



Statewide MPO Meeting

Host: Grand Valley MPO

CDOT HQ - 2829 W. Howard Place, Denver, CO

Friday, August 24, 2018

2-3 p.m.

Room 158 Valley Highway Conference Room (1st Floor)

Participants

- MPOs: Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) - Jacob Riger; Grand Valley MPO - Dean Bressler; North Front Range MPO (NFRMPO) - Becky Karasko; Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) - John Liosatos.
- CDOT Headquarters: Tim Kirby, Marissa Gaughan, Kathleen Collins, Gail Hoffman, Mike King, and William Johnson
- CDOT Regions: Lizzie Kemp, Region 1, and Karen Schneiders, R4
- FHWA: Aaron Bustow, Bill Haas

Welcome and Introductions - Dean Bressler, GVMPO

Highlights from Host MPO - GVMPO

- Dean said Todd Hollenbeck has accepted a position as director of community development for Mesa County. In the interim, Todd is also serving as MPO director. The MPO will advertise on the Mesa County Human Resources Page for someone to fill the job of MPO director position. He urged all those present to consider applying or seeking out people they think might be suited for the position. He noted that the cost of living is lower in Grand Junction than it is along the Front Range.
- The MPO is looking for a full-time mobility manager for 2019 if it is successful in obtaining the 5310 grant funds for the position.
- GVMPO is reviewing the transportation impact fee collected by its county and municipal partners. According to figures a consultant compiled, the approximate average cost for building one lane mile of new capacity is \$2.3 million in 2018 dollars, making \$6,330 the approximate average fee to cover the cost of transportation per single-family detached house. He asked others about their reaction to the proposed figure.

Performance Measures

- Performance Measure Updates - CDOT and FHWA Staff
 - Safety - Charles Meyer
 - The Transportation Commission endorsed the safety targets this month. These are the same targets as the group saw two months ago.
 - Dean Bressler asked how the MPOs can best prioritize projects to help reduce crashes and how the MPOs create a performance-based transportation improvement program (TIP). FHWA's Aaron Bustow suggested the TIP explain

- how the MPO considers safety when selecting projects for funding. The assumption is that certain projects have a greater potential to reduce crashes than others do.
 - Aaron Bustow said it is a good idea to evaluate safety targets annually. He also said the MPOs do not need to adopt another safety memorandum of understanding (MOU) with CDOT. The process followed last year will be the same as for this year, with the MPOs having no longer than 180 days after CDOT adopts its safety targets to adopt their own.
- o Review of PM2 and PM3 Template MOU - William Johnson
 - The Transportation and Asset Management Branch (TAMB) is using the safety MOU as a model for the PM2 (Infrastructure) and PM3 (System Performance) MOUs. Each MPO should send the completed MOUs to Darius Pakbaz and William Johnson.
 - William Johnson said the TAMB staff is willing to visit with MPO staffs to discuss setting targets for the two areas.
 - All but DRCOG adopts the PM2 and PM3 targets every four years. DRCOG must adopt the targets every two years because it has a population of more than 1 million people.
 - All MPOs must adopt PM2 and PM3 targets, either CDOT's or their own, by Nov. 15, 2018.

Air Quality Staging Periods - DRCOG

- DRCOG asked for a discussion to start thinking ahead to the regional transportation plan (RTP) amendment and air quality staging period implications if one or both of the ballot measures to provide more funding for transportation are successful.
- DRCOG expects to adopt its amended RTP air quality staging period by June or July 2019, and NFRMPO by September 2019. However, both DRCOG and NFRMPO face an Aug. 3, 2019 deadline for determination of air quality conformity. NFRMPO said it might need to accelerate its plan adoption schedule.
- Dean Bressler asked about what will happen if both ballot measures pass. If that happens, a court case probably would decide which ballot issue rules, some said.
- The biggest challenge for MPOs will be getting projects in the Project Development Program to expend funds on.

MPO and FHWA Updates - MPO and FHWA Staff

- *FHWA* - FHWA recently released an updated draft strategic plan for the organization. Bill Haas said he might send the FHWA draft strategic plan out to the group once he locates it on the FHWA website.
- *DRCOG* - DRCOG is beginning its call for TIP projects. It will call first for regional share projects and then for sub-regional share projects. The annual congestion report is going forward. The report will examine both technology and transportation infrastructure approaches to relieving congestion. DRCOG recently took over the Citizens' Academy from Transit Alliance, which closed its doors in January 2018. Many local and regional leaders throughout the Denver metro area began their community involvement with Citizens' Academy. Applications for the Sept. 27-Nov. 8 academy are due by 5 p.m. September 5 at this site: <https://drcog.org/node/638701>.
- *GVMPO* - Grand Valley Transit's plan compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is out for public review. Dean Bressler praised Eboni Younger-Riehl with the CDOT Civil Rights and Business Resource Center Office for her help with the plan. (Title VI prohibits discrimination based on race, color, and national origin in programs

and activities receiving federal financial assistance.) Eboni even stopped at Region 3 and GVMPO offices for quick visits while vacationing in the area with her family. For its Title VI plan as an FHWA sub-recipient, the MPO is considering what to include in its annual Goals and Accomplishment Report; the MPO will look to DRCOG as a resource. The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) also is out for public review. The GVMPO board on Aug. 27 will consider both the Title VI plan and the UPWP for adoption.

- *NFRMPO* - The *2045 Regional Transit Element* for is out for public comment through Aug. 31, 2018, with board approval expected in November 2018. The MPO received two grants for a One Call One Click center to develop a business/financial plan. NFRMPO will open the 2018 call for projects this fall for FY 2022 and 2023.

CDOT Updates - Tim Kirby

- CDOT has selected the consultant team for the 2045 Statewide Transportation Plan (SWP) and rural regional transportation plans. Once the period for challenging the selection of the consultant team has passed, CDOT will make an official announcement of the consultant team.
- Marissa Gaughan said that all MPOs but DRCOG are on track for the Oct. 1 issuance of the FY 2019 Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) contracts. DRCOG must have an approved in-kind plan before CDOT can move forward with contracting.

Other Business

- Host Rotation Schedule
 - September: The group decided to cancel the September Statewide MPO meeting because it will be on the same day as the Transportation Summit.
 - A question came up about trying again to have the MPOs take turns hosting the Statewide MPO meetings at their offices from May through October. GVMPO offered to host a meeting sometime, perhaps during the peach season of August or September.
- October Host: CDOT or PACOG.

Future Agenda Topics

- Transportation Performance Management is a standing agenda item - How to incorporate TPM into project selection?
- DOLA presentation on demographics tailored to MPOs rather than for the entire state, as the STAC presentation from DOLA Demography Office did on the same day.
- Colorado Department of Local Affairs Population Control Totals