

**DRAFT STAC  
July 17, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

**Location:** CDOT Headquarters Auditorium  
**Date/Time:** July 17, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00  
**Chairman:** Vince Rogalski  
**Attendance:** A sign-in sheet was distributed to note attendance at the meeting.

<b>Agenda Items/Presenters/Affiliations</b>	<b>Presentation Highlights</b>	<b>Actions</b>
Introductions	Everyone in the room gave self-introductions.	No Action taken
June Meeting Minutes	June minutes approved with no changes.	Approved minutes
CDOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Policy- Betsy Jacobsen	<p>In August 2007 staff was asked by the Transportation Commission to make recommendations to enhance safety and mobility for bicycling and walking in Colorado. Staff formed a 50 person committee of CDOT personnel, representatives of other state and local agencies, and bicycle and pedestrian advocates. The committee met over several months and reviewed current practices and policy. The committee identified many key concepts for better incorporating bicycle and pedestrian mobility into CDOT's planning, project development and maintenance processes. These key concepts provide the basis for developing an updated Policy Directive for bike and pedestrian facilities. The key concepts have gone before the Executive Management Team (EMT) and the Intermodal Committee. The final policy directive will go back to the Intermodal Committee and the Transportation Commission for approval. STAC members will have an opportunity to review this prior to going to TC.</p> <p>Key concepts addressed include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Multimodal system</li> <li>2. Fix it first philosophy</li> <li>3. Education and enforcement</li> <li>4. Planning</li> </ol>	No Action Taken

	<p>5. Programming/Funding  6. Design  7. Construction  8. Operation  9. Maintenance</p> <p>Commissioner Kathy Hartman: I would like to see the 4<sup>th</sup> bullet under Design changed to "Safety analysis of roadways will include bicycle and pedestrian information and design will attempt to mitigate any impacts to bicycle and pedestrian travel and the potential for increased conflicts." I would also like to see the bullet under Construction replaced with one that reads "Adopt work zone traffic control policies that maintain travel mobility for pedestrian, bicyclists, transit and motorists during construction activities."</p> <p><i>Handout: CDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Policy Key Concepts</i></p>	
Federal Legislative Update- Mickey Ferrell	<p>The House has a draft FY10 Appropriations bill. We don't have an authorization bill after September 30, but the House is proceeding with their regular appropriations process. The bill assumes funding at \$1.5 billion above the SAFETEA-LU amount. There are no rescissions in the draft bill yet.</p> <p>There are significant differences between the Senate, the House and the Obama administration when it comes to SAFETEA-LU and authorization. President Obama and the Senate Chairwoman of Environment and Public Works have both backed an 18 month extension to get us through the economic downturn. Chairman Oberstar is insistent we do a full six year transportation bill now. The Senate is working to pass its bill prior to the August recess, when the trust fund is anticipated to go bankrupt.</p> <p>The amendment on rescissions did not pass after an objection by the Committee Chairwomen. We are working on ensuring that we have an opportunity on the floor to amend.</p>	No Action Taken
Transportation Deficit Report- Herman	The Funding Advancement for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery (FASTER) legislation required the preparation of a Transportation Deficit Report.	No Action Taken

<p>Stockinger</p>	<p>About 28 people worked on this report. We had about six weeks to prepare it. As required in the legislation, we have posted it on our website. It can be found under the What's New section at <a href="http://www.dot.state.co.us/Communications/TransportationDeficitReport2009.pdf">http://www.dot.state.co.us/Communications/TransportationDeficitReport2009.pdf</a>.</p> <p>The first 2/3 of the report explains the needs of the transportation system over the next 10 years to sustain, repair, and achieve our vision. The next 1/3 of the report explains what contributed to the current condition of our transportation system and ways of reducing costs of providing that system (transportation demand management (TDM), etc.). The next report is due in March of next year. The report will be presented to the Long Term Fiscal Stability Committee and the Transportation Legislation Review Committee (TLRC) this summer.</p> <p>Cliff Davidson: Is anyone going to put together a slideshow on this for delivery to local governments?</p> <p>Herman Stockinger: I am willing to put together a presentation if you are willing to present it.</p>	
<p>American Recovery &amp; Reinvestment Act- Jennifer Finch</p>	<p>To date, 42 projects have been advertised, 29 projects are under contract and 23 projects have started construction. We are well over the 50% mark for obligated funds. Many of our transit projects are currently going through the obligation process with FTA. We continue to look at maintenance of effort (MOE) projects and bid savings, especially with respect to economically distressed areas (EDA). FHWA is really emphasizing the importance of EDAs. We are now looking at possibly identifying smaller geographies as EDAs. To this point we have identified EDAs at the county level, but we are now looking at considering smaller areas of counties as economically distressed.</p> <p>Bill Moore: Have there been any discussions about extending the deadlines for EDAs where there were no projects on the shelf?</p> <p>Jennifer Finch: There has been no discussion about changing deadlines.</p> <p>Steve Rudy: Please keep us up to speed on the discussion regarding EDAs.</p>	<p>No Action Taken</p>

