



Statewide MPO Meeting

CDOT HQ

2829 W. Howard Pl.

CDOT Auditorium (1st Floor)

May 17, 2019

1-3 p.m.

Participants

- MPOs: Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) - Ron Papsdorf, Jacob Riger, Beth Doliboa, Emily Lindsey, and Steve Cook; Grand Valley MPO (GVMPO) - Dana Brosig and Dean Bressler; North Front Range MPO (NFRMPO) - Becky Karasko; Pueblo Area Council of Governments (PACOG) - Bart Mikitowicz; Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) - John Liosatos.
- CDOT Headquarters: Tim Kirby, Marissa Gaughan, Kathleen Collins, Aaron Willis, Mike King, Lizzie Kemp, Gail Hoffman, Carrie Tremblatt, William Johnson, Darius Pakbaz, Michael Snow, Lisa Streisfeld, Erik Sabina, and Charles Meyer
- CDOT Regions: Region 1 - Danny Herrmann and Jordan Rudel; Region 2 - Wendy Pettit (by phone); Region 3 - Mark Rogers (by phone); Region 4 - Karen Schneiders and Jan Rowe
- FTA: Kristin Kenyon
- FHWA: Bill Haas

Spotlight: Denver Regional Council of Governments

- Regional Vision Zero Action Plan - Beth Doliboa
 - Vision Zero history: The effort to reduce traffic fatalities in Sweden in 1997, and has spread worldwide.
 - DRCOG plan: The first regional Vision Zero Stakeholder Committee meeting was May 13. The second meeting will be June 19 and will focus on public involvement. The draft plan will be complete in January 2020 and the final by May 2020. The regional Vision Zero Action Plan will coordinate with City and County of Denver to incorporate their adopted plan among other safety plans in the Denver region.
 - Ron Papsdorf said he is encouraged by CDOT's intent to make crash data available on a faster schedule.
- DRCOG set its own safety targets, rather than supporting CDOT safety targets. The 2018 and 2019 FAST Act safety targets were based on the safety targets in the Metro Vision plan's performance measure goal of less than 100 fatalities by 2040.

Micro-mobility Work Group - Emily Lindsey, DRCOG

- "Micro-mobility" is human- and electric-powered small vehicles, like scooters and bikes.
- The DRCOG Active Transportation Plan Mobility Choice Blueprint were the impetuses for the work group. In the Denver metro area, 43 percent of trips are for distances of less than 3 miles and 19 percent less than 1 mile.

- Micro-mobility can support civic goals like access to jobs, services, improve congestion, and reduce air pollution and vehicle miles traveled.
- The work group is exploring these policy areas: general, operations, equipment and safety, parking, street design, equity, communications and/community engagement, data, and evaluation metrics. The goal is to promote consistency across the Denver metro region, possibly through signing of a metro Denver area compact.
- *Experience in other MPOs:* PPACG has heard that private firms are considering the Colorado Springs market. One company dropped off some personal mobility devices in one place in North Front Range. PACOG has been talking to Lime, but the city attorney scotched the idea of Lime signing a contract giving the company an exclusive right to serve the area. Vendors haven't approached Grand Junction, but some people in the area own their own micro-mobility devices.

Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Update - Jacob Riger, DRCOG

- SB 17-153 changed the name to the Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission.
- The Commission retains the responsibility of preserving existing Amtrak Southwest Chief rail line service in the state, with the added ones of extending the service to Pueblo, exploring the benefits of extending such service to Walsenburg, and developing passenger rail service along the entire Front Range corridor.
- The rail line is expected to knit a number of things together by connecting intercity services like Bustang, commuter rail with Regional Transportation District, Amtrak service, and mobility hubs such as the one planned near I-25 and US 34.
- The Statewide Travel Model will include rail as part of completing the Federal Railroad Administration-required Service Development Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
- The Commission, comprising 11 voting members, will meet next on June 14 in Fort Collins. One of its recent accomplishments was hiring Randy Grauberger as its first director.
- As its next step, the Commission and its director, Randy Grauberger, will develop a Rail Passenger Service Development Plan and EIS that will cover purpose and need, corridor options and potential feasible alignments, ridership forecasts based on different speeds and technology, levels of service, potential service operations, high-level environmental analyses and cost estimates, and governance.

Transportation Performance Measures - Michael Snow, Division of Transit and Rail (DTR), and Darius Pakbaz, Performance and Asset Management Branch (PAM)

- Transit Transportation Performance Management (TPM): MOU Update - CDOT Division of Transit and Rail (DTR) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
 - All the MPOs have sent the MOUs to CDOT, but CDOT upper management still needs to sign them.
- Safety targets will be due at the end of August as part of PM 1.
- The PAM Branch does not have data yet for PM 2 (Pavement and Bridge Condition) and PM 3 (System Performance, Freight, and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality), but expects to have the data to present to the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) and the MPOs in July or August.

