



**Transit and Rail Advisory Committee
 Meeting Minutes
 November 13, 2020
 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
 Google Meets**

Member	Organization	Yes	No	Member	Organization	Yes	No
David Averill	SMART	x		Michael Koch	Town of Winter Park (formerly)	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		Vince Rogalski	Gunnison Valley TPR / STAC	x	
Dave Johnson	RFTA	x		Jim Souby	ColoRail		x
Will Jones	City of Greeley	x		Bill Van Meter	RTD	x	
Danny Katz	CoPIRG	x					

Others Present	CDOT Present
Drew Brooks, City of Fort Collins Lane Erickson Nick Vanderkwaak, AECOM Andrew Gingerich, Grand Valley Transit Ethan Raath, Historian Jennifer Wahlers, ARCH Professionals Liz Messenger, City of Fort Collins Michael Meyer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Krutsinger, Director – DTR • Kyle French, DTR • Randy Grauberger, SWC&FRPR • Bob Wilson, CDOT • Ken Mooney, DTR • Laura Morales-Garcia, DTR • Brian Hartman, DTR • Lisa Streisfeld, OIM • Brodie Ayers, DTR • Chris Robbie, CDOT • Sharon Terranova, DTR • Matt Duchan, DTR • Qing Lin, DTR • Rachel Bolin, DTR • Geoff Guthrie, CDOT • Maxwell Gesten, CDOT • Mike King, CDOT • Molly Tompkins, DTR • Nate Vander Broek, DTR • Andrew Karsian, CDOT

1. **Introductions/Meeting Overview/Welcome** – Ann Rajewski

Ann Rajewski called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM, welcoming everyone to the meeting, asking for roll call.

2. **Round Table** – Ann Rajewski

Craig Blewitt

- Budget season go up 2.2% which is great.
- Securing matching funds for study – rail study on their part.

Bill Van Meter

- Layoffs are looming along with budget cuts, and under new leadership. Have some confidence we will come through this.

Alana Miller

- Kicked off Denver Moves Transit phase II.

David Averill

- Move is now complete, now have a permanent home.
- Application is going live at the end of the month.
- SMART board accepted their current budget and it looks really good – took it head on.

3. **Federal & State Legislative Update** – Andy Karsian

- Nothing is specific yet – fees being discussed trying to incentivize more than one passenger
 - Incentivize getting older vehicles off the road
 - Working with CDPHE to build a budget around the green-house gases and how we work with that

Discussion & Questions:

- Communication of a stimulus proposal from the Governor, how would the process work? What is the sense.
 - This is economy money that has come back and the governor is noting part of this go to transit with part of this coming straight to CDOT for shovel ready projects.
 - JBC would have to approve & then it would require processing through the legislature as it is part of the larger budget. It is also part of the bigger piece of the CDOT budget.
- When we talk in January it will be more interesting, but we will see if the pandemic does control the start date calendar for the Legislature, stay tuned.

4. **Trolley Cars – Historic** – Nick VanderKwaak (attachment/presentation)

- Before this people could only live as far as they could walk.
- Streetcars came to an end when car ownership came about.
- Discussion on importance of knowing where these tracks are located.
 - This helps with avoiding emergencies and to know what we are looking at.
 - A lot of the lines were pulled, but a lot do still exist.

5. **COVID Mitigation on Transit** – Ann Rajewski (attachment)

- Initially CDPHE put in guidance early on.
- Transit was not sure how much of a COVID spreader reactor it was.
- County related decisions were being made regarding mitigation efforts.
- Governor & CDPHE came up with recent guidance & Director Lew asked Transit agencies to follow this most recent guidance, especially with current numbers increasing.
- We are at a crucial point in the state & we do realize transit agencies are also at a crucial point. Resort agencies in particular are concerned with the 50% recommendation.
- Possible will look at flooring area and look at the number of people that are appropriate to board for standing as a common standard.

Discussion & Questions:

- Was seating at full, now walking back to 50%.
- Now question if the bus-stops large enough.
- Can the bus drivers manage the passengers?
- Related to the ventilation and the air system, do the buses differ across the system?
- Leaving windows open in some areas is not an option due to the climate.
- In some buses filtration systems may be able to be installed
 - Not finding tech info to backup some of the claims on these systems so need to be careful.
- When do you leave a passenger in the cold at a bus-stop and when do you leave them?
 - Climate is of course an issue, telling passengers to dress warm.
- Some of the buses have the option for outside air (20%).
- Rear Entry and charging fairs is an issue.
 - Feels like this increases the chances of interaction and contracting.
 - The word of free buses transferred fast and created an over-ridership issue.
 - Some never went to rear-boarding due to cut-away.
- Taking the consider language but work with a board, but does not read as a mandate.
- Sounds like the Governor's office thought the resort areas were sharing information on what they were expecting, but this is not the case.
 - There is not a clear community discussion on the transit need for what type of transit is expected according to hotel bookings.
- No info on sick or exposed drivers, but there are people who are trying to hire drivers.
 - SMART had their staff working in PODS and would encourage everyone to have a continuity of operations plan.
 - Consider maintaining a recorder of riders.
 - MMT noted they did have an issue with a driver and they did go back and publish what bus they were driving so riders could see if they were riding that specific bus.
 - Danny noted the new App the state is promoting for tracing purposes.
- There has not appeared to be any strong push back on wearing masks.
- Cleaning and disinfection does not present any worries or concerns at this time.
- David noted this discussion provides some good direction. We will proceed needing to know what is mandated and see what is left as true guidance.
- Also noted by TRAC that maybe more than just a blanket statement for a color but definite guidance for Transit depending on the level we are at.

6. SB 267 Update – Sharon Terranova (attachment)

- Continues to evolve based on many moving parts
 - Grants not received
 - Local match issues
 - Budget changes – statewide
- Plan will be likely to TRAC in January with project highlights.
- March to TRAC for recommendation & to TC with Workshop.
- April to TC for Approval for Year 3 SB 267 Projects.
- Timeline – DRCOG announce for December

7. Large Bus Price Agreements – Ken Mooney / Mike Timlin (attachment)

- Pre-approved mechanism
- Goal is to cover everything that is operated within the state
- Have both with and without lavatory options

Discussion & Questions:

- Out of curiosity, aside from RFTA and GVRTA, what other CDOT sub-recipients use OTR coaches? Would this agreement be coordinated with the RTD as well since they run OTR's on a few of their longer regional routes? That could potentially add a nice quantity to the bid.
 - Yes, coordinate with RTD.
- Recommendation of specking the newer 3" spot bicycle racks that can also accept a fat-bike tire.

8. 2021 CCCP Update – Ken Mooney / Qing Lin (attached)

- Setting up the evaluation process for expansion and equipment.
- Plan to award fairly quickly.

9. Informational Memos

- a. **Quarterly Bustang** – Kyle French / Michael Timlin (attachment)
- b. **Quarterly Outrider Program** – Jeff Prillwitz / Michael Timlin (attachment)
- c. **Quarterly Transit Grants** – Qing Lin (attachment)
- d. **Quarterly SB 228** – Sharon Terranova (attachment)
- e. **Quarterly SB 267** – Sharon Terranova (attachment)
- f. **Awards 5310 & 5311 (Admin/Oper 2021)** – Qing Lin / Kim Phi (attachment)

10. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 3:07pm Ann Rajewski