

ATTACHMENT A

MEETING SUMMARY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE Meeting Tuesday, June 15, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Reza Akhavan (Alternate)	Colorado Department of Transportation
Jeanne Erickson	Colorado Department of Transportation
Rod Bockenfeld (Chair)	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Ron Rakowsky	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Jim Taylor (Vice-Chair)	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Ed Peterson (Alternate)	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Harry Dale	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Preston Gibson	Other, Business Interests
Deborah Obermeyer	Other, Business Interests
Ken Lloyd	Regional Air Quality Council
Jack O'Boyle	Regional Transportation District
Tom Tobiassen	Regional Transportation District
Phil Washington	Regional Transportation District
Wally Pulliam	Regional Transportation District

OTHERS PRESENT:

Alternates: Cheryl Hauger (DRCOG)
Pat Cronenberger (DRCOG)

Public: Tony DeVito, Darin Stavish, CDOT Region 1; Lizzie Kemp, CDOT Region 6;
Janice Finch, City/County of Denver; Holly Brown, CRL; Chris Quinn, RTD;
Steve Klausing, South I-25 TMA

DRCOG Staff: Steve Rudy, Steve Cook, Simon Montagu, Fred Sandal, Todd Cottrell,
Casey Collins-Secretary

Call to Order

Rod Bockenfeld, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. A quorum was present.

Public Comment

No comments were made.

Summary of May 18, 2010 Meeting

The summary was accepted as written.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion to recommend to the Board of Directors the roadway and rapid transit networks for conformity modeling and testing for the *Fiscally Constrained 2035 Regional Transportation Plan*.

Steve Cook presented transportation networks that will be used in travel demand modeling for air quality conformity testing as part of the update of the fiscally constrained 2035 RTP (anticipated adoption of updated FC 2035 RTP is January 2011). Network modeling is scheduled to begin in the next few weeks.

Regionally significant projects were identified that have a reasonable expectation of being funded for construction by 2035. On the regional roadway network, there are over 100 locally-funded projects totaling approximately \$2.6 billion and over 40 regionally-funded improvements projects, at approximately \$3.5 billion. Steve said revised CDOT resource allocation revenue forecasts indicate expectations are just enough to retain all projects in the current plan, although projects with increased costs may need to scale back. Steve said adding projects would not be possible. Because of the change in funding levels, some funding would be diverted from reconstruction and roadway operational type projects to large scale capital projects.

As Senate Bill-01 funding is no longer available, only about 75% of the previous funding for strategic corridors statewide can be assumed. He said the I-70 Mountain corridor (in the DRCOG region) showed reduced anticipated funding from \$850 million to \$560 million per revised CDOT resource allocation revenue forecasts. Tony DeVito, CDOT Region 1, explained that more funding could possibly be allocated to the I-70 Mountain corridor in the future.

Some FY2010/2011 formula funds may be programmed next month by the DRCOG Board to several projects in the RTP (e.g., I-225 Colfax or US 36 HOT lanes), and free up some resource allocation revenues for reconstruction and operational projects.

Steve Cook said the rapid transit network will assume completion of FasTracks by the end of 2019. This assumption is for long range planning purposes so modeling can start in June. Should DRCOG Board recommend otherwise in the FasTracks review in August, the modeling would be revised. Should RTD decide not to go for a sales tax election prior to 2013, or the vote fail, the plan would be amended (at the appropriate time).

Wally Pulliam MOVED to recommend to the Board of Directors the roadway and rapid transit networks for conformity modeling and testing for the *Fiscally Constrained 2035 Regional Transportation Plan*. Tom Tobiassen SECONDED the motion and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Programming additional CDOT Region 6 ARRA funds

Todd Cottrell presented the three additional projects in CDOT Region 6 proposed for ARRA funding. The original ARRA project selections were made in March, 2009 by the three programming partners DRCOG, CDOT and RTD. These three projects were not included in CDOT's original list of potential ARRA projects that were subject to the public participation process.

A public hearing has been scheduled for June 16 on all three CDOT Region 6 projects. No public comment has been received as of this meeting. The Board of Directors will take action after the public hearing June 16.

CDOT Region 6 has requested debudgeting ARRA funding from five projects (listed in Attachment 2) and adding those funds to two projects.

DRCOG staff has requested authority to administratively revise the TIP for the both the US-85 and the US-6/Wadsworth projects.

Steve Rudy clarified CDOT Region 6's proposal does not request programming the third project (US-36/I-25 to approximately Wadsworth), which has received TIGER/TIFIA funding, in the TIP at this time. While TIGER/TIFIA funding is a part of ARRA, it has a different timeline than ARRA. As such, the US-36 project will be presented at the June 16 Public Hearing, but will be TIP'ed at a later date.

Wally Pulliam MOVED to recommend programming additional CDOT Region 6 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. Jeanne Erickson SECONDED the motion and the MOTION PASSED unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Briefing on Quick Implementation Projects submitted for 2010/2011 Formula Funds

Steve Rudy updated on the status of the Call for Projects for 2010/2011 federal formula funding. Steve noted the DRCOG Board has given the US-36 project (identified on the selection list) a "commitment in principle" of \$25 million. Approximately \$25 million of the remaining funding would be available for other projects selected. A public hearing on the projects will be held June 16. Board action is scheduled for July 21.

Briefing on the 2009 Annual Report on Traffic Congestion in the Denver Region.

Steve Cook presented on the release of the 2009 annual report. He noted a slight increase in VMT has been observed in the region (as well as state and nationwide), but is still significantly below previous forecasting. Though overall population is growing which increases VMT, the Board's sustainability goal is to reduce the "per capita" VMT amount by 10%, from 26 miles per person to 23 miles or lower.

Tom Tobiassen suggested including a person miles travelled (PMT) chart in the report. Ron Rakowsky agreed and asked if the RTD Smart Card technology could be helpful in providing data.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Member Comment/Other Matters

- Update on [RTD 2009 Annual Report to DRCOG on FasTracks](#)

Steve Rudy said the *RTD 2009 Annual Report to DRCOG on FasTracks* is available for review on the DRCOG website. DRCOG staff is reviewing the non-financial aspects and consultants (Urban Engineers and First Southwest) are reviewing the financials. A public hearing is scheduled for July 21. Board action will be in August.

The meeting ended at 9:03 AM. Next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2010.