	<p>The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) released new reporting guidelines. We are trying to sift through the new guidelines and examine how we can incorporate these guidelines into our existing reporting processes.</p> <p>The regions are tracking project bid-savings.</p>	
CMAQ- Jennifer Finch	<p>CMAQ is a funding program to improve air quality by reducing transportation-related emissions. CDOT received a letter earlier this year from FHWA indicating that the Denver-Boulder-Greeley-Fort Collins ozone control areas are eligible for CMAQ funds. This is based on a new definition of 8-hour ozone non-attainment areas. CDOT met with the three TMAs and Upper Front Range to discuss and collaboratively developed three possible methods of responding to the 8-hour zone emphasis. Current funding is divided among the non-attainment areas on the basis of population and VMT. There is also \$1 million that comes off the top for rural PM-10 non-attainment areas. We are reexamining the distribution because of the change in the ozone boundary. We have made a staff-level decision to keep the \$1 million off the top for rural PM-10 areas for at least the next few years, with the rest recalculated to include Upper Front Range. We will need to reexamine the distribution formula when we update the 2012-2017 STIP cycle.</p> <p>Bill Moore: Are there going to be any provisions to reward those with good air quality and to provide funding for prevention, rather than rewarding those with poor air quality?</p> <p>Jennifer Finch: There will probably be changes to the CMAQ program in reauthorization, but I don't think there will be anything to reward those in attainment.</p> <p>Dianne Mitsch Bush: Do rural PM-10 areas face the possibility of losing these funds?</p> <p>Jennifer Finch: I think that there is a possibility that the rural portion will be lost.</p> <p>Steve Rudy: At what point do you think you will be bringing this forward for any</p>	No Action Taken

	<p>action or recommendation?</p> <p>Jennifer Finch: We will not be bringing this forward to the Commission for discussion until August, and then will be looking for a decision in September. This will allow us time to take it before the EMT. There should be ample time for further discussion.</p> <p>Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer: The STAC needs to have a discussion about going from \$1 million to \$500,000 for rural PM-10.</p> <p>Vince Rogalski: We should probably discuss this again at the next meeting and make a recommendation in September. We need to make sure that the other maintenance areas have this information. We might also need an update on what attainment and non-attainment means.</p>	
<p>Reauthorization Earmarks- Herman Stockinger &amp; Mickey Ferrell</p>	<p>A couple of months ago we were surprised by a House request for earmark projects. Given the short turn-around time, the Commission made a decision to limit submittals to 7<sup>th</sup> Pot projects. Anticipating a request from the Senate we went out to the TPRs and MPOs and put together a list of projects for Senate earmark projects. We have submitted the list to the Senate. It provides a wide-range of projects that have been fully vetted by the planning process. There is no word yet on whether or not the earmarks will move forward.</p> <p>DeWayne Findley: Are these projects prioritized?</p> <p>Herman Stockinger: No, they are not prioritized at this point.</p> <p><i>Handout: Senate Earmark Applications</i></p>	<p>No Action Taken</p>
<p>TIGER Grant Applications- Herman Stockinger &amp; Mickey Ferrell</p>	<p>We would like STAC to provide direction to the Transportation Commission on what STAC feels are the top projects to be submitted for TIGER grants by CDOT. I would suggest the recommendation of 3 – 5 projects. Ideally, the projects should be highly competitive at the national level. If we choose not to submit a CDOT application for a project, this does not mean we won't write letters of support to local governments who choose to apply. Mickey and I have given low, medium and</p>	<p>Action: Recommend six projects to the TC for submittal by CDOT for</p>

