



Statewide MPO (Hosted by DRCOG)

Friday, May 19, 2017

2:00-3:30 p.m.

CDOT HQ Mt. Evans Room A and B

Meeting Participants:

- MPOs: Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) - Jacob Riger, Doug Rex, and Steve Cook; North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) - Becky Karasko - via telephone; Pueblo Area Council of Governments (PACOG) - John Adams; and Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) - Ken Prather (via telephone).
- CDOT HQ: Jeff Sudmeier, Michelle Scheuerman, Tim Kirby, Marissa Gaughan, Erik Sabina, Lizzie Kemp, Kathleen Collins, Carrie Latimer, Eric Richardson
- CDOT Regions (via telephone): Region 1 - Danny Herrmann, Region 3 - Mark Rogers, and Region 4 - Karen Schneiders and Kathy Seelhoff.
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA): Bill Haas and Aaron Bustow
- FHU: Jenny Young

Welcome and Introductions - Jacob Riger, Denver Regional Council of Governments

- Attendees introduced themselves.

Scenario Planning Peer Exchange (Informational) - Michelle Scheuerman, DTD

- Approximately three weeks ago, an e-mail with the draft materials was sent to the MPOs for feedback. The materials included a revised annotated agenda based on previous MPO feedback, a presentation framework for guest panelists, and initial ideas on the break-out session. No comments were provided other than a question from Terri Blackmore of NFRMPO, which Michelle answered.
- The next topic of discussion was on the 45-minute MPO roundtable discussion part of the peer exchange agenda. Michelle gave an overview of the purpose and intent of this discussion. Michelle mentioned that there may be areas that an MPO might want to emphasize, others that they may want to lightly focus on, and additional areas as they deem fit. Great flexibility is provided to the MPOs for this part of the agenda. These are the areas that the MPOs are requested to highlight from their perspective:
 - What they feel is unique about their area
 - Current state of transportation and their biggest challenge
 - Experience with scenario planning
 - Benefits of scenario planning and how decision making was influenced by it
 - Lessons learned/new scenarios
- Question: Would the purpose be to learn from each other or the panelists? Answer: both is anticipated.
- The next discussion was on the break-out session agenda item. A more refined description of the session was provided to the MPOs. The revised handout included a more robust purpose of the discussion, key questions that would be asked for each of the prescribed steps, and a preliminary concept of a game that would be used to help the group derive the comparison factors that would be considered as part of their respective framework.
- It was noted that a guest panelist will be part of each of the groups to help support the discussion. In addition, invitees will be pre-assigned to a group to ensure a diversity of thought and ideas.

Statewide Travel Model and Household Travel Survey Topics (Informational) - Erik Sabina, DTD

Statewide Travel Model

- Statewide Travel Model - project is going well; project is in the first stages of calibration and on target in terms of schedule.
- 2010 is the base year for the statewide travel model and 2015 is the validation year.
- Preparing for validation.
- Hope to finish calibration by end of May and initiate validation in June; could be some overlap of the two in July.
- Model includes a slide bar tool for increasing land use density.
- Will test model at the end of 2017 to determine if model runs result in reasonable findings.
- Will need to obtain from MPOs the projects to build into the network.
- Rural area assumptions are still to be determined.
- Will need to consider a 2045 Bustang network too.

Front Range Travel Survey Update (2020 Travel Survey)

- Last survey was a household survey with a commercial vehicle survey and an origin-destination (O-D) survey; the commercial vehicle survey went well, but the O-D survey was not as successful.
- Would like to see a visitor survey as a component of the travel survey - we have not integrated a visitor survey in the past.
- There is interest statewide in visitors whether they are business or recreational.
- Systems Planning's Oana Deselnicu is working with the Tourism Office on a survey to obtain information related to tourism and visitor trips. Oana is ensuring that questions relevant to the Scenic Byways is included. This survey is being developed by Longwood International. Potential questions could include, but aren't limited to:
 - Where are tourists coming from
 - What types of trips and purpose of trips, plus spending per purpose of trip
 - Trips by month, to gauge demand and tourist season
 - Who are these tourists
 - How they plan their trips
 - Transportation modes used on trip
 - Where tourists come from
 - What types of trips and purpose of trips
 - Trips by month, to gauge demand and tourist season
 - Who are these tourists
 - How they do trip planning
 - Transportation modes used on trip
- Would like to identify opportunities to partner with other entities for any relevant surveys. Consider opportunities to partner with both the tourism survey entities, Longwood and Dean Runyon.
- The Tourism Office Welcome Centers are doing an assessment of the locations of their Welcome Centers; CDOT also is partnering with them on the Rest Area Policy Guidance project.
- The proposed schedule for the 2020 Travel model would be to have a broad outline regarding what the MPOs and CDOT would like to include in the survey and contributions by participating entities.
- Cost for using smart phone apps to obtain household survey information assuming \$300 per household for 20,000 households is approximately \$7 million.
- Question to consider is the number of days the survey should cover, including weekend days.
- There is a national effort to improve commercial vehicle surveys.
- Other surveys to partner on may include but not be limited to:

