



**Transit and Rail Advisory Committee
 Meeting Minutes
 May 8, 2020
 1:00 – 3:00 PM
 Google Meets**

Member	Organization	Yes	No	Member	Organization	Yes	No
David Averill	SMART	X		Michael Koch	Town of Winter Park	X	
Craig Blewitt	Mountain Metro Transit	X		Alana Miller	City of Denver	X	
Rob Eaton	Amtrak		X	Mike Ogborn	Ogborn Consulting	X	
Matthew Helfant	DRCOG	X		Ann Rajewski	CASTA	X	
Lauren Isaac	Easy Mile, Inc.		X	Pete Rickershauser	BNSF Railway		X
Dave Johnson	RFTA	X		Vince Rogalski	Gunnison Valley TPR / STAC	X	
Will Jones	City of Greeley	X		Jim Souby	ColoRail	X	
Danny Katz	CoPIRG	X		Bill Van Meter	RTD	X	

Others Present	CDOT Present
Cady Dawson, Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig Trevor Tandy, I70 Solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Krutsinger, Director - DTR • Randy Grauberger, SWC&FRPR • Bob Wilson, CDOT • Sophie Shulman, Chief – Innovative Mobility • Nate Vander Brock, DTR • Ken Mooney, DTR • Eric Richardson, CDOT • Laura Morales-Garcia, DTR • Claire Gomba, DTR • Brian Hartman, DTR • Mike Timlin, DTR • Lisa Streisfeld, OIM • Mike King, OIM • Brodie Ayers, DTR • Sharon Terranova, DTR • TJ Burr, DTR • Moira Moon, DTR • Brandon Najdovski, DTR • Audrey Dakan, DTR • Matt Muraro, Region 5 • Mark Rogers, Region 3

1. Introductions/Meeting Overview/Welcome – Ann Rajewski

Ann Rajewski called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM, welcoming everyone to the meeting, asking for roll call.

2. Round Table – Ann Rajewski

- Winter Park downtown transit center completed, also reissued RFP transit storage design.
- Denver - closing neighborhood streets, not allowing through cars. Pedestrian and bike monitors, some saw tripling, will look for a way to continue as extra space to move around the City of Denver.
- MMT out for bid next few months, will accept battery electric buses. Regarding Covid, reinstalling the front door and fares brought back.

3. Federal & State Legislative Update – Andy Karsian - State & Eric Richardson - Federal

Federal Legislative update

- CARES Act passed
- Unemployment has increased substantially
- Large scale stimulus being introduced next week
- AASHTO \$50 billion of which Colorado could see \$700 million.
- Need to make sure we have a good program base.

State Legislative update

- Joint Budget Committee (JBC) reconvened
- First task was to take a look at updating the budget, everyone will be impacted with necessary cuts.
 - Announcing next Tuesday - Expect to have a budget in place by the end of next week.
 - JBC recommendation is to take back some marijuana funds, may take back balance and 267 funds are being reviewed, with 267 as a high priority.
 - Information is requested on what is being spent.
- House & Senate will be back in session on Monday.
- Very challenging conversations moving forward as we will see significant impacts.
- If the Bill isn't free, fast, or friendly it will die.

Discussion:

\$50M on debt for the 267 what would change, the general fund reimbursement. State change would take that reimbursement fund away and we wouldn't get that money back. There has been one payment so far and we got that back so next year would be the payment we would pay and not get back.

Is there any data on gas tax revenue? Not at this time, there is a two-month lag for this information. Just know the numbers are not good and this means asset management funds would be significantly decreased.

Multi-Modal Option Funds (MMOF) – not sure what request was for MMOF, but helps to understand what we are planning and what is current status, it is possible they may be looking at these funds, we don't know. Two-thirds is on auto pilot as there is very limited places where it can be taken. All is uncertain for the future.

4. State Transit Plan – Nate Vander Broek (attachment)

- Scenarios provided, but funding is needed to meet these goals
- Now requesting a 60-day public review (June/July) & Adopt SWP with TC in August
- Overall 10-year period
- Fact sheets – each project, map & location
- Look at Covid effects over next year & attempt to add information as able
 - This will be on a limited basis due to our timetable.

Matt Helfant - Motioned for TRAC to recommend the Transit Plan approve a public review in June and July (60 days) and then request adoption from Transportation Commission for adoption of the Transit Plan in August.

Craig Blewitt Seconded

None – denied

All members present on google meets approved / motion passed

5. Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission Update – Randy Grauberger (attachment)

- Level 2 Alternatives South Segment
 - Challenges with single track
- Central Segment Considerations for Refinements
 - Will start talking partnerships
- Ridership – Preliminary Baseline Results
 - Comparison early forecast good in early as far as around the country, very conservative comparison.

Discussion:

Pre-NEPA work in the memo depends on the ultimate work, does it fall under EIS NI-25 work? Randy noted Dave Senger, CDOT is Randy's contact for this type of information, but as Randy is aware for anything over 10 years old now and conditions have changed, but have been looked at closely. Will have to look at but they are being taken into consideration. Retrofit on light rail as we are planning end of line facilities and need to consider what else may come in future and not lose sight.

6. CARES Act – David Krutsinger (attachment)

- Request TRAC advise what adjustments are needed.
- Decisions were made fast to get the funds out
 - Will be sent out in 2 phases
 - Calculated by approximately 17% agency annual income (2-3 months)
- Shopping carts are in place today, agencies should start seeing signature requests for contracts today or next week and we hope to have the funds in agency hands in June if it contracts are processed and invoices are billed in a timely manner.

7. SB 267 Prioritization Years 1 & 2 – Sharon Terranova / David Krutsinger (attachment)

- Planning for worst case
 - 48% of original expectations
- Ways to pare back – hopefully just a longer period of time, since the budget is unknown
- Priority to rank criteria, a hard definition
 - Advance projects already in progress (e.g., scoping, design, construction)
 - Advance projects leveraged by competitive federal grants and partner funding
 - Advance transit projects that are combined with funded highway projects
 - Honor awarded capital call projects

Discussion:

TRAC members voiced their approval of the criteria noted.

Timelines might be included

If SB 228 projects are dropped can those be on 267? SB 228 is funded; it is just taking place later.

About half the projects that fall somewhere in the middle are what will be discussed at the next meeting. TRAC will have a special meeting later this month for further discussion regarding SB 267 Projects Years 1 & 2.

8. Informational Memos

- a. Southwest Chief Front Range Rail Commission – Randy Grauberger (attachment)
- b. Snowstang – Michael Timlin (attachment)
- c. Quarterly Bustang – Michael Timlin (attachment)
- d. Quarterly Outrider – Jeff Prillwitz / Michael Timlin (attachment)
- e. Quarterly SB 228 – Sharon Terranova (attachment)
- f. Quarterly SB 267 – Sharon Terranova (attachment)

9. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 3:02 Ann Rajewski