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Division of Transportation Development

Statewide MPO Meeting

Host: Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments

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

Friday, June 22, 2018

2-4 p.m.

Room 158 Valley Highway Conference Room (1st Floor)

Participants

- MPOs: Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) - Steve Cook, Jacob Riger, Ron Papsdorf, Beth Doliboa; Grand Valley MPO (GVMPO) - Dean Bressler; North Front Range MPO (NFRMPO) - Suzette Mallette; Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments - Ken Prather and John Liosatos; and Pueblo Area Council of Governments - John Adams.
- CDOT Headquarters: Debra Perkins-Smith, Tim Kirby, Lily Lizarraga, Michelle Scheuerman, Aaron Willis, Gail Hoffman, Kathleen Collins, , Darius Pakbaz, Miguel Aguilar, and Alisa Babler.
- CDOT Regions: Danny Herrmann and Stephanie Holden, Region 1, and Jim Eussen, Alana Koenig, and Karen Schneiders, Region 4.
- FHWA: Bill Haas and Aaron Bustow.

Welcome and Introductions - PPACG

Performance Measures

Safety Performance Measure (PM) Update - Alisa Babler, CDOT Traffic and Safety Engineering Branch

- Targets should be specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and time-bound, or SMART.
- The five federally-required safety measures that the MPOs and DOTs should set collaboratively are those calculated on a five-year average (2013-2018):
 - Fatalities
 - Fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT)
 - Serious injuries
 - Serious injuries per 100 million VMT
 - Non-motorized vehicle fatalities
- The overall safety goal for CDOT is to halve zero deaths from traffic accidents by 2030. These targets are based on current trends and are not based on the towards zero deaths safety goal.
- MPOs have 180 days to set their own targets or adopt CDOT's after CDOT establishes its safety targets, which are identical to those in the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), or until February 2019.
- The 2013-2018 five-year average is the basis for the 2015-2019 target.
- CDOT has had some challenges collecting the safety data from the Colorado Department of Revenue for 2016 due to system updates and the introduction of a new Department of Revenue crash data system. CDOT is now ready to share the data.

- According to the statistical analysis that CDOT performed, actual fatalities 2013-2017 went from 474 in 2013 to 688 in 2018, and the fatality rate rose from 1.01 to 1.25. Serious injuries, however, dropped from a little under 3,246 to 2,708 in the same period. The numbers of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries went from a little above 547 in 2013 to under the 494 predicted for non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries.
- The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) requires CDOT and other departments of transportation (DOTs) to report safety targets for 2018 and 2019 by June 1. CDOT will need to establish the targets by Aug. 1.

The 2018 targets were set last year as:

- Fatalities - 610
- Fatality rate - 1.2
- Serious injuries - 3,350
- Serious injury rate - 6.79
- Non-motorized users fatalities - 586

2019 targets are set as:

- Fatalities - 644
- Fatality rate - 1.21
- Serious injuries - 2,909
- Serious injury rate - 5.575
- Non-motorized users fatalities - 514
- Bill Haas said the MPOs should go to their boards with their safety results and targets. He said each MPO does not have to update the safety memorandum of understanding (MOU). MPOs should send the targets that they set to Alisa Babler, as well as to FHWA.
- According to the process schedule distributed to the MPOs at the meeting, FHWA will notify MPOs and DOTs about how well they met their targets by March 2020.

PM2 (Infrastructure) and PM3 (System Performance) Update and Template MOU - Darius Pakbaz, CDOT Performance and Asset Management (PAM) Branch

- The PAM Branch sent the MOU template (based on the safety MOU) to the MPOs as a separate e-mail attachment. Each MPO should send the completed MOUs to Darius Pakbaz and William Johnson.
- Unlike safety, setting targets for PM2 and PM3 measures occurs every two years, not every year. The MPOs have to adopt their own or CDOT's PM2 and PM3 targets by Nov. 15, 2018.
- CDOT sent its PM2 and PM3 targets to FHWA on May 20, 2018. CDOT will need to report the PM2 and PM3 baseline by Oct. 1, 2018, for the state. DRCOG as a large MPO of more than 1 million people has some additional requirements to meet.

Other information

- FHWA has rescinded its greenhouse gas emission reduction measure.

Functional Classification - Tim Kirby, CDOT Multimodal Planning Branch (MPB)

- CDOT's MPB, Performance and Asset Management Branch, and Information Management Branch plan to do a policy document about roadway functional classifications to assist with periodic updating of roadway classifications as usage and characteristics change. The three agency branches should finish the document in December 2018.
- Bill Haas mentioned that CDOT and FHWA functional classification systems might not be consistent and mismatches could occur.
- Dean Bressler said Mesa County went through a process a few years ago of reevaluating the functional classification of county roads, using the 2013 FHWA guidance document, Highway Functional Classification Concepts, Criteria and Procedures. At that time the GVMPO and Mesa County requested input from CDOT and FHWA regarding appropriate steps for completing the process; however, the policy document that Tim Kirby discussed may provide the needed input.

