

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2011

Members/Alternates Present

Rod Bockenfeld, Chair	Arapahoe County
Erik Hansen	Adams County
Cindy Domenico (Alternate)	Boulder County
Dennis McCloskey	City & County of Broomfield
Tim Mauck	Clear Creek County
Chris Nevitt	City & County of Denver
George Delaney (Alternate)	City & County of Denver
Jack Hilbert	Douglas County
Kevin McCasky (Alternate)	Jefferson County
Rachel Zenzinger (Alternate)	City of Arvada
Bob Broom	City of Aurora
Sue Horn	Town of Bennett
Macon Cowles	City of Boulder
Wilma Rose	City of Brighton
Todd Miller	City of Centennial
Alex Brown	City of Cherry Hills Village
Jim Benson	City of Commerce City
Joe Baker (Alternate)	City of Dacono
Randy Penn	City of Englewood
Cheryl Hauger	Town of Erie
Joyce Thomas	City of Federal Heights
Matt Holcomb (Alternate)	Town of Firestone
Pat Oppen	City of Glendale
Jacob Smith	City of Golden
Ron Rakowsky	Greenwood Village
John Buechner	City of Lafayette
Ed Peterson	City of Lakewood
Jim Taylor	City of Littleton
Jackie Millet	City of Lone Tree
Katie Witt	City of Longmont
Julie Van Domelen	Town of Lyons
Chris Wolfe	Town of Morrison
Sumaya Abu-Haidar	Town of Nederland
Joyce Downing	City of Northglenn
Josh Martin	Town of Parker
Cynthia Radke (Alternate)	City of Sheridan
Fred Lyssy	City of Silver Plume
Debra Williams	Town of Superior
Val Vigil	City of Thornton
Faith Winter (Alternate)	City of Westminster
Karen Berry	City of Wheat Ridge
Jennifer Finch	Colorado Department of Transportation

Others Present: Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director, Connie Garcia, Executive Assistant/Board Coordinator, DRCOG; Julio Iturreria, Arapahoe County; Mac Callison, Aurora; Cathy Noon, Centennial; Art Griffith, Douglas County; Sharon Richardson, Federal Heights; Jim Gunning, Lone Tree; Sandy Pennington, Superior; Beth Humenik, Thornton; Jeff Sudmeier, Dan Hermann, Angie Drumm, CDOT; Randle Loeb, Denver Metro Homeless Initiative; Janet Bell, Bell Assoc.; and DRCOG staff.

A list of additional attendees is attached to and a part of the official copy of these minutes.

Chair Rod Bockenfeld called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum declared present.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Sue Horn **moved**, seconded by Chris Nevitt, to approve the agenda. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Guest Presentation

Rick Garcia, Director of Housing and Urban Development, Rocky Mountain Region, provided information on the Administration's goals for incorporating sustainability goals into future housing projects. He discussed the importance of leveraging scarce federal dollars and the HUD Sustainable Planning Grants awarded this past year. DRCOG has received a preferred status designation from HUD as an applicant that did not receive a 2010 grant award. This will provide access to current and forthcoming technical support to help with the next grant competition. It also provides the consortium members an additional automatic point increase for future competitive grants.

Public Hearing on 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program and Conformity

DRCOG staff provided brief comments on the draft 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program and related conformity documentation.

The public hearing summary is filed with and a part of the official copy of these minutes.

Report of the Chair

- The chair noted that the Regional Transportation Committee recommended approval of amendments to the FY 2010/2011 Unified Planning Work Program and the policy amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program. The committee also discussed work activities and subjects to address in FY 2012/2013. As noted last month, the RTC recommended approval of the 2035 Metro Vision Plan and the Metro Vision 2035 Regional Transportation Plan and accompanying conformity documents at their January 2011 meeting.
- New members Erik Hansen, Adams County, and Josh Martin, Town of Parker, were introduced.
- The chair presented a five year service award to Mayor Sue Horn, Town of Bennett.

