

MEETING SUMMARY
REGIONAL VISION ZERO STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE – Mtg. 5
Wednesday March 4th, 10:00 AM
DRCOG, 1001 17th St., 7th Floor, Red Rocks Conference Room, Denver, CO

In-person Participants	Organization
Mo McCanna	Bicycle Colorado
Rolf Eisinger	City and County of Denver
David DiGiacomo	City and County of Denver
Sarah Stanek	City and County of Denver
Afor Chavez	City and County of Denver
Beth Doliboa	DRCOG
Jenny Wallace	DRCOG
Christine Connally	DRCOG
Jacob Riger	DRCOG
Ron Papsdorf	DRCOG
Charlie Alexander	Fehr & Peers
Matt Duncan	City of Lakewood
Darrell Alston	City of Thornton
Charlie Stanfield	RTD

Remote Participants	Organization
Sarah Grant	City and County of Broomfield
Glenn Davis	CDOT
Charles Meyer	CDOT
Phil Greenwald	City of Longmont
Darrell Alston	City of Thornton
Francis Lanzer	MADD
Kristina Evanoff	City of Westminster

1. Introductions

Beth Doliboa, DRCOG, called meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and overviewed items listed on the agenda. Participants did a brief introduction.

2. Taking Action on Regional Vision Zero – Draft Review

- Regional Vision Zero Principles – Beth Doliboa gave a brief description of what Vision Zero is and how it is fundamentally different from traditional safety approaches. The three principles identified in the plan are Complete Streets, Context-Appropriate Speeds and Equity.
- Why the Denver Region Needs Vision Zero – Beth Doliboa discussed recent fatality numbers for the Denver region and how people walking, people on bikes and people riding motorcycles have been involved in 44 percent of fatalities between years 2013 and 2017.
- Engaging the Community for a People First Plan – Beth Doliboa presented a map that is included in the draft plan, that compares how the draft regional High Injury Network overlaps with public comments received through an interactive map the project team used to collect comments on areas in the Denver region with safety issues.
- Regional Vision Zero Toolkit – Beth Doliboa presented the draft regional High Injury Network and Critical Corridors and provided high level statistics of each. Charlie Alexander, Fehr and Peers, discussed how the area types were developed and presented an example of an Urban Area Crash Profile. He explained how crash profiles, behavior profiles, and countermeasures are



meant to be a toolkit for local jurisdictions and potentially will encourage them to do their own data analysis and start to dive into safety issues on a local level.

- Taking Action on Regional Vision Zero – Charlie Alexander presented the six objectives and associated action initiatives included in the draft plan.
- Additional Efforts – Local project examples
 - City and County of Denver – Rolf Eisinger, Vision Zero Project Manager, DOTI, discussed two successful Vision Zero projects. Case Study: Federal Boulevard; study that included a comparison of speed limit change based on the conventional (85th percentile) approach and the context sensitive (50th percentile) approach. The study informed infrastructure changes such as updating 10 traffic signals on a section of Federal Blvd. Since the changes there has been 17 percent reduction in crashes and zero fatalities. Case Study: 20th Street and Interstate 25; improvements to signage and pavement markings, variable message board and driver feedback signs used to warn drivers of conditions. Since improvements there has been zero KSI crashes.
 - City of Lakewood – Matt Duncan, Traffic Operations and Safety Manager, discussed systemic improvements Lakewood has made. They are currently at a 10 year low for crashes and a 29 percent reduction for pedestrian crashes. Lakewood credits crash reductions to critical intersection analysis approach and coordinated signal system modifications.
 - CDOT STSP – Charles Meyer, State Traffic and Safety Branch Manager, CDOT, discussed that the plan's vision is zero deaths. There are 15 strategies included in the STSP and a target of 15 percent reduction in fatalities in the next 4 years. The draft plan is out for review and they have strong support. CDOT is currently coordinating with FHWA for final approval.
- How to stay engaged – Beth Doliboa discussed ways local jurisdictions can stay involved once Taking Action on Regional Vision Zero is adopted. Ron Papsdorf, DRCOG, discussed the Urban Arterial Safety Multimodal Safety Improvement program which will allocate around 77 million dollars to safety projects in the DRCOG region. The call for projects will begin mid-April 2020.

3. Discussion – Charlie Alexander opened group discussion on the draft plan.

- Sam Cole, CDOT, asked to see more emphasis on seat belts.
- Matt Duncan, Lakewood, suggested clearance intervals be added to the countermeasure glossary and to keep the blind in mind when considering pedestrian intervals.
- Mo McCanna, DSP, commented the people centric aspect of the plan but suggested language on human behaviors that needed to be edited. She pointed out that since this is a Vision Zero plan its important to follow the Vision Zero Principles.
- Rolf Eisinger, DOTI, discussed how Denver's developing an equity index layer, and suggested including a map of equity index areas be included in the plan. He suggested reaching out to hospitals to get better crash data. Also, suggested the of numbering action initiatives and using FHWA's crash reduction factors to support the countermeasures.
- David DiGiacomo, DOTI, asked about metrics used to develop the regional HIN. DRCOG used only KSI crash density, Denver used all crashes but weighed certain crashes higher than others.
- Mo McCanna – Brought up the Vision Zero Network's resource that could be helpful in defining equity strategies.

4. Next Steps – Beth Doliboa discussed the next steps and various committees Taking Action on Regional Vision Zero will be presented to and review by. The 30-day public comment period will begin March 19th and end April 18th. If all goes as planned, DRCOG's Board of Directors will consider the plan for adoption on May 20th.

