



Statewide Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Meeting Summary Hosted by CDOT

Friday, October 25, 2019

12: 30 pm - 2:00 p.m.

CDOT HQ Auditorium, 2829 W. Howard Place, Denver, CO 80204

Present:

- MPOs: Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) - Jacob Riger, Ron Papsdorf,; Grand Valley MPO (GVMPO) -Peter Baier and (Dana Brosig, Dean Bressler - via phone); North Front Range MPO -Medora Kealy (via phone); Pueblo Area Council of Governments (PACOG) - John Adams; Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) - John Liasatos and Kathryn Wenger
- CDOT Division of Transportation Development (DTD): Rebecca White, William Johnson, Darius Pakbaz, Tim Kirby, Marissa Gaughan, Kathleen Collins, Michael Snow, Carrie Tremblatt.
- CDOT Information Management Branch (IMB): Erik Sabina.
- CDOT Division of Transit and Rail: Randy Grauberger.
- CDOT Regional Planners: Jordan Rudel, Region 1; Wendy Pettit, Region 2 (via phone); Karen Schneiders, and Jan Rowe, Region 4.
- CDOT Division of Accounting and Finance (DAF): Jamie Collins, Eric Ehrbar and Cheryl Knibbe.
- CDOT Traffic Safety: Charles Meyer.
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Colorado Division: Bill Haas and Aaron Bustow.
- Federal Transit Administration: Kristen Kenyon, Ranae Tunison, and Emma Belmont

Welcome and Introductions - CDOT Marissa Gaughan -Meeting Facilitator and Host

- Welcomed attendees and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

Statewide Plan Interim Report - Rebecca White

- The 2045 Statewide Plan Interim Report will be distributed shortly, and announced with a press release on Monday. MPOs are highlighted and each rural TPR will get two pages regarding their TPR.
- Comments:
 - Ron Papsdorf thanked CDOT for the report and requested the report refer to the DRCOG Metro Vision Region Transportation Plan and NOT Metro Vision Plan.
 - John Liasatos asked to include a link to the PPACG LRP - Kathryn to send Rebecca a link.

Performance Measures-Charles Meyer

- Which MPOs will be setting their own safety targets?
 - DRCOG - Metro Vision will be anchor for safety targets
 - PACOG - will use state targets
 - PPACOG - will use state targets
 - GVMPO - moving forward with state targets
 - NFRMPO - using state targets
- Comments:
 - Charles Meyer - CDOT/Colorado needs to be more assertive over the next 3-5 years in alignment with the Whole System, Whole Safety Initiative.
 - Meeting on October 31 with Strategic Transportation Safety Plan Steering Committee and the Executive Management Team to finalize safety targets.
 - Will keep checking in with MPOs during this process.
 - GVMPO asked when will all documents for CDOT safety targets be readily available. Anticipating taking targets to their board in February 2020.
 - Charles noted that safety targets are completed with TC, and he will send to MPOs the memo with the established safety targets.
 - Jacob Riger thanked CDOT for their coordination with this.
 - PPACG had questions on why the memo was in June. Charles noted he could talk with PPACG off-line to provide more background information highlighted in the 2-3 page TC memo.
 - Kristen Kenyon noted that the Transit Safety Plan to FTA is due on July 20, 2020. The contacts for this coordination with CDOT is either David Krutsinger, or Sharon Terranova in the Division of Transit and Rail.

Asset Management Performance Measures - Darius Pakbaz

- No updates to asset management performance targets.
- Target options information will be ready the end of 2019, with more discussion planned for January 2020.
- Data files were sent to MPOs last month and asked if MPOs had any questions. No questions were raised by the MPOs.
- It is anticipated that the TC will adopt the asset management target in March 2020.

FY 2019 Revenue Reconciliation - Cheryl Knibbe, CDOT DAF

- The revenue reconciliation is anticipated to be adopted by the TC in November 2019.
- Revenue forecasts are compared to actual revenues annually
- Redistribution is higher than average this year.
- Approximately \$7 million redistributed for FY 2019.

Rescission - Eric Ehrbar, CDOT DAF

- Definition of Rescission: A rescission is legislation enacted by Congress that cancels the availability of budget authority (e.g., contract authority) before that authority would otherwise expire. Note that a rescission of contract authority does not affect obligation limitation.
 - Contract authority is the amount established per the FAST Act
 - Obligation Limitation is the amount available per the annual Appropriations Act.
 - Obligation Limit is typically 10% lower than the contract authority; therefore, excessive contract authority builds up over multiple years.
- The national rescission is \$7.6 billion. CDOT's estimated share will be 1.35% of the nation, or roughly \$100 million.
- States do not have authority to decide rescinded programs. It will be done based on the unobligated balances as of September 30, 2019, excluding exempt programs: STBG-Urban, Highway Safety Improvements and Railroad Crossings.
- Local programs represent 50% of the rescission.
 - CMAQ = 14%
 - Metro Planning = 16%
 - TAP = 20%
- Next steps: Late October/early November 2019 - The FHWA will issue a Notice signed by the FHWA Administrator outlining the requirements and calculation of the FAST Act rescission, including rescission shares and rescission amounts by State and program/fund source.
- MPO pools are anticipated to stay the same.
- No projects anticipated to be impacted for FY 2020 at this point. CDOT is not looking at reducing projects for FY 2020 with September 30 start.
- Should have more information next week for the four programs - TAP, Metro PL, CMAQ and STP Metro.
- Release valve is anticipated to be reduce contracts - projects never funded at this point. Calculation is based on unobligated funds.
- National Highway Freight Program absorbing SPR???
- NHFP not affected as using STP-B. oes to other 3 programs.
- Authorization by FHWA not spending/not obligated.
- There has been no decision to use rescission to impact MPO programs.
- Ron Papsdorf noted that there is a movement to get rid of rescission, so there is about a 50% chance it will not cause an impact.