- University surveys.
- Multimodal/intermodal facility models.
- National Park surveys.
- *Homework assignment for MPOs between now and the next meeting is to think about other surveys to partner on and to include in the 2020 Travel Survey. Leveraging the Regional Transportation District surveys is one possibility.*
- Cordon survey is not recommended.
- INRIX and HERE data will improve over time.
- Next step is to pinpoint the 2020 travel survey concept schedule and funding sources; CDOT could use Statewide Planning Research (SPR) funds that include assumed matches.
- Erik Sabina was asked to attend meetings monthly to ensure MPOs are informed of any changes on a timely basis.

MPO and FHWA Updates (Discussion)

NFRMPO

- Regional Transportation Plan, Amendment #2, to be approved at the June Planning Council meeting.
- FY 2018-2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to be approved in May; submitted to CDOT last Friday.
- A new planner starts Monday.

PACOG

- Bid year review.
- TIP approved.
- Working on Scope of Work for FY 2018-2019.
- Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) scheduled for June approval.

Grand Valley MPO

- Not in attendance

PPACG

- Ken Prather had been on the telephone, but wasn't on during the MPO updates.

DRCOG

- Board approved 2040 Metro Vision RTP at its April 19, 2017 meeting. 2045 MVRTP will be kicked off with Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) this month (May).
- Working on updates to the travel demand model with a focus on pedestrian and bicycle modes of travel.
- Starting to prepare the annual Congestion Report - bringing in INRIX data for freeway segments.
- Preparing new TIP for adoption in 2019 - regional and subregional calls for projects will occur in early/mid-2018.
- Draft new (2018-19) UPWP work tasks/activities will be reviewed by TAC this month (May); Board will adopt UPWP in July.
- Gearing up to start the regional Active Transportation Plan (approx. 12-month planning process).
- Also gearing up to conduct the biennial Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program pool call for projects this summer/fall.
 - In the process of evaluating proposed projects for Regional Traffic Operations program pool.

FHWA Updates (Discussion)

- FHWA is conducting a final review of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) that will become effective July 1, 2017. Transportation Commission has approved the STIP.
- Self-certification forms are due to FHWA, and most are complete; partnering with Eric Richardson in Budget Office.
- Working with DRCOG on conformity determination for their TIP.
- Wrapping up planning findings and ending the performance year on May 31, 2017.
- Risk assessment is being done and the performance measures are being populated.
- A total of 12 risks have been identified in Colorado, including these:
 - Central I-70
 - North I-25
 - STIP
 - Local public agencies
 - Safety
 - Use of traffic analysis tools
- FHWA sent an email to Jeff Sudmeier from FHWA regarding these proposed federal rules pertaining to state departments of transportation and MPOs taking effect on May 20, 2017:
 - Performance of the Interstate system and non-Interstate National Highway System (NHS);
 - Freight movement on the Interstate system;
 - Traffic congestion and on-road mobile source emissions for the CMAQ Program; and
 - Pavement and bridge condition performance measures.

The one proposed part of the rule that will not take effect is the one about a percent change in carbon dioxide emissions from 2017 generated by non-road mobile sources on the NHS, the measure referred to as the greenhouse gas measure. That measure has been delayed indefinitely.

CDOT Updates (Discussion)

- Working on allocations (also known as revenue projections)
- FY 2018 - updated STIP
- Metro Planning
- CPG and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Programs
- Developing an updated process for CMAQ) reporting.
- Identifying for federal system what CDOT does with funds this year.
- A presentation on CPG is available to distribute.
- CPG submittal process will close early next week.
- Please notify [Marissa Gaughan](#) if you have questions on the scope of work or timeline and also when CPGs are adopted by MPOs.
- A CPG Statement of Work (SOW) Table has good information.
- Contracts are to be released October 1.

Future Meeting Topics (Discussion)

- Front Range Travel Survey 2020 Update: Ask Erik Sabina to attend SWMPO meetings monthly to discuss this.

Other Business

- The next SWMPO Meeting will be Friday, June 23, at CDOT HQ and will be hosted by Grand Valley MPO (Todd Hollenbeck).
- Discussion of STAC / Revenue Projections & Program Distribution / SWMPO Meeting schedules
 - Having the Revenue Projections & Program Distribution from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and then SWMPO 2-3:30 p.m. (with a hard end at that time) worked well; keep the same for the following months.

Future Agenda Topics (from April 2017 discussion and May 2017 Agenda)

- TELUS Update
- Grand Valley MPO Safe Routes to School Program
- Colorado Department of Local Affairs population control totals