

TRAC Meeting Notes

Nov 2, 2023

Attendees:

David Johnson, RFTA, Miriam Aranoff, CDOT Region 1, Transit Liaison, Alvan-Bidal Sanchez, DRCOG, Drew Brooks, City of Fort Collins, David Averill, San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation, Katie Vljacic, CDOT R1, Ann Rajewski CASTA, Cory Schmitt, NFRMPO, Melissa Lewis - CDOT, Office of Policy and Government Relations, Eva Wilson, I-70 Coalition, Town of Avon, Rose Bandrowski - CDOT, Office of Process Improvement, HQ/R1, Glenn Krause - CDOT DTR, John Putnam, CDOT EMT, Jonathan Flint, Steamboat Springs Transit, Joe Dillsworth - Town of Telluride, Brian Champion, City of Colorado Springs / Mountain Metro Transit, Kay Kelly, Chief of Innovative Mobility, CDOT, Paul DesRocher, DTR, CDOT, Jan Rowe, DTR, CDOT, David Singer DTR, CDOT, Brian Metzger, DTR, CDOT

TRAC Updates (Kay Kelly/Jaime Grim)

- TRAC originally intended to be a subset of STAC.
- Would like to STAC to get feedback on direction of DTR
- Transit Monthly held monthly, but not the right venue to solicit dialog due to its large attendance
- Jamie Grimm - SB 23-1101
 - Changes stipulated for TPR may impact TRAC
 - Look at effectiveness of TPR processes
 - Recommend to TC for TRAC member to serve on STAC
 - TPRs will likely get in touch with transit representatives to serve on STAC.
- **Q/A**
 - David Averill - I think it may vary from TPR to TPR depending on each entity's bylaws, but at the state level, is there any prohibition to having an RTA be a member government of a TPR?
 - Jamie Grimm- No. TPR legislation requires a representative but doesn't stipulate where they come from outside of "transit representatives"
 - Ann Rajewski - More representatives on STAC from transit is a good thing. Excited to have someone from STAC with more transit focus.
 - Kay Kelly- More TRAC representatives on STAC will help with funding decisions as well.
 - Vince Rogalski - Would like a "transit person" to help guide STAC on transit issues.
 - Jaime Grim - Rep on STAC is a non-voting member based on legislation. Based on feedback from TC, can start with TPRs to update who their voting member is. Will result in changes to STACs bylaws. Likely next spring (2024).
 - Ann R. - How has this info been communicated to transit agencies? Can CASTA help?
 - Jaimie G. - Will be working with TPRs to communicate with transit agencies.
 - Eva Wilson - Are you dictating only one vote for transit in TPRs? Can they decide to have more reps?

- Jaime - One representative is the minimum, but they will be non-voting
- Ann R - Currently there is no TRAC chair or Vice Chair. When can we vote for that?
- Kay K. - We will work to advance that as an agenda item for immediate future meetings.
- Eva Wilson - There are two transit authorities and a bunch of transit agencies in IMTPR.
- Vince - Intermountain TPR will be split in two
- Jamie G. - We will evaluate that when it comes time to evaluate reps for each TPR.

Brian Metzger

- PD 14 Update - Performance Metrics
 - *PD-14 provides performance objectives to measure the success of the Department's efforts to improve in the key goal areas of Safety, Asset Management, and Mobility.*
 - *We have been asked to revise the PD to include Statewide transit*
 - *Establish Metrics (3-4) by March and Approval Tentatively May/June 2024*
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 - Will bring this back next TRAC meeting for further input
- Intercity and Regional Bus Plan - Review of Scope of Work
 - *Prepping for the Update to the ICRBP*
 - *Request: Anyone interested in reviewing the SOW?*
- Q/A
 - Vince - Outrider Montrose to Gunnison - Can we shoot for starting operations in Fall '24? Prevented from starting previously due to construction in the canyon?
 - Brian - We'll be looking at that through the study.
- Additional funding from Mountain Rail study
 - *Passenger rail service from Denver through Steamboat Springs and on to Craig will be evaluated with a \$3M investment from TC. \$2M also invested in statewide transit connectivity, such as the Bustang system on I-70 and other local services to define how it can grow in the future.*
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DTR Programs Update (Jan Rowe)

- Pre-Award Authority
- Process Improvements, Current and Planned
- Contracting update

Q/A

- Ann - Is there an update that can be provided at TRAC to show the number of contracts completed over time and when they are estimated to be completed by?
- Paul - Yes. DTR is working on developing a dashboard to illustrate the estimated time to contract for agencies with awards from CDOT. Also be following up directly with individual agencies to provide an update on when they can expect to receive contracts beginning next week

- David Johnson - Agree that getting contracts out the door in a timely manner is an important priority and appreciate the emphasis on getting this process corrected.

Passenger Rail Update (David Singer)

- Front Range Rail Service Development Plan
- Mountain Rail concept
- Statewide Rail Plan

Q/A

- Danny Katz - Is there state liability on the Pueblo bridge accident or in general if these types of accidents occur?
- David - State liability must be evaluated on a case by case basis.
- Chris Enright - NTSB will issue a report in a few months for the Pueblo accident that will identify a greater detail of causes and liability.
- Danny - Are there different standards for intercity vs. commuter rail in terms of getting federal funding?
- John Putnam - That is correct. FRA does want to see these projects differentiated, however, there is sometimes overlap and FRA examines projects accordingly
- Vince - Currently \$5M available from state and \$12B from federal sources for rail projects.
- John Putham - There may actually be more when considering alternative funding sources

Future Topics (Paul)

- Clean Transit (Mike King)
 - Will follow up with individuals previously expressing interest in working on this issue in the past.
- Update on Bustang Family of Services
 - What is our trajectory for funding?
- Update on MMOF
 - What were we able to accomplish?
- Transit funding
 - What is being discussed in the legislature for 2024?
- Statewide Planning Cycle
 - Update from Darius Pakbuz on next steps?

Action Items

- Send minutes before next meeting (above)
- Bring Chair/Vice Chair vote to next TRAC meeting (Kay/Paul)
- Comment/Edit the Intercity and Regional Bus Plan (ICRBP) in the next two weeks
- DTR to provide grant contracting metrics for future meetings (Paul)
- Provide presentations from the meeting
 - Programs Update  November 2023 TRAC.pdf
 - Rail Update  November 2 TRAC Rail Plan.pptx.pdf