

Statewide MPO Meeting

Thursday, April 14, 2022 from 8:30 am – 10:30 am

VIRTUAL MEETING

Meeting Recording Link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DvpSKI7w6RK6jk22xLK2Xd9xvzUsTgJZ/view?usp=sharing>

Notes

Present:

- **Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs):** Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG)- Ron Papsdorf, Alvan Bidal-Sanchez, and Jacob Riger; Grand Valley Metropolitan Planning Region (GVMPO): Dana Brosig and Rachel Peterson; North Front Range MPO (NFRMPO) – Becky Karasko, Suzette Mallette, Medora Bornhoft, and Alex Gordon; Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG): Danelle Miller, John Liosatos, Laura Crews, and Will Mast; and Pueblo Area Council of Governments (PACOG): John Adams, and Eva Cosyleon
- **CDOT Division of Transit and Rail (DTR):** Amber Blake, Peter Hadley, Julia Wcislo, Kim Kinnison, Emily Barden
- **CDOT Regions:** Region 1 – Jordan Rudel; JoAnn Mattson; Region 2 – Wendy Pettit and Geoff Guthrie; Region 3 – Mark Rogers; and Region 4 – Jim Eussen and Jan Rowe
- **CDOT Division of Transportation Development (DTD):** Rebecca White, Darius Pakbaz, Marissa Gaughan, Aaron Willis, Michelle Scheuerman, Jamie Collins, Kathleen Collins, Carrie Tremblatt, Daniel Chelist, Nathan Lindquist, Fahad Khan, Neysa Bermingham, Enrique Perez, and Miriam Aranoff
- **CDOT Local Agency:** Cathy Cole
- **CDOT Environmental Programs Branch:** Theresa Takuski
- **CDOT Performance and Asset Management Branch:** Jacob Kershner
- **CDOT Division of Accounting and Finance:** Marci Gray, Paige Castaneda, Julia Spiker
- **CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations:** Jamie Grim and Andy Karsian
- **CDOT Environmental Justice and Equity Branch:** Marsha Nelson
- **CDOT Office of Innovative Mobility:** John Featherstone
- **Region 8 FTA:** Kristin Kenyon, Emma Belmont
- **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA):** Aaron Bustow
- **Denver Public Schools:** Luis Uribe

Introductions – Kathleen Collins, CDOT Statewide and Regional Planning

Legislative Update –Andy Karsian, and Jamie Grim, CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations - [Video Time Stamp 0:14](#)

Andy Karsian

- Early next week, the Governor Polis will send over the State Budget; SB176 deals with Burnham Yard and Front Range Rail Passed the Senate yesterday; moves to the House next week.
- Looking to get \$10 million Dollars for Revitalizing Main Streets (RMS); Late in session so more likely to be an amendment to the current Transit Bill (SB181)
- Traffic Safety Issues: Bill that increases fines on distracted driving and adds clarity for law enforcement for pulling over; Wildlife Crossing Bill - \$25 million in appropriations; Helping Taxpayer Bill - temporary reduction of SB260 road usage charge fee and the FASTER fee
- This is the last legislative update before interim

- Ron Papsdorf: Is CDOT supporting the distracted driving Bill?
 - CDOT's Stance is Neutral
- Wendy Pettit: Any talk/information about changes to payroll? State Employee Raises and Tables?
 - No current information; had 3% raises for state employees; no other information is available.

Jamie Grim

- DOT is slowly rolling out the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) program guidelines, requirements, etc.
- Rebuilding America's Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grants are due today (4/14/22).
- Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grants (MPDG) combines three programs (Mega, Infra, Rural)
- DOT List of Notifications of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) and Links to Summaries
 - Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Programs (May):
<https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/upcoming-notice-funding-opportunity-announcements-2022>
 - Need to reach out for letters of support
- Ron Papsdorf: When might FHWA apportionments be seen for this Fiscal Year?
 - Jamie will look for it. Lobbyists will be contacted.

