

DRAFT Transit and Rail Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2011

TRAC attendees: Ann Rajewski, David Johnson, Todd Hollenbeck, Scott Weeks, Michael Penny, Jim Souby, Jonathan Hutchison, Pete Rickerhauser, Dick Hartman, Terri Binder, Tom Allen, Gary Beedy, Matthew O'Neill, Mike Timlin; others included Mark Imhoff, Jennifer Finch, David Menter, Wendy Wallach, Tom Mauser, Bob Sakaguchi, Tom Underwood, Ita Inglis, Ken Powelson and Jim Leuenberger.

Agreements

The group accepted the DRAFT purpose statement as:

To partner with DTR in developing, advising and promoting the Division's vision, policies and priorities.

Revision: Committee members will be counted as "Present" if in person, on phone or attending by videoconference. Members can vote when present in any of these three ways.

The group unanimously elected as Chair: Ann Rajewski and Vice Chair: Michael Penny and agreed upon duties as described in January 28, 2011 meeting minutes.

The group agreed that the TRAC website should host a calendar with events relevant to this group. Communication for this group should include video conferencing, web, email, and conference call.

The group determined that the second Friday of the month from 1 to 4 pm works for regular meetings and agreed that meeting after STAC is reasonable.

Discussion:

The group started the "brainstorming" session.

Vision Values

- To reach 4 corners of state, recognizing mode will change
- Create passenger-friendly environment
- Provide transit opportunities for all populations
- Thoughtful Intermodalism
- Seamless Connectivity
- Economic & energy efficiency
- Safe & reliable
- Marketing consideration
- Preserving potential intermodal hubs
- State-wide & nation-wide connections
- Economic development & vitality
- Reduce auto dependency
- Preserving existing infrastructure
- Travel-time \$ frequency competitiveness and reliability
- Prepare & protect future infrastructure

- Include and expand freight rail freight
- Community Access (Local) Improvement
- Leverage work from other states
- Incremental Approaches
- Integrate regional connectivity in all transportation projects.
- Incorporate financial, engineering, political realities

Pete R suggested all visions and values could relate to the following statement:

To preserve and enhance in an environmentally and economically sensitive manner the mobility of people and goods throughout and beyond Colorado through the development of transit and rail networks.

Early Action Items

- Define modes of [Dictionary] passenger modes of transit.
- Learn about the inventory of rail (7/2011).
- Arrange for presentations from DTD and State Rail Plan team.
- Look at what other states have done to integrate state plan.
- Compare existing policies to proposed vision, values statements and share info w/TRAC.
- Where are grade separations being engineered in corridors which have been identified for future passenger rail or freight rail growth?
- Explore financing options, including research on peers (Utah).
- Check in with group conducting study to see if there are gaps – or to identify gaps (understand scope of study).
- Comprehensive transit map on website (interactive)

Policies

- CDOT integrate connectivity in all transportation projects
- Preserve infrastructure

Other

Financial “overlay” should be considered (including private investment opportunities) whenever discussing policies and opportunities.

The TRAC needs to be aware of upcoming policy decisions where they need to provide input.

There was a suggestion to categorize and combine visions into policy considerations and guidance for DTR.

There is a desire for group education on the following topics: Freight and existing policies and procedures as they relate to transit.