

MEETING SUMMARY
Active Transportation
STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE – Mtg. 5
Wednesday, May 22, 2018

DRCOG, 1290 Broadway, Independence Pass Conference Rm., Denver, CO

Attendee	Organization
Huilian Liu	Aurora
Charlie Myers	Bike Jeffco
Sarah Grant	City and County of Broomfield
Cate Townley	Colorado Dept. Public Health & Environment
Alex Dean	Colorado Dept. of Natural Resources
Ken Brubaker	Colorado Department of Transportation
Beth Doliboa	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Ron Papsdorf	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Steve Cook	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Celeste Stragand	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Jacob Riger	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Flo Raitano	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Steve Erickson	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Emily Lindsey	Denver Regional Council of Governments
Amy Branstetter	Douglas County
Yelena Onnen	Jefferson County
Aaron Heumann	Littleton
Ashley Kaade	Northglenn
Paul DesRocher	Regional Transportation District
Cathy Bird	Smart Commute Metro North
Trung Vo	Toole Design Group
Michele 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.

Celeste Stragand, DRCOG regional TDM program and marketing manager, noted the annual DRCOG Bike to Work Day event will be held on June 27 and encouraged participation. She also encouraged committee members to promote Commuting Solutions' [Bike Wednesday](#) effort in their communities as well.

Project Updates

Joe Fish, Toole Design Group, noted data collection and local government outreach is ongoing at this time. He provided an updated project timeline:

ATP Schedule

Winter / Spring 2017-2018 - Project kickoff; Information gathering & data analysis

June 2018 - Local government outreach

Summer 2018 - Recommendations

Late summer/early fall - Additional stakeholder outreach; plan development

Late 2018 - Plan adoption

Mail Survey Update - Joe reviewed preliminary results of the survey that went to 5,000 households and received over 350 responses.

Preliminary Results of Survey:

- Main reasons people drive alone to work:
 - Quickest/most convenient (62%), work schedule (41%), transit too slow (35%)
 - “Walking or Biking is not safe” only 4%
- People have health or physical limitations: walking - 10%, biking - 15%
- I would walk more if...
 - It didn't take so long
 - There were more off-street paths
 - There was more street lighting
 - I felt safer from traffic while crossing streets
 - There were more crosswalks
- My use of a bicycle for transportation would increase if...
 - There were more off-street paths
 - I felt safer from traffic
 - There was more street lighting
 - There were more barrier-protected bike lanes
 - I had a place to securely store my bike
- Clear preference for high-quality/separated facilities

Upcoming Outreach – Toole Design and DRCOG staff will be conducting public outreach on the AT plan effort at ten Bike to Work Day stations across the region on June 27.

Five stakeholder meetings are also planned to solicit input on the AT plan:

- **June 6, 10am-12pm, Denver South TMA**
- **June 6, 2pm-4pm, Jefferson County Government Center**
- **June 7, 9am-11am, ACED Office in Westminster**
- **June 7, 2:30pm-4:30pm, Aurora**
- **June 13, 11am-12pm, Louisville**

The agenda for these meetings with local government staff will include: a project overview, elements of high-comfort bike and pedestrian networks, and hands-on regional active transportation network development. The committee was encouraged to attend area meetings.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Crash Summary

Beth Doliboa, DRCOG transportation planner, presented an overview of bicycle and pedestrian crash data, based on analysis of the CDOT-DRCOG traffic crash database (using 2010, 2013 and 2015 data). The summary, although with some limitations, identifies pedestrian and bike crash trends, locations of pedestrian and bike crashes, and when pedestrian and bike crashes occur.

The raw data is available to download on the Regional Data Catalog¹ and interactive data can be viewed on the Denver Regional Visual Resources (DRVR) site.²

DRCOG is preparing a bicycle and pedestrian crash report (2010-2015 data) that will be released later this summer.

Comments

- Kent Moorman said it's important to know if pedestrian/or bicyclist is at fault or if the driver's fault; data needs to indicate this.

¹ <https://data.drcog.org>

² <https://drcog.org/services-and-resources/denver-regional-visual-resources/crashes-on-our-roadways>

- Is there a way to indicate speed data, or who had right of way location data?
- DRCOG staff noted that often times local jurisdictions have better data than the information available at the regional/statewide level via CDOT.
- Need to make sure officers enter data correctly.
- Suggestion to provide a table in the report of where local jurisdictions participating in this plan get their crash data from.

Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Development

Joe Fish presented an update of the network development process, noting plan recommendations will be developed incorporating analysis of the following geographic focus areas:

- Pedestrian focus areas: areas with a high concentration of existing or potential pedestrian activity.
- Short-trip opportunity zones: areas with a high concentration of short trips (2 miles or less).
- Regional active transportation network: high-comfort routes that connect significant regional destinations and may serve longer distance bicycle trips, as well as local walking and biking trips.