Front Range Passenger Rail Update - Randy Graubeger

- Sara Cassidy left UPRR and now Nathan Anderson from Salt Lake City to fill in for her.
- Next meeting of Committee is November 8 at CDOT.
- Recent activities include:
 - Hired Consultant for Rail Passenger Service Development Plan and environmental work; Notice to Proceed given to HDR consultant team

- in August.
 - Worked with Amtrak, BNSF and neighboring States and communities on July 15 application to USDOT for “2019 BUILD Grant” to finish upgrades to BNSF’s track on the Southwest Chief route.
 - Submitted an application for a CRISI 2019 planning grant to evaluate feasibility of a thru-car service off of the Southwest Chief from La Junta to Pueblo and Colorado Springs.
 - Hold monthly Commission meetings (2nd Friday of each month); every other meeting is at a Front Range location outside of the Denver metro area. Next meeting in Denver on November 8th, other upcoming activities include:
 - Initiation of Public Involvement and Stakeholder Engagement Activities
 - Initiation of Service Development Plan and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) work
- Legislative Options include:
 - Commissioners and Commission staff are beginning to discuss possible legislative options for the January 2020 Legislative Session.
 - Potential legislative options include measures for governance and future funding for the Commission to supplement the \$2.5m received in 2018 from SB 18-001.
 - Commission, CDOT and consultant staff continue to identify possible governance options, including challenges/opportunities.
- Stakeholder Engagement Activities Planned include:
 - Key Stakeholder Interviews
 - Segment Stakeholder Coalitions (North, Central, South) - meet quarterly with first meeting in second week of November 2019.
 - Corridor Stakeholder Coalition - meet quarterly - first meeting tentatively in early December 2019.

Statewide Travel Survey Update - Erik Sabina, CDOT Division of Information Management

- CDOT has a “project” in CDOT’s contracting system for the Statewide Travel Study
 - The Transportation Commission funds are in it
 - CDOT has a draft scope of work documented
 - A funding commitment has been obtained from most of the MPOs
 - CDOT staff has reviewed the MOU/IGA we used in 2010
 - Authorization has been obtained to begin procurement
 - CDOT is in discussion with RTD and FHWA Central Federal Lands
 - Two different smart phone apps have been tested
 - Lots of discussion with three potential bidders has occurred
- Various technical products from 2010 provide a good starting places - e.g., data dictionary
- There will be consistency with previous surveys (to enhance trend analysis)
- Other surveys to review a bit - e.g., RTD transit on-board surveys, will be part of the process
- CDOT and MPOs will want to consider further potential survey uses and users
- CDOT anticipates purchasing “big data”, taking advantage of new data to supplement traditional survey data

Program Distribution Update - Tim Kirby, CDOT Multimodal Planning Branch

- CDOT staff needs to push this process forward
- An overview of Program Distribution went to the TC in October, and more information on this subject will continue at future TC workshops - as there are many new TC members unfamiliar with this process.
- So far, no substantial questions on program distribution have been raised by the TC members.

STIP Timeline for FY 2020- FY2023 - Jamie Collins, CDOT DAF

- The STIP for FY 2020-FY 2023 includes the most recent MPO TIPs.
- The intent is to get all TIPs and STIP aligned for a TC adoption in January 2020.
- Then for 10-year pipeline of projects, prepare FY 2021- FY 2024 into a STIP for May 2020 TC adoption and STIP'ing for June 2020.
- Handouts with more details was distributed to the MPO representatives.
- The proposed concept is to hold a public hearing and TC adoption of the FY 2020-2023 STIP in January 2020. Amend the STIP in November 2019 for SB 1, SB 262 and SB 267. Then take to TC in December 2019 for a workshop and in January 2020 for adoption. In June 2020 a FY 2021-FY 2024 will be a component of the 10-year pipeline of projects for the 2045 Statewide Transportation Plan.
- Bill Haas of FHWA requested a TC adoption of FY 2021- FY 2024 in May 2020.
- Ron Papsdorf requested a streamlined approach to the FY 2020- FY 2023 STIP for a potential December TC adoption. CDOT staff agreed to the need for expeditiousness related to the FY 2020-FY 2023 STIP, and will see what can do done to make this happen.

Other Business

- SWMPO "Spotlight" Schedule o NFRMPO- Next meeting?
 - FTA - January 2020
 - DRCOG - February 2020
- Other Future Agenda Topics?
 - Standing Agenda Items:
 - Transportation Performance Measures
 - Front Range Passenger Rail Committee Update