

# Statewide MPO Meeting Notes

## Thursday, February 10, 2022 from 8:30 am – 10:00 am

### VIRTUAL MEETING

Google Meet Recording:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MfQVPIBb1BN1KcgETn4nO45FiCpP5EVT/view?usp=sharing>

### Meeting Notes

#### Present:

- **Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs):** Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG)- Ron Papsdorf, Alvan Bidal-Sanchez, Jacob Riger, Emily Kleinfelter; Grand Valley Metropolitan Planning Region (GVMPPO): Dana Brosig and Rachel Peterson; North Front Range MPO (NFRMPO) – Becky Karasko, Alex Gordon; Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG): Danelle Miller, Mark Northrop, and Will Mast; and Pueblo Area Council of Governments (PACOG): None
- **CDOT Division of Transit and Rail (DTR):** Peter Hadley
- **CDOT Regions:** Region 1 – Jordan Rudel; Region 2 – Wendy Pettit and Geoff Guthrie; Region 3 – Mark Rogers; and Region 4 – Josie Hadley and Jan Rowe
- **CDOT Division of Transportation Development (DTD):** Marissa Gaughan, Aaron Willis, Jamie Collins, Kathleen Collins, Carrie Tremblatt, Nathan Vander Broek, Fahad Khan, Neysa Bermingham, and Enrique Perez
- **CDOT Performance and Asset Management Branch:** Darius Pakbaz and Alejandra Garcia Acevedo
- **CDOT Division of Accounting and Finance:** Marci Gray, Eric Ehrbar, Paige Castaneda
- **CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations:** Hannah L. Reed, Jamie Grim, Julie George, and Andy Karsian
- **CDOT Project Support:** Erik Stanley
- **CDOT Traffic Safety and Engineering Services:** Jacob Kershner
- **Region 8 FTA:** Emma Belmont
- **Federal Highway Administration (FHWA):** Aaron Bustow

**8:30 – 8:35**     **Introductions** – Kathleen Collins conducted the introductions and read off the attendance list for this virtual meeting – *Video Time Stamp 2:30*

**8:35 – 8:55**     **Legislative Update** – Jamie Grim and Andy Karsian, CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations

**Jamie Grim Federal Legislation Update** – *Video Time Stamp 5:54*

- Continuing Resolution to move last year's budget forward to March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Negotiators have a budget framework has been proposed – new budget for next year by March 11<sup>th</sup> to with with Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) budget.
- A lot information is coming out with more specific numbers and announcements.
- You can join USDOT Press Release List Serve to get information in Real Time – go to: <https://www.transportation.gov/newsroom/press-releases>



- EV Charging Network Funds – Colorado to receive \$8.3 million years a year
- Received FTA Resource appropriations
- Link to three resources placed in the chat box: FHWA IJIA website, FTA IJIA Website, and White House Build Back Better Campaign
- Links Jamie provided in the chat box are:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MfQVPIBb1BN1KcgETn4nO45FiCpP5EVT/view>  
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/BIL>  
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/build/>
- RAISE NOFO came out two weeks ago – CDOT positioning itself – hear of any communities putting together a RAISE grant – please let Jamie know.

**Andy Karsian State Legislation Update** – *Video Time Stamp 8:50*

- Bill died proposing change of structure of TC – to be an elected body that selects the CDOT Executive Director
- Contract Delivery changes Bill – died.
- Bill that provides safety enforcement on mountain toll express lanes – passed only two votes were against.
- Bills coming up HB 1028 safety stop Bill, CDOT looking to amend this bill

Questions:

- Alex Gordon asked if HB 1138 is the Clean Commute Bill. Ron Papsdorf noted that clean commute is included as well as MMOF element.
- Ron Papsdorf noted that HB 1138 has funds that go to Transportation Management Organizations (TMOs) and Transportation Management Association (TMAs), but he would like to know if funds also go to MPOs.

**8:55 – 9:05**     **STIP Update** – Jamie Collins, CDOT STIP Program *Video Time Stamp 17:23*

- Starting STIP development cycle FY 2023 – 2026
  - Draft STIP released in March
  - Public Hearing for STIP in April
  - TC adopt STIP in May
  - Send to FHWA/FTA in June
  - Effect of new STIP on July 1, 2022
- STIP Visioning Task Order – Workshop – January 11, 2022
  - Six main areas to consider – Still to Run by Jeff and Rebecca
    1. **Swap out CDOT Funding Types with Fund Programs (Priority)**
    2. Decouple STIP
    3. Update STIP Reporting Years
    4. Update SAP to Hanna Platform – Require a major overhaul
    5. **New STIP Software to integrate into SAP (Priority)**
    6. **Develop Universal Naming Convention (Priority)**
    7. Open Call for Ideas – More to come on this.

**9:05 – 9:15**     **National Performance Measures Target Setting Update** – Darius Pakbaz, CDOT Performance and Asset Management Branch – *Video Time Stamp 22:08*

- Deadline submitting safety targets that is at the end of this month on February 27<sup>th</sup> – Darius has received a couple Board resolutions from MPOs so far.
- For other measures due October 1, 2022, Darius will share CDOT information with you next month.



- CDOT is continuing to work with DRCOG and NFRMPO on Joint Targets for Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program measures. Once CDOT completes the predictive modeling project, we will be able to take a look at system reliability measures as well. Should be way ahead of schedule for submittal of these performance targets.
- After October 1, 2022, MPOs have 180 days to report whether they will support the state targets for those that are not joint targets, or set their own targets.

**9:15 – 9:25**     **TIP Approval Packet – Self Certification of the Planning Process Regulations** – Aaron Bustow, FHWA; and Kathleen Collins, CDOT - *Video Time Stamp 25:19*

- A new form for Self-Certification of the Planning Process was developed in coordination with PPACG, regarding 10 vs. 5 applicable requirements listed on the form, and more extensive supporting evidence and explanation of how MPOs comply with applicable requirements was a planning finding for PPACG, and will be required for other MPOs.
- NFRMPO needs information for a May Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) adoption. FHWA and FTA will talk off-line with NFRMPO about the form and new compliance requirements. These materials will be packaged appropriately to share with other MPOs afterwards.
- Ron Papsdorf noted that DRCOG is doing a TIP amendment – later this fall, around September, and then a full TIP adoption in spring 2023.

**9:25– 9:30**     **Other Business** – *Video Time Stamp 35:08*

- COVID-19 Impacts / Updates – Meeting most likely remain all virtual until April 2022.
- Staffing Updates – None noted.
- Future Agenda Topics? – None raised.
- Next SWMPO Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2022.