Comments

- ATSC member asked if DRCOG would incorporate data on dockless bike share. Emily said this may connect with short-trip opportunity zones, but currently region-wide data is unavailable to DRCOG.
- Huiliang Liu asked what the horizon year of this plan is; is the ATP based on 2040 or current conditions? Emily noted the plan ties into the Metro Vision and the Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan (MVRTP) and as such, is a long-range vision that will be regularly updated; is not tied to specific years, like the MVRTP because no specific projects are identified.
- Kent Moorman thought this plan is more current inventory than 2040 vision. But this plan needs to have some vision to it, not just existing. Emily noted the upcoming local jurisdiction meetings will be important to provide their overarching visions.

Next Steps:

- Local government/stakeholder meetings in June will be held to review conceptual network and identify specific alignments of current and proposed facilities to be designated as part of the Regional Active Transportation Network
- Provide guidance on building out the regional network (existing, planned, proposed)

Implementation Discussion

Michele Scanze, Toole Design Group, reviewed a list of initial ideas that have been compiled based on feedback from the ATSC throughout the planning process. The project team conducted a 15-minute interactive session to further continue the conversation to go over implementation ideas.

INITIAL IDEAS HEARD AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL

- **Collaboration**
 - Provide opportunities for local governments to learn from/adapt local approaches to bicycle and pedestrian planning.
 - Convene local, regional, and statewide bicycle and pedestrian planners to ensure cross-jurisdictional coordination.
 - Coordinate with local partners and TMAs to expand the regional travel demand management program.

- **Education & Assistance**

- Collect and share information on local policies, plans, and regulations as they pertain to active transportation plans.
- Collect and provide data on bicycle connectivity, barriers, and level of traffic stress.
- Summarize and provide data on bicycle and pedestrian crashes regionwide.
- Improve bikeway dataset to include future facilities to encourage, facilitate, and inform cross-jurisdictional planning.
- Collect bicycle and pedestrian counts and enhance count data sharing.
- Provide tools, information, and education to local governments on facility design, emerging trends, and related topics.

- **Investments**

- Support development of regionwide wayfinding system for regional trails.
- Support first- and last-mile connections to transit.
- Promote equity in the active transportation project selection process.
- Encourage high comfort solutions that address users of all ages, abilities, and incomes.
- Support projects that encourage ADA accessibility.
- Invest in regionally significant bicycle and pedestrian projects.

INITIAL IDEAS HEARD AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

- **Collaboration**

- Participate in forums that allow other communities to learn from successes in bicycle and pedestrian planning.
- Coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions to ensure continuity and connectivity of the active transportation networks.
- Work with RTD and other transit providers on transit-supportive infrastructure, including first- and last-mile connections.
- Work with DRCOG and local TMAs to inform and promote the use of **travel demand management** strategies and services.

- **Policies, Plans & Regulations**

- Adopt policies, regulations, or standards promoting **context-sensitive design** for users of all ages, incomes, and abilities.
- Adopt **local active transportation, bicycle, or pedestrian plans** to complement comprehensive and master planning efforts.
- Address the needs of mobility-limited residents.
- Consider **land use/zoning** in planning for active transportation.

- **Investments**

- Design and build **low-stress bicycle networks** and **complete sidewalk networks**.
- Prioritize investment in **first- and last-mile connections** to transit.
- Improve **multimodal connectivity** throughout the transportation network.
- Incorporate **wayfinding** into active transportation projects.
- Promote **educational** and **promotional events** to encourage bicycling and walking.
- Implement **safety projects** that improve conditions for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Facilitate **on- and off-street facility connectivity**.
- **Maintain existing** sidewalks and bicycle facilities.

Comments

- Adding local governments to the “ideas for local implementation” list re: *Work with RTD and other transit providers on transit-supportive infrastructure, including first- and last-mile connections.*
- Clarification on voting/priorities – this is just to get a feel for what activities are the most important. Participants have three dots to place on the regional side and three dots on

the local side. Participants can use all dots on one initiative if it is particularly important to them, or they can split them up.

Other Announcements

DRCOG is relocating to its new offices at 1001 17 St. (between Arapahoe and Curtis) in mid-June. The next meeting will be held at the new location.

Upcoming committee member events

- Aurora is having a Bike Rodeo on Friday, June 1.
- Broomfield Trail Day is being held Saturday, June 2.
- Westminster Trail Days is also on Saturday, June 2.
- Northglenn Derby Days is on Saturday, June 2.
- Urban Food System Tour is being held June 28

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.