	<p>high ratings to each of the primary review criteria stipulated in the application instructions. These include state of good repair, economic competitiveness, livability, sustainability and safety. In order for a project to proceed to the second stage with the USDOT, it must rank high in at least one of these categories. Bear in mind these are not CDOT's rankings, but assessments provided by Mickey and I to provide some initial direction and discussion.</p> <p>We will have 2 months to prepare the applications following Commission action.</p> <p>Commissioner Wayne Williams: It seems that if a project is not on the National Highway System (NHS) that CDOT should not be the one submitting the application. Also, I would suggest that 7<sup>th</sup> Pot strategic projects be given high consideration.</p> <p>Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer: I don't think that it should be a requirement that a project be a 7<sup>th</sup> Pot strategic project.</p> <p>Thad Noll: If NEPA isn't finished or relatively near completion, it probably shouldn't be considered for application.</p> <p>Commissioner Wayne Williams: What is the downside of doing more applications?</p> <p>Herman Stockinger: The 3 to 5 number is flexible, but is mainly based on the detail and length of application and available staff time. Without a lot of support, I don't see that we have time to complete more applications.</p> <p>Thad Noll: Based on the comments from the group it seems that there are about five projects that have the support necessary for a recommendation. I propose that STAC recommend the following projects to the Transportation Commission:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. US 36 Corridor</li> <li>2. Eagle County Airport Interchange</li> <li>3. Powers/Peterson Interchange</li> <li>4. US 287: Ports to Plains</li> <li>5. I-70B and 29 Road Interchange</li> </ol>	<p>TIGER grant; and recommend that CDOT express support to local applications.</p>
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	<p>Verniece Thomas: I would like to amend and add to the list of recommend the I-25/SH 392 Interchange project.</p> <p><b><i>Motion approved. Recommend to the Transportation Commission that the following six projects be submitted by CDOT: US 36 Corridor, Eagle County Airport Interchange, Powers/Peterson Interchange, US 287 Ports to Plains, I-70B and 29 Road Interchange and I-25/SH 392 Interchange.</i></b></p> <p>Commissioner Wayne Williams: I propose a motion recommending to the Transportation Commission that CDOT express support to local projects in the form of a letter of support, and in providing reasonable assistance in developing applications.</p> <p><b><i>Motion approved. Recommend to the Transportation Commission that CDOT express support to local projects via a letter of support, and reasonable assistance in developing applications.</i></b></p> <p><i>Handout: Proposed Tiger Grant Applications</i>  <i>Handout: TIGER Discretionary Grant</i></p>	
<p>Revised 4P/STIP Development Guidelines- Jamie Collins</p>	<p>Due to time constraints this item will be delayed until the August STAC meeting. We will also put off Transportation Commission discussion on this item until August. In the meantime, please read the guidelines and get comments to Jamie Collins (<a href="mailto:Jamie.collins@dot.state.co.us">Jamie.collins@dot.state.co.us</a>) as quickly as possible.</p> <p><i>Handout: 4P/STIP Development Guidelines</i></p>	<p>No Action Taken</p>
<p>Rural TPR Contracts- Jennifer Finch</p>	<p>Due to time constraints, this item will be delayed until the August STAC meeting.</p>	<p>No Action Taken</p>
<p>Maintenance Incentive Pilot Program- Pam Hutton</p>	<p>We will be discussing a letter from the Executive Director on the Maintenance Incentive Pilot Program at next week's Transportation Commission meeting. The letter addresses the Executive Director's final recommendations for the program including a ranking of applications. This topic will be further discussed at the August meeting.</p>	<p>No Action Taken</p>

	<i>Handout: Maintenance Incentive Pilot Program Ranking Recommendations</i>	
FASTER- Pam Hutton	The Transportation Commission will not be taking action on the items we intended to address today until next month. Due to time constraints this item will be delayed until the August STAC meeting.	No Action Taken
Other Business	None	No Action Taken