Report of the Executive Director

- A list of FASTER projects in the Denver region was included in the agenda packet for information purposes.
- Ms. Schaufele reported that she participated in a Governor's Panel on Economic Development two weeks ago.
- Ms Schaufele noted that DRCOG has received official notice of de-designation as the 208 Wastewater Treatment Agency from the Governor's office.
- Ms Schaufele stated that she has spoken with the new Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Transportation, Don Hunt, to discuss what's going on at DRCOG.
- A report was provided on meetings held with Senators Bennett and Udall during the recent NARC Policy conference.
- Several items of note were mentioned:
 - Board Workshop, scheduled for Saturday, February 26;
 - West Corridor tour, scheduled for Thursday, February 24,
 - Upcoming short courses (various dates),
 - Board orientation, scheduled for March 10,
 - A "Public Participation for Elected Officials and Decisionmakers" session (date to be determined)
 - Live Work Play People's Choice Award voting opportunity, and
 - Breakfast of Champions, scheduled for March 4. An information and sign-up sheet was circulated for those interested in attending.

Public comment period

Randle Loeb, Denver Metro Homeless Initiative, asked members to support legislation sponsored by Lucia Guzman and Daniel Pabon on hate crimes against the homeless.

Janet Bell, citizen, provided information on a Metro Water Roundtable reception for decisionmakers on March 31 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Sherman Events Center on "Is There Enough Water." She also noted that there will be an outreach call on the Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Justice Community from 1 to 2 p.m. on February 17. She further noted that there is a Clean Air Act 101 webinar training scheduled for February 25, from Noon to 1:30 p.m., and the Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board is seeking nominations for the Environmental Justice Technical Review Panel.

Motion to Approve Consent agenda

Jim Taylor **moved**, seconded by Dennis McCloskey, approval of the consent agenda. The motion **passed** unanimously. Items approved included:

- The minutes of January 19, 2011
- Resolution No. 2, 2011 amending the FY 2010/2011 Unified Planning Work Program
- Resolution No. 3, 2011 adopting first quarter 2011 Transportation Improvement Program policy amendments.

Motion to adopt the Metro Vision 2035 Plan

Katie Witt asked that the term "light rail stations" should be changed to "rapid transit stations." Staff noted the change would be made.

Jack Hilbert **moved**, seconded by Bob Broom to adopt Resolution No. 3, 2011, approving the Metro Vision 2035 Plan. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Motion to approve the 2010 Update to the 2035 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan, the 2010 DRCOG Conformity Determination (CO and PM10), and the Denver-North Front Range 2010 Joint 8-Hour Ozone Conformity Determination, concurrently

Katie Witt asked that the term "light rail stations" should be changed to "rapid transit stations." Staff noted the change would be made.

Jack Hilbert **moved**, seconded by Ron Rakowsky, to adopt Resolution No. 4, approving the 2010 Update to the 2035 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan, the 2010 DRCOG Conformity Determination (CO and PM10), and the Denver-North Front Range 2010 Joint 8-Hour Ozone Conformity Determination, concurrently. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Board Workshop Preview

Jennifer Schaufele, Brad Calvert, and Kitty Clemens provided a preview of the Board Workshop. It was noted that the Board Workshop will focus on the implementation of Metro Vision. Presentations on the history of transportation finance issues and ongoing challenges; the shift in demographics in the DRCOG region; and the marketing of Metro Vision were provided.

Election of Officers and Administrative Committee Members

Rod Bockenfeld outlined the procedure for election of Officers, and asked if there were nominations from the floor. No additional nominees were identified.

Macon Cowles **moved**, seconded by Ed Peterson to elect Officers and appoint Administrative Committee members as recommended by the Nominating Committee. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Jim Taylor assumed the chair at this point.

Motion to Adopt the 2011 Policy Statement on Federal Legislative Issues

Rich Mauro provided a brief overview of the agenda material. He reported that the minor revisions requested at the January meeting on language relating to transit oriented development have been made.

Dennis McCloskey **moved**, seconded by Cheryl Hauger to adopt the 2011 Policy Statement on Federal Legislative Issues.

It was noted that the first sentence at the beginning of page 8 (under Fund the Elder Justice Act) should be revised to exclude extraneous words. Staff noted the change will be made.

After discussion, the motion **passed** unanimously.

Discussion of State Legislative Issues

Bills on which positions have previously been taken

Rich Mauro noted that the bill the Board took a position on last month was killed in committee.

New Bills for consideration and action

Rich Mauro noted that he would provide information if needed on the bills presented if members requested. House Bill 1220, which staff has requested guidance on, will be discussed separately.

