# MEETING SUMMARY
## Active Transportation
## STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE – Mtg. 6
### Wednesday, August 15, 2018
DRCOG, 1001 17th St., 1st Fl. Aspen conference room, Denver, CO

| Attendee | Organization |
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| Ray Winn | Arapahoe County |
| Huiliang Liu | Aurora |
| Tom Worker-Braddock | Aurora |
| Alex Hyde-Wright | Boulder County |
| Leslie Feuerborn | Colorado Department of Transportation |
| Beth Doliboa | Denver Regional Council of Governments |
| Ron Papsdorf | Denver Regional Council of Governments |
| Christine Connally | Denver Regional Council of Governments |
| Celeste Stragand | Denver Regional Council of Governments |
| Steve Erickson | Denver Regional Council of Governments |
| Emily Lindsey | Denver Regional Council of Governments |
| Renae Stavros | Federal Heights |
| Jenny Young | Felsburg Holt & Ullevig |
| Andrew Iltis | Downtown Denver Partnership |
| Yelena Onnen | Jefferson County |
| Christina Lane | Lakewood |
| Alan Sielaff | Northglenn |
| Paul DesRocher | Regional Transportation District |
| Cathy Bird | Smart Commute Metro North |
| Trung Vo | Toole Design Group |
| Michelle Scanze | Toole Design Group |
| Joe Fish | Toole Design Group |
| Kent Moorman | Thornton |
| Jessica Vargas | WalkDenver |

Emily Lindsey, DRCOG, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

## Project Updates

AT Plan anticipated timeline:
- Winter / Spring 2017-2018 Project Kickoff - Information gathering & data analysis
- June 2018 - Local government outreach
- July 2018 - Recommendations
- Late summer/early fall - Additional stakeholder outreach - Plan development
- Late fall - Plan comment period and adoption

Key upcoming dates:
  Aug 17 – Committee comments on online map and draft ATP framework
  Sep 26 - ATSC receives formatted draft plan
  Oct 17 - ATSC comments due
  October - Anticipated public comment period

## Recap of stakeholder outreach and Bike to Work Day engagement
Joe Fish, Toole Design Group, reviewed stakeholder outreach.

1. Online survey received 412 responses.

2. Outreach was held on June 26 Bike to Work Day at 10 bike stations throughout region
   • 233 responses were received for the ATP exercise presented at the BTWD event - pushed respondents to online survey. Many more people talked with.
3. Outreach held at 5 regional stakeholder meetings (with 55 participants representing 31 stakeholder agencies). Focus was on the regional AT corridor network (long distance routes) and opportunities for local organizations to implement the AT Plan. The meetings were held at:
   • Denver South TMA
   • Jefferson County Government Center
   • Adams County Economic Development office in Westminster
   • MLK Jr. Library in Aurora
   • Louisville City offices

Joe noted DRCOG updated its Pedestrian and Bicycle Crash Report. DRCOG staff will email a link to the document when it is available.

Active Transportation Plan Outline
Joe Fish presented a general overview of the layout of the plan.
• Outlines options, is not prescriptive
• Balance of recommendations and guidance for regional and local agencies
• Is graphically appealing; simple language
• Contains case studies and best practices from Denver region

AT Plan Chapter outline:
• Introduction
• Vision and goals for walking and bicycling in the region
• Regional and county active transportation profiles
• Tools for local implementation
• Strategic Initiatives
• Appendices – Stakeholder engagement, survey results, crash report, plan inventory

The committee was asked to provide feedback and comment to staff on the draft corridors and planning framework by Friday, August 17.

Objectives and Performance Measures
Jenny Young, FHU, reviewed high-level objectives and performance measures that were based on overarching themes of Metro Vision, as provided in the draft AT plan document:
1. Reduce the number and severity of crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists.
2. Increase bicycling and pedestrian activity.
3. Expand and connect the regional and local bicycle networks.
4. Provide a safe and comfortable transportation network for people who bike and people who walk.
5. Improve bicycle and pedestrian access to/from transit. (i.e., park-n-Ride stations along light rail and commuter corridors and stops along regional bus routes.)
6. Support development of a multimodal transportation system.
7. Provide equitable access to regional active transportation corridors. (built)

Comments
• The overall goal is getting people to walk and bike more, but the stakeholder felt there is no performance measure to quantify overall activity, or if activity level is changing; we need to find a way to truly measure. Project team noted data deficiencies in this statistic and that though it would be good to have, it is not currently an indicator that they have.

- Education/encouragement is a big part of Active Transportation; should measure the education opportunities. Perhaps adding measure of schools and bike/walk to work day.
- The definition of transportation-disadvantaged is more robust than the federal EJ definition and looks beyond low-income and minority populations to other indicators like low/no vehicle households, senior populations, etc. Measure based off of FHWA Guidebook for Developing Pedestrian and Bicycle Performance Measures.[1]

## County Profile Example
Joe Fish described what content will be provided in each of the county profiles in the AT plan. Each county will have a unique description, will document existing facilities as contained in the DRCOG bicycle facility inventory, will contain levels of activity per Census mode share data, and safety aspects, per the DRCOG crash analysis report. Each county's profile will have more county-specific detail of the regional active transportation network maps.

It was noted, while the profile is county-based geographically, there is opportunity to have call-outs of jurisdictions in the county that are doing exceptional efforts.

## Tools for Local Implementation
Trung Vo, Toole Design Group, described the layout of the tools section, which will be a source of ideas and approaches for local jurisdictions to use. This section will have high-level overviews in new and emerging topics, area case studies, ways to implement, and resources and reference materials.

- Suggestion to show how building a bike path can separate modal traffic and makes a more comfortable walking area.
- Suggestion to reference traffic signal timing.
- Suggestion to address people with disabilities. Trung said there will be accessibility references in the pedestrian section and in the planning approaches section.
- Suggestion to include mention of surface types/material

## Regional Active Transportation Corridors
Michelle Scanze, Toole Design Group, gave an overview of the regional map that identifies regional active transportation corridors, one component of the overall regional active transportation network, which are envisioned to provide high-comfort connections to regional destinations.

Requested input:
- New connections that provide regional connectivity and are not redundant with a nearby facility.
- Routes that should be removed.
- Facilities shown as planned/proposed and existing.

Stakeholders discussed map/network density and noted that the map would not be used for trip planning, rather used for larger region-wide coordination on key facilities. The map does not identify specific projects, but corridors that are important for regional active transportation travel.

## Next Steps and Other Announcements
- Shared-use mobility data - Emily asked about interest in working together to discuss the benefit of coordinating regarding shared-use mobility data and its implications. She noted

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[1]
https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/bicycle_pedestrian/publications/performance_measures_guidebook/pm_guidebook.pdf

the timing is advantageous particularly as many jurisdictions are now incorporating bike-share and dockless bike pilot programs, etc. RTD and TMAs have expressed interest and stakeholders were asked to contact her if interested.

- DRCOG Citizens Academy – DRCOG has taken on the former Transit Alliance Citizens Academy program and Emily encouraged stakeholders to learn more and share information with people that may be interested.

- Celeste Stragand, DRCOG Way to Go manager, noted the upcoming *Go-Tober* event. Go-Tober is an initiative where businesses encourage employees to take smart commutes during the month of October.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.