



Statewide MPO Meeting Friday, June 23, 2017 2:00 pm - 3:30 p.m. CDOT HQ Auditorium

Meeting Participants:

- MPOs: Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) - Steve Cook; North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) - Terri Blackmore and Becky Karasko; Pueblo Area Council of Governments (PACOG) - John Adams; and Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) - Kevin Rayes
- CDOT HQ: Jeff Sudmeier, Michelle Scheuerman, Tim Kirby, Michael King, and Kathleen Collins, Erik Sabina, Charles Meyer
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): Bill Haas, Aaron Bustow, and Gabriela Preciado

Welcome and Introductions - Tim Kirby and Jeff Sudmeier

- Attendees introduced themselves.

Consolidated Planning Grants (CPG) Contracts and Risk Assessments

- A new form for CPGs is required that assessed risks to projects.
- Once the forms are filled out, they go into a pool where 2% of all contracts will be pulled from to undergo an audit.
- Steve Markovetz of CDOT Local Affairs can be placed on the agenda to discuss these forms and the audits in more detail, if there is interest.
- This form and its requirements will be rolling out in the next couple of months.
- The audits would not result in punitive action.
- FHWA explained the audit results would be more like having a credit score: the lower the score, the more documentation for projects is required.

Statewide Travel Model (Erik Sabina, DTD)

NFRMPO Question about Colorado Statewide Travel Model:

- Erik answered a question about whether the Statewide Travel would be ready to support NFRMPO in developing Regional Travel Model external stations in addition to DRCOG. A request for proposals (RFP) will be released in August with work anticipated to start by the end of the year. External station numbers between DRCOG and NFRMPO are not in alignment and need Statewide Travel Model information. Erik said the Statewide Travel Model would be ready and that he would be able to work with NFRMPO (and DRCOG) within this timeframe.
- Statewide Travel Model calibrations for 2010 are just starting and should finish up by the end of the summer. 2010 outcomes will be available.
- The group agreed that Erik will be on the SWMPO agenda every other month or as needed; the question for this month was considered on an as-needed basis. Erik will be placed on the agenda for the July SWMPO meeting.

TIP and STIP Approval Process

- FHWA wanted to clarify and provide an update regarding the TIP and STIP approval process.
- To date Governor John Hickenlooper has signed all the TIPs but NFRMPO's.

- The NFRMPO Planning Council will re-adopt the NFRMPO TIP at the July 6, 2017, meeting.
- MPO board adoption does not provide the final approval for the TIP becoming effective. Final approval requires the governor's signature. If the area is in non-attainment for air quality, as is NFRMPO, FHWA's signature also is needed for the air quality conformity document.
- Generally speaking, the process begins in early spring when the STIP is approved. TIPs are effective upon the governor's signature. The FHWA's signature on the air quality conformity document is needed prior to the formal effective date of July 1, 2017.
- There can only be one active STIP and TIPs.
- FHWA stressed the importance of CDOT and MPOs maintaining their old STIP and TIPs until the governor and FHWA has signed them; in other words, hold off on amending the new STIP and TIPs during this time of transition.
- If amendments are made in the old STIP and in the TIPs about to be superseded, they need to be reflected in the new STIP and TIPs too. It's redundant to amend the old and new documents.
- CDOT staff needs to also alert Region staff to not modify the TIPs until the new TIPs are in effect.
- If a STIP or TIP for FY 2018-2021 is not active, it does not exist.
- **It was agreed that the resolution pertaining to TIPs needs to be changed to reflect "upon approval Governor and FHWA approval, the TIP becomes effective".**
- TIPs on websites for FHWA, CDOT, and MPOs all need to be clear about which documents are the active documents and highlight their effective dates.