Travel Survey - Erik Sabina, CDOT Information Management Branch

- Present a cost breakdown by MPO

- Using smart phones to track people's daily or weekly travels will cost \$175-\$325/household, Erik estimated, adding that responses to a Request for Proposals (RFP) and a pilot study would yield firmer figures.
- How much CDOT will contribute toward the survey in areas outside the MPOs or for supplemental surveys hasn't yet been determined, but a proposal will be included in a memo from Erik to the group.
- Various factors determine the total cost, such as sample sizes; number of days, questions, and languages; response rate; and the definition about what constitutes a complete household.
- The ideal sample size for Colorado is about 20,000 households.
- Erik said he should be able to get the cost estimates to the MPOs by Monday, May 20, so that they can include proposed costs in their Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWPs).
- Most of the expenditures will be in 2021.

Volkswagen Settlement Update - Mike King, CDOT DTD, and Michael Snow, CDOT DTR

- Gov. Jared Polis issued an executive order in January 2019 directing the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment (CDPHE) and its partner agencies like CDOT to revise the current Beneficiary Mitigation Plan (BMP) for dispersal of the approximate \$68.7 million of the Volkswagen settlement. The pending revision proposes to spend all remaining Settlement Trust dollars on electrification of transportation systems vehicles in future years.
- The revised BMP will be released for public comment, and should be adopted in time for the next annual call for transit capital projects in fall 2019.
- The Settlement Trust awards made through CDOT DTR and its partners will be honored for the first year.
- The 2019 transit bus settlement awards were made to six transit agencies for replacement of buses with electric, compressed natural gas, and liquefied petroleum gas buses. Total 2019 awards are \$13.8 million.
- Those with questions may follow up with Michael Snow or Mike King.

TIP/STIP Alignment and STIP Adoption Schedule - Tim Kirby, CDOT DTD

- TIP/STIP alignment, originally set for the end of June, might be pushed back to September or October.
- This will give all CDOT offices a chance to transition from a rolling STIP to a 10-year pipeline of projects. The first year of the new STIP will be in CY 2020.

Long-Range Plan Updates and Coordination/Roundtable Updates - All

- PACOG - The MPO is doing an analysis of the best location for the Southwest Chief station in Pueblo. It completed the mid-year review last week. The MPO has updated the TIP tables for the city-county Rural Transit Authority. The MPO soon will issue an RFP for the 2045 transportation plan update. PACOG is looking forward to demonstration projects involving micro-mobility and a possible trolley. In addition, the Transportation Advisory Committee has narrowed to six (from 16) the possible locations for the Bustang park and ride in Pueblo.
- GVMPO - The MPO is working on an RFP that it will send for the long-range transportation plan. Consultants are updating the travel model, and MPO staff are

updating the land use part of the travel model. The MPO signed the TPM for PM 1, PM 2, and PM 3, as well as the transit MOU. William Johnson responded that he would look for the three PMs in his email.

- PPACG - January 2020 is the completion date of the long-range transportation plan, including the Mountain Metro transit plan. Wendy Pettit helped with the financial figures.
- NFRMPO - The Planning Council is set to approve the FY 2020-2021 UPWP in June. The MPO will adopt its first freight plan in August. The MPO has received its new travel model with the out year of 2045. The MPO is hiring an intern, and will soon hire a new planner.
- DRCOG - The DRCOG board approved amendments to the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The board also approved sub-regional projects for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A public hearing on the TIP is set for July, with adoption following in August. For the 2050 RTP, DRCOG, RTD, and CDOT headquarters, Regions 1 and 4 are coordinating efforts to have future-oriented conversations. The board will adopt the 2050 RTP in early 2021. In addition, DRCOG is forming a new committee to address mobility technology topics. CDOT is a member of the committee, which is an offshoot of the Mobility Choice Blueprint Plan.
- CDOT - The statewide planning process for the 2045 transportation plan received its official launch in a media event during the STAC meeting that same morning. CDOT will host a peer exchange about public health and transportation on June 14. The peer exchange follows the winding up of the CDOT-formed task force on public health and transportation this past fall. During a brief discussion about the 10-year pipeline of projects that CDOT plans as part of the 2045 planning effort, Darius Pakbaz mentioned that the STIP in Rhode Island might be a good example. That STIP, too, includes six years beyond the federally mandated four years.
- FTA - RTD is set to open its extension of the southeast light-rail line on Sunday. The extension adds 2.3 miles of rail and three new stations. The line will provide service to Lone Tree.
- FHWA - DRCOG is hosting an FHWA transportation management and operations conference July 23-25 that will draw representatives from 13 states. Due to limited space, Bill Haas suggests CDOT send two representatives and each of the Colorado MPOs one representative. Topics covered at the conference include experiences related to coordination and collaboration, and performance reports.

Other Business

- SWMPO "Spotlight" Schedule
 - PACOG - June
 - FHWA - July
 - PPACG - August
 - GVMPO - September
 - CDOT - October
- Other Future Agenda Topics?

Future Agenda Topics

- Transportation Performance Management is a standing agenda item
- Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Population Control Totals
- DOLA Demography Office Presentation tailored to MPOs

- Anything else?
- June 21- Next MPO meeting