Stewardship and Oversight for MPO Long-Range Plans and Transportation Improvement Programs - Bill Haas (FHWA)

- FHWA and CDOT update annually the Stewardship and Oversight Agreement that describes how the two transportation agencies work together. Bill said the document is a good source of information for new employees of the MPOs and CDOT.
- CDOT Chief Executive Officer Mike Lewis and John Cater, Colorado Division Administrator of FHWA, signed this year's version on May 2, 2018. The planning section of the agreement (pages 44-48) has changed very little from last year's agreement.
- The agreement contains, among other things:
 - All the national performance measures and targets. Adhering to the agreement requires at least annual collection of data, and, for some measures, quarterly data collection.
 - Local agency projects
 - Details on which agency will need the lead. For example, CDOT takes the lead in reviewing and forwarding onto FHWA the MPO Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWPs)
 - Fiscal constraint of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- FHWA is aware that limited staff may prevent FHWA from providing meaningful, timely comments on various documents and initiatives. He suggested that CDOT sections that need FHWA's approval or blessing for a particular part of a document ask FHWA directly to provide it.
- One MPO member said he would not feel comfortable taking that step. When MPOs or CDOT do not hear from FHWA, they assume all is well.
- Tim Kirby said MPB has found FHWA's annual Planning Findings very valuable.
- Bill Haas suggested MPOs and CDOT use the same procedure for contacting FHWA as they do for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) studies.

MPO and FHWA Updates - MPO and FHWA Staff

- DRCOG - DRCOG has moved to 1001 17th Avenue, Denver. The building has conference rooms throughout the building, rather than only on the first floor. Steve Cook is managing the congestion management process annual report. The MPO completed environmental justice reports. The staff is working on performance measures, technology issues, and a freight plan update, among other issues. DRCOG is gearing up for Bike to Work Day on June 27.

- GVMPO - Grand Valley Transit's strategic plan is largely complete; it will go to the board for action on Monday, June 25. Part of the strategic plan involved an evaluation of existing routes for potential improvements that would increase ridership. GVMPO hopes to add a transit project on Orchard Avenue to the Transit Development Program list of projects. A transit project on US 6B (North Avenue) is already included on the Transit Development Program list of projects, and GVMPO would like it to go forward onto the potential statewide ballot. Other work involves a request for qualifications for a planning and environmental linkages study for a new 29 Road Interchange at I-70.
- NFRMPO - Suzette Mallette received a round of applause for moving from part-time interim executive director to full-time executive director. Bill Haas also noted that FHWA has recertified NFRMPO.
- PPACG - The MPO announced the wrap-up of its 2045 small-area forecast. The forecast will go to the Board of Directors on July 11 for final approval.
- PACOG - On June 29, officials opened bids for the request for qualifications for the Transit Administration and Maintenance Relocation. In coordination with the city, county, and Pueblo West, PACOG staff has just completed updating the area's bike map. The map is ready to be printed. Recently, the public learned that Pueblo is the site for a relocated semi-pro baseball team. To prepare for that, downtown Pueblo will get a new 2,800-seat stadium. This also includes development of three hotels in the downtown area. *(Notes sent after the meeting because staff needed to leave before the MPO reports were given.)*
- FHWA - FHWA is building off CDOT's health in transportation planning initiative. FHWA conducted a workshop on corridor planning, and now is looking for up to five small projects to instruct and guide development through hands-on training. The Colorado Transportation Commission adopted the STIP at its meeting on Thursday, June 21. FHWA is determining if MPO plans meet air quality standards for relevant MPOs. Every Day Counts - a state-based model for identifying and deploying proven, but underutilized innovations - is using a similar process as in the past to take on new initiatives. FHWA also is planning a series of national conversations on autonomous and connected vehicles, each with a different theme.

CDOT Updates

Public Health and Transportation Task Force - Aaron Willis, MPB

- Aaron discussed formation of the Public Health and Transportation Task Force that will provide guidance and direction on how to incorporate public health and equity into Colorado's 2045 Statewide Transportation Plan (SWP). The 13-member task force represents government and non-profit organizations, such as Bicycle Colorado and the Colorado Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging. The task force will identify best practices; highlight policies supporting the link between public health, equity and statewide transportation; adopt appropriate definitions; determine what data is needed; and identify statewide resources and performance measures. The task force is set to complete its work in September.

Other Business

- FY 2019 Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) Information Packet
 - Memo on pages 25-26 of the packet
 - CDOT planning liaisons will be contacting MPOs about completing the statement of work for the CPGs
- Host Rotation Schedule
 - July - GVMPO

- August - PACOG

Future Agenda Topics

- Transportation Performance Management should be a continuing standing topic
- Colorado Department of Local Affairs Population Control Totals

Attachments:

- A. Colorado Department of Transportation Federal-Aid Highway Program Stewardship and Oversight Agreement, May 2, 2018
- B. PowerPoint Slides on Public Health and Transportation Taskforce
- C. Memo re: FY 2019 Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) Information
- D. Template for MOU on Establishment of a Process to Facilitate Infrastructure Condition and System Performance Target Setting for the FAST Act Performance Measures