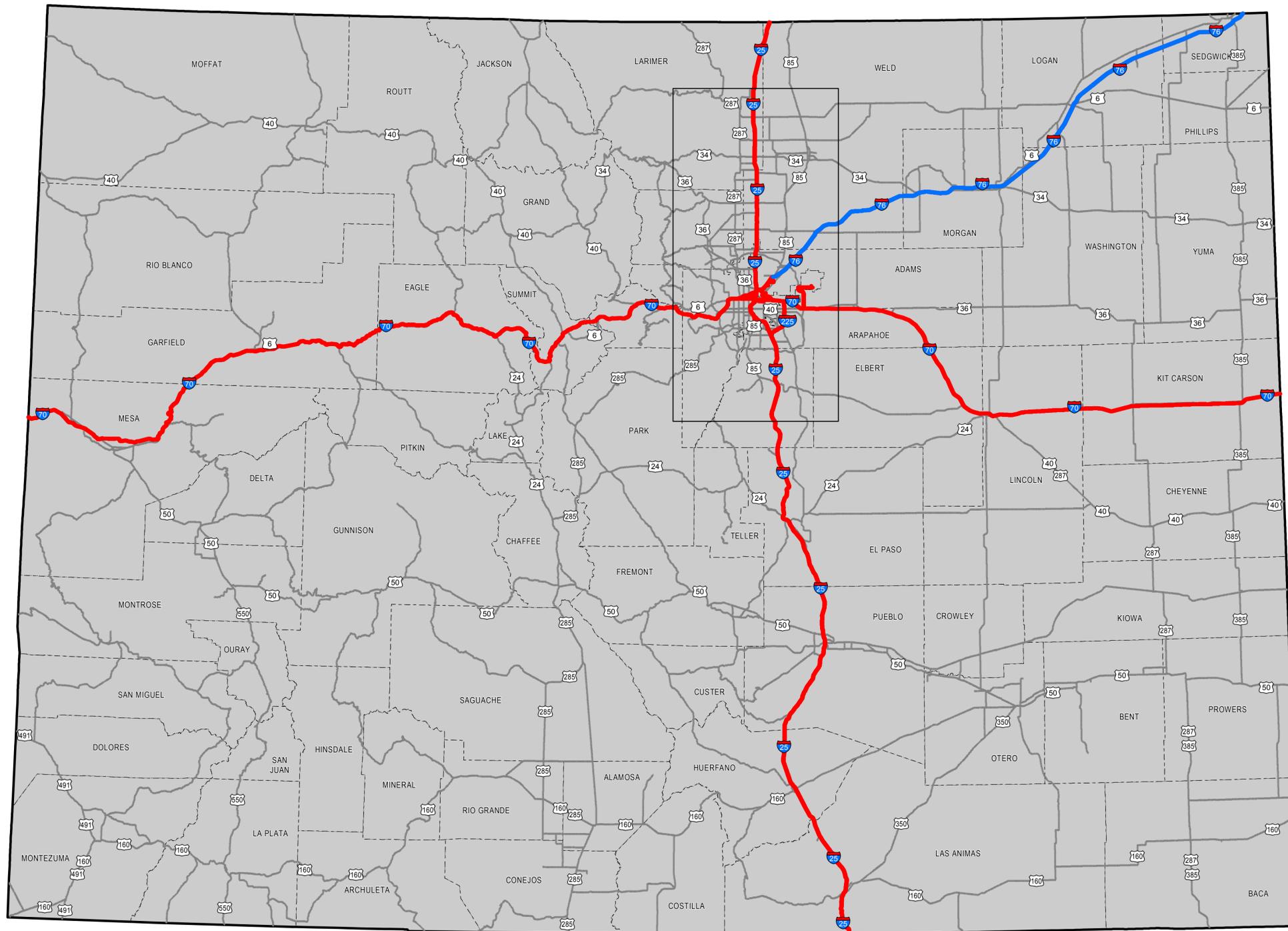
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The FAC agreed it is important for the FAC to have an opinion on record for the first round of FASTLANE applications. r 	
Wrap-up/Next Meeting (Jason Wallis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next FAC meeting to occur on April 28, 2016 to allow for work group breakout sessions originally planned for today. Announcement: University of Denver is submitting application to form a University Transportation Center and the focus will be on freight. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDOT to send out the list of issues for work groups to cover.