Division of Transit and Rail Update – Amber Blake, CDOT Division of Transit and Rail - [Video Time Stamp 14:06](#)

Amber Blake

- Bustang Sustainability and Expansion Program
 - Taking state Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF) dollars (15%), in its own area outside of 10 Year Plan, as main funding source for expansion.
 - A legislative priority that is going through that may also fund part of it.
 - Other funds to be used as needed: Nonattainment Enterprise, Retail Delivery Fee, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ).
 - Looking to phase expansion of Bustang starting next year.
 - By taking statewide MMOF dollars for Bustang expansion, it does not impact bottom line of projected numbers from the 10-year plan
- Dana Brosig: What was State MMOF going to be used for?
 - Funds in the original calculation for fiscal constraints in 10-year plan
- John Liosatos: Be prepared to be asked about what the 10-year rural pavement program would benefit from by using the statewide MMOF dollars for Bustang expansion.

Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Policy Directive Update – Rebecca White and Theresa Takushi, CDOT Division of Transportation Development - [Video Time Stamp 22:56](#)

Rebecca White and Theresa Takushi

- 4 main categories of changes to the GHG Policy Directive (PD)
 - Transit- Electric Fleet and Ridership changes and that Transit isn't highly valued
 - Dana Brosig: Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fleet concerns
 - Electrification- remove electrification as a category from GHG mitigation PD
 - Dana Brosig: Concerns with impacts to electric charging network
 - Becky Karasko: Are tables only for things MPOs do? Or also what member communities do within MPOs?

- Roundabout Measure
- Land Use- Difficult to quantify and measure; we are asking MPOs for help finding sources of information
- PD to be finalized by May (Version 1)
- A source of information regarding vehicle trip reduction impacts of Transit-Oriented Development go to: <https://redlandstransitvillages.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Trip-Reduction-Impacts-TOD-Cervero-2008.pdf>

National Performance Measures Target Setting Update – William Johnson and Jacob Kershner, CDOT Performance and Asset Management Branch - [Video Time Stamp 11:09](#)

Jacob Kershner

- Currently developing PM 3 Targets
 - Includes system reliability, CMAQ and congestion performance measures.
 - Continuing coordination with DRCOG and NFRMPO to establish targets for system reliability and congestion performance measures.
 - DRCOG and NFRMPO are working to get joint targets approved.
- Presenting proposed PM 3 Targets to CDOT Executive Management Team within the next month.
- Action Items for National Performance Measures
 - Completing 2nd Performance Period Baseline Report that is due Oct. 1st.
 - Performance Period Progress for 1st period.
- Draft of Wildly Important Goals (WIGs) were completed and are under review by the Governor's Office.

IJA and Complete Streets (the requirement that MPOs use at least 2.5 percent of their planning funding on activities related to Complete Streets-type enhancements) – Aaron Bustow, FHWA - [Video Time Stamp 1:02:27](#)

Aaron Bustow

- Requirements for MPOs to have 2.5% set aside for Complete Streets
- 2 paths
 - 2.5% Set Aside
 - Or MPOs may opt out (there are no clear provisions established at this time)
 - Ron Papsdorf: concerns with provisions and guidelines for opting out and need for clarity
- Work Plans: FHWA planning emphasis areas need to be included in work plans.

Strategic Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Grants Round 2 – John Featherstone, CDOT Office of Innovative Mobility - [Video Time Stamp 1:09:35](#)

John Featherstone

- Transportation Demand Management Grants Update: Seed Funding and Innovation Grants
 - April 18th NOFO released with May 18th application due date; decisions are to be made mid- May, or early June.
 - Innovation Grants: \$20,000 to \$50,000 over 1 year for budgets; all organization types are now eligible.
 - Seed Funding Grants: \$20,000 to \$100,000 over a 2 year period.
- Ron Papsdorf: DRCOG could provide expertise and insights given their TDM experience.

Upcoming Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Design Training – Miriam Aranoff, CDOT Multimodal Planning Branch - [Video Time Stamp 1:21:30](#)

- CDOT is Hosting Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Design Training
 - Bike Portion to occur April 26th and 27th
 - Pedestrian Portion to be held May 3rd and 4th
- Any Questions please contact Miriam at: miriam.aranoff@state.co.us
- The link to sign up for training is:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSofJtZKEs2_dfuZoCHj03kj27sLJqFqLmG1iBitqDRQbdA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Other Business - [Video Time Stamp 1:23:26](#)

- COVID-19 Impacts / Updates – None.
- Staffing Updates
 - Darius Pakbaz was promoted to the CDOT Deputy Division of Transportation Development Director
- Future Agenda Topics?
 - Boundary Changes with Latest Census; Daniel Chelist: Data releases to DOTs in June/July 2022.
 - There is the Carbon Reduction Fund and new information is forthcoming.
- Next SWMPO Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 2022

