

Transportation Commission of Colorado
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2016

Chairwoman Kathy Connell convened the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

PRESENT WERE: Kathy Connell, Chairwoman, District 6
Shannon Gifford, District 1
Ed Peterson, District 2
Gary Reiff, Vice Chair District 3
Heather Barry, District 4
Kathy Gilliland, District 5
Kathy Hall, District 7
Sidny Zink, District 8
Steven Hofmeister, District 11

EXCUSED: Nolan Schriener, District 9
Bill Thiebaut, District 10

ALSO PRESENT: Shailen Bhatt, Executive Director
Michael Lewis, Deputy Executive Director
Josh Laipply, Chief Engineer
Debra Perkins-Smith, Director of Transportation Development
Maria Sobota, CFO
Scott McDaniel, Staff Services Director
Amy Ford, Public Relations Director
Herman Stockinger, Government Relations Director
Paul Jesaitis, Region 1 Transportation Director
Karen Rowe, Region 2 Transportation Director
Dave Eller, Region 3 Transportation Director
Johnny Olson, Region 4 Transportation Director
Mike McVaugh, Region 5 Transportation Director
Jane Fisher, Director of Program Management
Kathy Young, Chief Transportation Counsel
David Spector, HPTE Director
Mark Imhoff, Director of Transit and Rail
Vince Rogalski, STAC Chairman
John Cater, FHWA Administrator
Chris Wedor, Director of Audit Division

AND: Other staff members, organization representatives,
the public and the news media

An electronic recording of the meeting was made and filed with supporting documents in the Transportation Commission office.

Audience Participation

Chairwoman Connell opened the floor for audience participation. There were no public comments.

Individual Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Hall stated how impressed she was with the cooperation demonstrated on the Highway 9 wildlife crossing project. In the month of June she noticed a number of messages on the VMB's that were very clever and informative. Additionally, she talked funding issues with the Grand Junction Rotary club. Finally she thanked Dave Eller and his team for their hard work on Glenwood Canyon.

Commissioner Gifford attended a trip with the Downtown Denver Partnership. On the trip, she had the opportunity to speak with a number of Denver City Council members regarding the Central 70 project. She stated councilmembers were very excited about the regional workforce grant given to the project.

Commissioner Hofmeister had no report.

Commissioner Peterson had a busy June. He met with JeffTAG and received an update on the Marine Corps memorial on US6. Additionally, he mentioned that he has received a number of complements for the completion of the US6 project that has been a very positive impact in the area.

Commissioner Zink had the opportunity to attend an event between the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and CDOT. She stated that they were very gracious hosts and it was an impressive event. Additionally, she took part in a highway cleanup event. She was encouraged by how little clean up the highway needed. Finally, CASTA visited Durango in June. They had good things to say about the working relationship that has been fostered.

Commissioner Barry attended the US36 completion event. Additionally she will be at the Saturday US 36 bike ride event.

Commissioner Gilliland attended the kick off for the Berthoud climbing lane on I-25. This area often gets backed up, so the hope is this will relieve this situation. She also attended the US36 opening event. She complemented commissioners Connell and Hall for their very informative narration of the Commission Road Trip in May. Finally she thanked Kathy Connell for her hard work as TC Chair the past year.

Commissioner Reiff took a moment to thank Commissioner Connell for her exceptional leadership over the past year as Commission Chairwoman. She also thanked Dave for his help at the Northern Area town hall meeting. Finally, she stated how impressed she has been with the flaggers on CDOT construction projects. They are always friendly and helpful which helps a lot during construction delays.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Bhatt stated that he very much enjoyed working with Chairwoman Connell over the past year. He is looking forward to working with Commissioner Reiff in the future as the new chair. Additionally, he stated that the maintenance agreement with the Ute tribe is a very important step for the area.

In June, Director Bhatt went to Washington, DC with the Denver Smart Cities Grant delegation. He was pleased with the team's presentation. Also while in DC, he met with the executive staff of the USDOT about the Central 70 project. While there,

CDOT showed the DOT how much outreach and planning has been taken for the project, which USDOT was very impressed with. Finally, he spoke with the ITS conference in San Jose, which emphasized technology solutions that will greatly improve our transportation issues.