Safety Data and Performance Measures (Charles Meyer)

- Safety performance measures have received input from the STAC and CDOT executive management.
- CDOT has also looked at what other states are doing in developing these safety measures. Other states appear to have targets that are more hopeful about a general decline traffic fatalities and serious injuries; CDOT is leaning toward targets believed to be more realistic.
- The Office of Transportation Safety and the Traffic and Safety Engineering Branch prepare an integrated safety plan that is submitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) annually. The [2017 plan](#) will be submitted to NHTSA soon.
- Safety targets will be submitted to FHWA.
- The Highway Safety Improvement Plan is due to FHWA on August 1, and will be submitted annually to align with CDOT's annual review of its safety targets.
- DRCOG noted that the MPOs need county-level crash data; baseline statewide numbers are for five years. All MPOs would use the same data source, but DRCOG does not plan on using CDOT's statewide targets.
- CDOT's target safety measure percentages could apply to MPOs.
- If MPOs use the statewide target, it could use the same 5-year average crash data.
- CDOT needs to work with FHWA to discuss storage of data too.
- DRCOG hasn't discussed safety performance measures with any committees for a couple of months, but must reach some decisions by February 2018.
- PPACG is planning to determine its safety targets with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on July 10. Charles should work with Ken Prather to attend the TAC meeting, and the PPACG TAC will need data to inform the decision. CDOT has safety data for 2012-2016 and projected data for 2017-2018.

- NFRMPO will discuss safety targets at either the July 19 or August 16 meetings.
- Charles could attend the next DRCOG TAC on Aug. 28 in the evening, or the TAC meeting in September.

MPO and FHWA Updates (Discussion)

NFRMPO - Terri Blackmore

- Sarah Martin is the new NFRMPO planner.
- NFRMPO is re-adopting its TIP, and is preparing for development of the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan.
- An RFP for a travel model is underway.
- Thank you to DRCOG for the UrbanSim Roundup; NFRMPO is working with UrbanSim Cloud.

PPACG - Kevin Rayes

- PPACG is searching for a new executive director. PACOG received a low number of applicants and is beginning the search again. The MPO hopes to have a new executive director in November.
- The MPO changed the horizon year for its long-range transportation plan from 2050 to 2045 to align with the other MPOs and the Statewide Transportation Plan.
- PPACG finished a scenario planning workshop, and shared results with the public. Three stories were developed for possible futures.
 - All scenarios are land use based: infill, activity/center infill, and dispersed development.
 - **Kevin will send information on the scenario planning workshop to Tim Kirby to disseminate.**
- Developed a new TIP policy. Its past policy, called NOPE (not one penny extra) is being modified for flexibility in spending unused dollar for future projects. Its approval is anticipated next month.

Grand Valley MPO

- Not in attendance

PACOG - John Adams

- The MPO is working on a Transit Function Study.
- A transit board review is planned over this summer that will examine the feasibility to extend service to the Pueblo area. The public did not support the initial plan.

DRCOG - Steve Cook

- Active Transportation Plan underway; started scope of work last week.
- The Unified Planning Work Program is new and will be approved next month.
- AASHTO is conducting a 1.5-day Census Transportation Planning Product (CTPP) training at DRCOG's facilities next week, June 27-28.
- Wednesday, June 28, is Bike to Work Day. Thirty thousand people signed up to take part within DRCOG boundaries last year.
- Regional Travel Model results are getting better.
- DRCOG also is still searching for a new executive director, and is using the same executive search firm as is PPACG.
- FHWA noted it will send information on the regulations regarding the eligibility for costs associated with using consultants to help find executive directors.

FHWA Updates (Discussion)

- None

CDOT Updates (Discussion)

- Transportation Planning Toolkit - this initiative is focused on TPRs and is based on findings from the Statewide Transportation Plan's Lessons Learned exercise.
- Once the website with materials is up and running, it will provide resources to answer requests for information pertaining to planning. The website also will help with educating new staff members of CDOT planning partners.

Future Host (Discussion)

- The next SWMPO meeting will be on July 28. The meeting will be at CDOT HQ and hosted by Grand Valley MPO (Todd Hollenbeck).

Future Agenda Topics

- Statewide Travel Model
- General Performance Measures (William or Charles)
 - CMAQ Performance Measure
 - Urban area calculations
 - Federal dates required
- Office of Financial Management and Budget staff to discuss finances
- TELLUS changes. Kevin of PPACG can provide a link and share at a SWMPO meeting
- Grand Valley MPO Safe Routes to School Program
- Colorado Department of Local Affairs Population Control Totals
- CPG Risk Assessments