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Transit and Rail Advisory Committee (TRAC) July 25, 2024 from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

This meeting will be virtual.

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Agenda

1. Welcome (Paul DesRocher, Director of Transit and Rail)
 - a. Introductions
 - i. Attendees: Eva Wilson, Anne Rajewski, David Averill, David Johnson, Deseri Scott, Kay Kelly, Erin Kelican, Ben Gellman, Brian Cerkenik, Brian P, Dana Brosig, David Singer, Emily Barden, Emily Crespin, Jeffery Prillwitz, Jerome Rouser, Jonathan Flint, Kelly Smith, Kenneth Mooney, Lan Rao, Paul, Robin, wilsonbj, Zach T, Jonathan Flint, Michael Davies
 - b. Approval of Minutes from May 2, 2024 TRAC Meeting
 - i. **No feedback, no quorum present, no vote held**
2. TRAC Administration (Kay Kelly, Chief of Innovative Mobility)
 - a. Bylaws Review and Vote
 - b. Chair and Vice Chair Nominations and Vote
 - i. **Anne R: I would make a Motion to approve, but I believe we are short on members**
 - ii. **Kay K. Correct**
 - iii. **Lan R: I did show up late**
 - iv. **Kay: Unfortunately that only makes us 7. We can table this discussion until the next meeting.**
3. 2024 Legislative Session Review (Kay Kelly, Chief of Innovative Mobility)
 - a. **Eva W. (Referring to slide 14): By Local Transit Operations Cash Fund, do you mean the 5311 funds?**
 - b. **Kay K: This is actually State funding, those funds are from the federal level**
 - c. **Eva W: You mentioned formula funds, is that going to be similar to 5311?**



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- d. **Kay: This will be a formula, we get into that in the next slide. Essentially it will be determined in the coming discussions.**
 - i. Power point continues
 - e. **Anne R: I like that the CTE will collect feedback about SB 230, with the makeup of the CTE, as a part of this group, can we offer to be a part of an advisory committee to them in some way?**
 - f. **David Averill: I would support having CASTA on CTE**
 - g. **Anne: I was talking more about TRAC as a whole.**
 - h. **Kay: The Board is created by legislation and appointed by the governor. They will likely be considering this as they appoint replacements soon**
 - i. **Anne: About the new staff, will those positions go toward contracting and other bottlenecks in the process.**
 - j. **Kay: Yes absolutely.**
 - i. (Another TRAC member joins)
 - k. **Kay: It looks like we have a quorum now, so let's circle back to vote on Bylaws**
 - i. (Roll at this point: David Averill, David Johnson, Jonathan Flint, Ken Mooney, Lan Rao, Michael Davies, Eva Wilson, Anne Rajewski)
 - l. **David Johnson: Motion to approve**
 - m. **Anne R: Second**
 - i. Vote is held, no objections or abstentions, motion passes
 - n. **Kay: Are we ready to nominate chair**
 - o. **David Averill: I nominate Ann Rajewski as chair of TRAC**
 - p. **David Johnson: Second**
 - i. No oppositions or abstentions, Anne Rajewski is unanimously elected Chair.
 - q. **Kay: Nominations for Vice Chair?**
 - r. **David Johnson: David Averill, would you be willing to take that on.**
 - s. **David A: Yes, if that's what the group wants**
 - t. **David Johnson: I move to nominate David Averill**
 - u. **Lan R.: Seconded**
 - i. No oppositions or abstentions, David Averill is unanimously elected Vice Chair.
4. Division Updates
- a. DTR Grant Cycle Discussion (Emily Crespin, Assistant Director,



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Transit Grant Programs)

- i. **David Averill:** *This timing issue has been a problem for a while. Before we would just get a commission loan, and then wait for FTA money to come in later. Why are we not going that route?*
 - ii. **Kay:** *We have been talking with our CFO, and this came out to be the best solution. That is another tool in the toolbox, but we just didn't decide to use it in this case.*
 - iii. **David:** *Also, since most of us at the local level use the calendar year for budgeting, adding another budget year could be very difficult.*
 - iv. **David Johnson:** *I agree with David. Making others adjust to CDOT's fiscal year, and then still being late on contracts may be frustrating from local partners*
 - v. **Emily Crespin:** *We are trying to mitigate that with this solution. We will circle back to see if a TC loan is possible, or possibly extend pre-award authority for admin and operating, but I hear you all about the calendar year preference.*
 - vi. **Kay:** *I want to make sure, does anyone have other thoughts?*
 - vii. **Jonathan Flint:** *I also agree, calendar year is preferred*
 - viii. **Anne:** *My concern is that you may not be able to get reimbursements during pre-award authority. Smaller agencies may not be able to handle that. So that may not be the best solution, but we can research impacts.*
 - ix. **David Johnson:** *That makes sense, we can look into both options. The loan idea may solve all of these issues.*
- b. **Passenger Rail Update (David Singer, Assistant Director, Passenger Rail)**
- i. **No questions**
- c. **Electrification Topics Update (Mike King, Assistant Director, Electrification and Energy)**
- i. **David Johnson:** *I thought you said you had more funding than applications, but the graph seems to show the opposite (referring to slide 28)*
 - ii. **Mike King:** *That is true for the VW settlement funds, but the CTE awards will end up using all of its funding on awards.*



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1. Presentation Continues

iii. Anne R: I think it would be great to have more focus on electrification and EVs. It is important for our state.

5. Roundtable Discussion

- a. Anne R: Do we have an estimate for the number of outdated contracts?*
- b. Emily Crespin: We have 9 contracts in the queue from 2022/2023. The rest are for the current year and updates.*
- c. Anne: That clean slate will help for the coming award rounds.*
- d. Emily C: We have approved shopping carts for most of those as well. We are in a good place for the next award cycle.*
- e. Anne R: Heads up that fall CASTA is in October this year, draft schedule will be out next week:*
- f. David Averill: We are going to the ballot this year to help fund and rebuild our gondola. Polling shows a close race, wish us luck.*
- g. David Johnson: There is a party for Dan Blankenship, who is retiring. He's been a great force in the field and in his community.*
- h. David Averill: He is a great guy and a great mentor.*
- i. Kay: When is he retiring*
- j. David J: I think Sept 1*
- k. Kay: And with that, we are at time.*
 - i. Meeting adjourns*