Sue Horn **moved**, seconded by Joyce Downing, to accept the staff recommended positions on the bills included in the agenda packet, with the exception of House Bill 1220.

House Bill 1220 is up in committee on Thursday, February 17. The bill would provide a new funding mechanism for transportation projects. Broomfield is the entity proposing the bill. Dennis McCloskey provided some additional information on the bill.

Bob Broom noted that there is a provision in the bill where the sales tax can be pledged to repayment of bonds. Wouldn't that require a public vote? It was noted that a public vote would not be required.

Jackie Millet **moved**, seconded by Katie Witt, to monitor the bill. There was discussion.

George Delaney noted that Denver supports the bill, and is satisfied with a status of monitor.

Adam Gardner stated that the Board should not support the motion, so that an alternative motion to oppose can be offered. He noted that there is already a fiscal crisis in the state budget, without adding more rules to unencumbered state funds.

Macon Cowles agreed, and noted that Colorado is last in per capita support of higher education.

Macon Cowles **moved**, seconded by Adam Gardner, to substitute a motion to oppose House Bill 1220. The motion to substitute **failed**.

Ed Peterson noted support for monitoring the bill. Adam Gardner asked what the requirement is to take a position of monitor. It was noted that 2/3 of those present and voting is required to take any position.

Kevin McCasky stated that Jefferson County supports the bill and will be testifying in favor of it at the legislature. He encouraged the Board to support the bill.

Chris Nevitt **moved**, seconded by Kevin McCasky, to substitute a motion to support House Bill 1220. The motion to substitute **failed**

After discussion the original motion to monitor House Bill 1220 **passed unanimously**.

Rich Mauro outlined problems with the State budget needing to cut over \$1 billion. State funding for senior services is of importance to DRCOG's programs. It was noted that so far, cuts to funding for senior services have been avoided for fiscal years 2010/2011. At the Joint Budget Committee meeting this afternoon, no funding cuts for senior services for the 2011/2012 budget were recommended.

Denver Request for Reconsideration of TIP Project Funding

Chair Jim Taylor noted that rather than discuss this item at the Board meeting, it would be sent back to the Metro Vision Issues Committee (MVIC) for discussion at the March 2 meeting. He noted that if MVIC members are proposing changes, additions, deletions or a scenario different from the current MVIC recommendation, please provide the information to staff so that it can be distributed to MVIC members. The Board of Directors will discuss the topic at the March 16, 2011 meeting.

Committee Reports

- Steve Rudy reported that CDOT did not make a recommendation on the Zipper Lanes to the legislature, they merely provided a report. The CDOT Chief Financial Officer provided information on the budget.
- Sue Horn reported that the Metro Mayors Caucus received a presentation on health and wellness, an update from the Colorado Municipal League on bills in the legislature, a report on Colorado Gives Day, and a presentation from Transit Alliance on multimodal transportation funding. She noted that the Metro Mayors Caucus agreed to support a 4/10 percent ballot measure this year.
- Jack Hilbert reported that Metro Area County Commissioners also received a briefing on legislative matters and priorities, and continued their mental health task force. They also discussed prioritization of issues for the coming year.
- Jim Taylor noted that the Advisory Committee on Aging received a report from Jayla Sanchez-Warren provided information gained from the 27 public input meetings, the participants were asked what services funded by DRCOG were most important to helping older adults live independently: transportation, in-home services, home-delivered and congregate meals, chore services, and information and assistance. They also reviewed the Area Plan on Aging.
- Jennifer Schaufele reported that the Regional Air Quality Council received a presentation on Denver's B-Cycle bike-sharing program, and an update on the effects of the Clean Air/Clean Jobs Act. The RAQC discussed the revised Executive Summary of their annual report to the Governor, and continued discussion of 2011 State Implementation Plan measures. They approved the 2011 Work Program and Budget.

Other Matters

No other matters were discussed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2011.

Adjournment

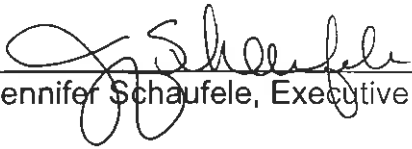
The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.



Rod Bockenfeld, Chair
Board of Directors

Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:



Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director