Chief Engineer's Report

Chief Engineer Josh Laipply updated the commission on Cash Flow financing. It is currently heavy construction season, \$445 million in contracts will be going out this year for contracts, with an additional \$250 in FY17-18. This was all possible through cash flow financing.

Additionally, he spoke on resiliency throughout the CDOT System. A scope of work is currently being talked about to improve the resiliency of particularly the I-70 corridor. Finally, he highlighted how exciting the local hiring project on Central C70 is. He believes this will go a long way to stitch the community back together.

Commissioner Connell stated how important resiliency is to her and the commission and was happy to hear that report.

HPTE Director's Report

Nick Farber speaking on behalf of David Spector stated that the HPTE Board attended the US36 opening events rather than holding a board meeting. He also stated that the third RFP for the Central 70 will be released in June.

FHWA Division Administrator Report

FHWA Division Administrator John Cater stated that there is a lot of national interest on the Central 70 project, and the nation has seen the high level of work that has occurred on the project. Currently, a national team from FHWA is in Colorado looking at Wolf Creek Pass to view how to improve truck safety in the corridor. They are meeting with national experts, CDOT and state patrol to see what makes the site dangerous.

STAC

Vince Rogalski updated the commission on STAC's meeting in June. STAC discussed the bills that have been passed and were not passed at the state and federal level. One of the issues discussed was the move from HOV2+ to HOV3+ and how there might be pushback. Additionally and update the grants CDOT has applied for was given. Particularly, the Road Usage Charge pilot project was discussed.

Act on Consent Agenda

Chairwoman Connell entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Hofmeister moved for approval of the resolution, and Commissioner Gilliland seconded the motion. Upon vote of the Commission, the resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution #TC-16-6-1

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Transportation Commission's Regular Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2016, are approved.

Resolution to Approve HPTE's FY17 Fee for Service Agreement

Nick Farber walked the Commission through the reason for the Fee for Service Agreement between CDOT and HPTE for the HPTE services. The key points that will be addressed in FY 17 include the punch list construction items for US36, supporting the Central 70 project team, and supporting the C-470 team.

Chairwoman Connell entertained a motion to approve the HPTE FY 17 Fee for Service. Commissioner Reiff moved for approval of the resolution, and Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion. Upon vote of the Commission, the resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution #TC-16-6-2

Discuss and Act on 12th Budget Supplement of FY 2016

Chief Financial Officer Maria Sobota explained the items that are included in the 12th Budget Supplement. She opened the floor for questions, there were none.

Chairwoman Connell entertained a motion to approve the 12th Budget Supplement of FY 2016. Commissioner Gilliland moved for approval of the resolution, and Commissioner Hofmeister seconded the motion. Upon vote of the Commission, the resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution #TC-16-6-3

Discuss and Act on PD 703.0 Amendment – Cash Balance Policy

Maria Sobota opened the floor for questions on the amendments to PD 703.0. Commissioner Reiff stated that though he would make a different decision, that staff has done a very good job crafting this PD.

Chairwoman Connell entertained a motion to approve the amendment to PD 703.0. Commissioner Gilliland moved for approval of the resolution, and Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. Upon vote of the Commission, the resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution #TC-16-6-4

FY 2016-17 State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Interest Rate & Origination Fee Setting

Maria Sobota stated that the treasury suggest the interest rate be lowered from 2.5% to 2.25%. This will be revisited in November by the Transportation Commission. She opened the floor for questions, there were none.

Chairwoman Connell entertained a motion to approve the SIB Interest Rate & Origination Fee. Commissioner Peterson moved for approval of the resolution, and

Commissioner Gifford seconded the motion. Upon vote of the Commission, the resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution #TC-16-6-5

Report out from the TC Nominating Committee and Election of TC Officers for FY 2017

Commissioner Gifford stated that through discussion, herself, commissioner Hofmeister and Commissioner Hall have nominated Gary Reiff as the Chair for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, with Sidny Zink as the Vice Chair and Herman Stockinger as TC Secretary. The recommendation was voted on and was passed unanimously.

Acknowledgement

Commissioner Peterson presented a certificate of appreciation from the Marine Corps League to Paul Jesaitis and Kurt Allen from Region 1 for their hard work maintaining the Marine Corps memorial on US6.

Adjournment

Chairwoman Connell closed the June Transportation Commission meeting at 11:00 a.m.