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Freight Advisory Council (FAC) Meeting Attendance

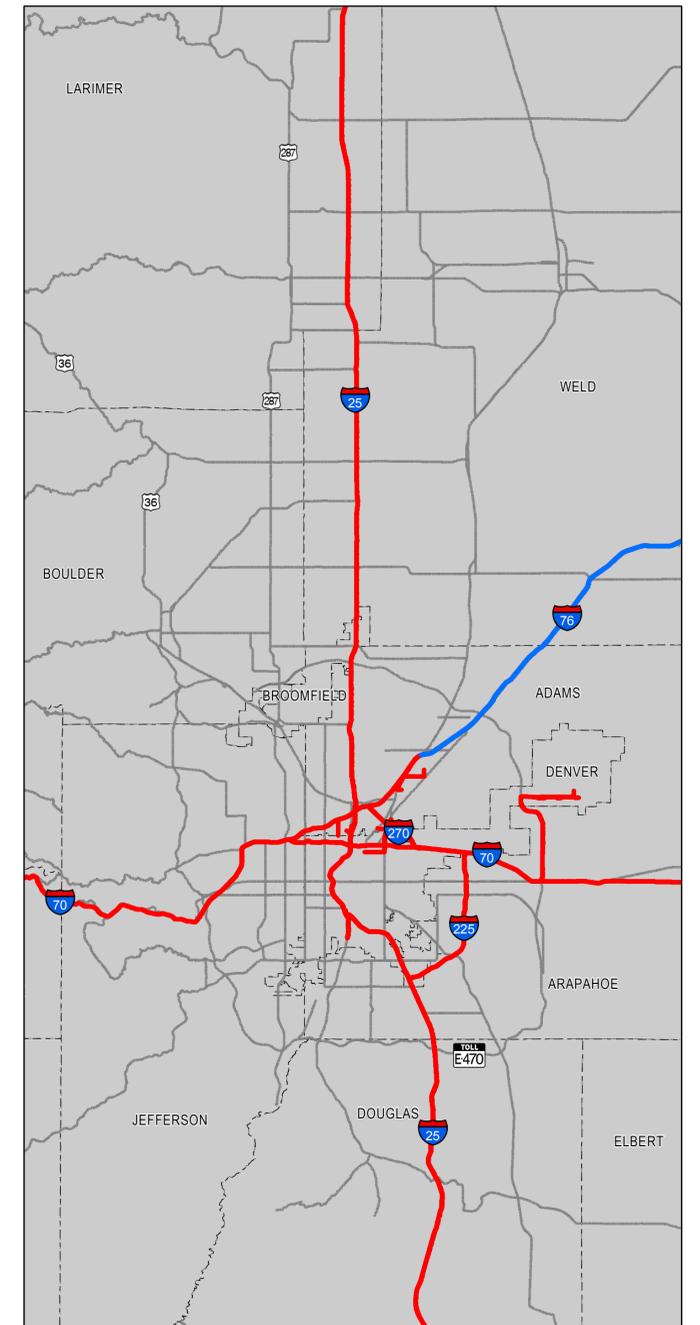
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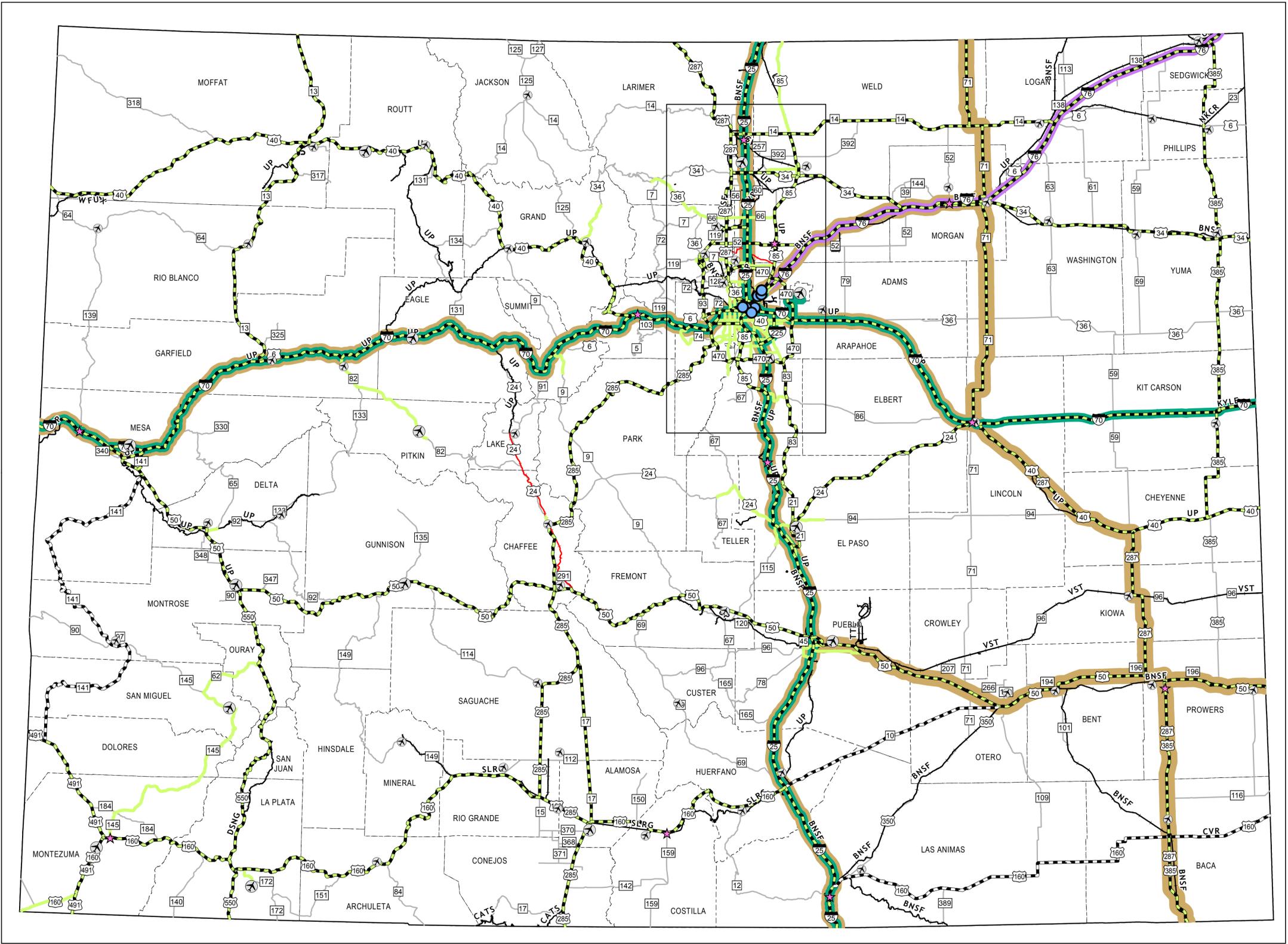
Check (if in Attendance)	Member Last Name	First Name	FAC Member Status
X	Houg	Jenyce	Chair
	Ogborn	Mike	Vice Chair
X	Bailey	Grier	General
X	Beedy	Gary	General
	DeWitt	Bill	General
X	Dhuru	Sarod	General
X	Douglas	Kevin	General
X	Fulton	Greg	General
X	Goetz	Andy	General
X	Howes	Brandon	General
X	Kiely	Joe	General
X	Kirkmeyer	Barbara	Ex Officio
X	Lathrop	Mason	General
X	Lewis	Mike	Ex Officio
	McCarthy	Dennis	General
	Morgan	Jason	General
X	Pelton	Rod	General
X	Rich	Tim	General
X	Ruppel	David	General
X	Spaulding	Carl	General
	Steen	Norm	General
X	Thompson Cassidy	Sara	General
X	Tinsley	Frances	General
	Wagner	Howard	General
X	Wallis	Jason	Secretary
X	Perkins-Smith	Debra	Alternate
X	Rickerhauser	Pete	Alternate
X	Karasko	Becky	Partner
X	Riger	Jacob	Partner
X	Bustow	Aaron	FHWA
X	Collins	Kathleen	CDOT Statewide Planning
X	Deselnicu	Oana	CDOT Economist
X	Greco	Aaron	CDOT Policy and Government Relations
X	King	Mike	CDOT Regional and MPO Planning
X	Kirby	Tim	CDOT Regional and MPO Planning
X	Krutsinger	David	CDOT Division of Transit and Rail
X	Scheurman	Michelle	CDOT Multimodal Freight Plan PM
X	Streisfeld	Lisa	CDOT Operations
X	Sudmeier	Jeff	CDOT Multimodal Planning
X	Terranova	Sharon	CDOT State Freight and Passenger Rail Plan PM
X	Ulane	David	CDOT Aeronautics Division



National Highway Freight Network

- National Primary Freight System
- Interstate Non-National Primary Freight System
- Critical Urban Freight Corridors
- Critical Rural Freight Corridors
- Highways





Corridor Details

National Highway Freight Network

- National Primary Freight System
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- Critical Urban Freight Corridors
- Critical Rural Freight Corridors

- Colorado Freight Corridors
- Colorado Freight Corridors that are NHS
- NHS (On-System)
- Highways
- High Priority Corridors



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Key Freight Facilities

- Ports of Entry
- Commercial Service Airport
- Publicly-Owned and Operated Airport
- Intermodal Facilities
- In Service Railroad
- Out of Service Railroads
- Counties

