

MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2011

Members/Alternates Present

Jim Taylor, Chair	City of Littleton
Erik Hansen	Adams County
Rod Bockenfeld	Arapahoe County
Dennis McCloskey	City & County of Broomfield
George Delaney (Alternate)	City & County of Denver
Chris Nevitt	City & County of Denver
Jack Hilbert	Douglas County
Marc Williams	City of Arvada
Bob Broom	City of Aurora
Sue Horn	Town of Bennett
Macon Cowles	City of Boulder
Wilma Rose	City of Brighton
Joe Procopio	Town of Castle Rock
Cathy Noon	City of Centennial
Mike Spies	Town of Empire
Randy Penn	City of Englewood
Cheryl Hauger	Town of Erie
Joyce Thomas	City of Federal Heights
Matt Holcomb (Alternate)	Town of Firestone
Pat Opper	City of Glendale
Jacob Smith	City of Golden
Ron Rakowsky	Greenwood Village
Ed Peterson	City of Lakewood
Jackie Millet	City of Lone Tree
Katie Witt	City of Longmont
Hank Dalton (Alternate)	City of Louisville
Julie Van Domelen	Town of Lyons
Joe Gierlach (Alternate)	Town of Nederland
Cliff Mueller	City of Sheridan
Fred Lyssy	City of Silver Plume
Debra Williams	Town of Superior
Val Vigil	City of Thornton
Nancy McNally	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; Sherman Feher, Arapahoe County; Chris Proper, Arvada; Martin Hudson, Castle Rock; Cathy Noon, Centennial; Sharon Richardson, Federal Heights; Richard Nickson, Frederick; Rebecca White, Dan Hermann, CDOT; Mike Salisbury, SWEEP; Danny Tomlinson, George Dibble, Tomlinson & Assoc.; Janet Bell, Bell Assoc.; and DRCOG staff.

Chair Jim Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

New alternates Hank Dalton (Louisville), Joe Gierlach (Nederland), Adam Paul (Lakewood), Kirk Udovich (Lyons), and new member Cathy Noon were recognized.

#### Motion to Approve Agenda

Ron Rakowsky **moved**, seconded by Ed Peterson, approval of the agenda. The motion **passed unanimously**.

#### Report of the Chair

- The Chair presented Immediate Past Chair Rod Bockenfeld a Distinguished Leadership Award.
- The Chair set a public hearing on the *2010 Annual Report to DRCOG on FasTracks*. The hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the DROCG offices, on July 21, 2011.
- The Chair appointed an additional Board member to the Advisory Committee on Aging, Beth Humenik from Thornton.
- The Chair noted that the Regional Transportation Committee recommended approval of the policy amendments to the 2008-2013 and 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program; authorized an update to the Prospectus document *Transportation Planning in the Denver Region*, and received a presentation on the Annual Congestion Report.

#### Report of the Executive Director

- Jennifer Schaufele noted that an update on the DRCOG Annual FasTracks Review and Determination Report could be found at Attachment A. She also noted that information related to a prior public hearing on the 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program--a response from the Town of Nederland--was included as Attachment B.
- Ms. Schaufele reminded members that a delegation of nine Baghdad Council Members would be arriving for a visit on Monday, May 23, and would be at DRCOG from 10:30 to 3 p.m. that day. All members were invited to attend.
- The Network of Care marked its one-year anniversary—the site has had over 3 million hits in its first year.
- Ms. Schaufele noted that the Executive Director Evaluation Tool was distributed to those members in attendance and will be mailed to those who are not in attendance. The deadline for submission of responses is June 1 to Dennis McCloskey, Administrative Committee Chair.

#### Public comment period

Randle Loeb, president of the Board of the Metro Denver Homeless Initiative (MDHI), noted that the 2011 Point in Time report is being released tomorrow. Municipalities can request a specific report for their area from the MDHI staff. A meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. tomorrow at the Father Ed Judy House on the Fort Logan campus for the release.

Motion to Approve Consent agenda

Ed Peterson **moved**, seconded by Ron Rakowsky, approval of the consent agenda. The motion **passed** unanimously. Items approved included:

- The minutes of April 20, 2011

Motion to adopt a resolution amending the 2008-2013 and 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP)

The Chair inquired if the members had any questions regarding the proposed amendments. A question was asked regarding why some projects are being removed from the FASTER Bridge Enterprise pool, decreasing total project funding. Todd Cottrell noted that according to CDOT Region 6, one bridge was repaired and no longer requires reconstruction; one could be affected by the I-70 East EIS and is awaiting a preferred alternative, and the third will be transferred back to local control. The funds will go back into the pool to be assigned to other projects. Jennifer Finch noted that since bridges are done on a statewide basis, the funds may not be expended in Region 6.

Val Vigil **moved**, **seconded** by Nancy McNally to adopt a resolution amending the 2008-2013 and 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP). The motion **passed** unanimously.

Motion to approve appointments and reappointments to the Metro Vision Issues Committee in accordance with the committee guidelines established by the Board

Jim Taylor noted that 24 members are proposed for appointment/reappointment to the Metro Vision Issues Committee.

Macon Cowles **moved**, **seconded** by George Delaney to approve appointments and reappointments to the Metro Vision Issues Committee in accordance with the committee guidelines established by the Board. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Motion to adopt 2011-2012 Strategic Plan

Jennifer Schaufele noted that as a result of the Board Workshop, staff prepared the attached 2011-2012 Strategic Plan for the Board's approval.

Val Vigil asked about the activity line item related to water and land use. Didn't the Board act to remove itself from the water issue? Jennifer Schaufele noted that this item is related to defining a water conservation goal measure, as directed by the Board during the Metro Vision update process.

Macon Cowles noted that it appears there are a couple of opportunities identified in the work program for Board members to participate in—the water conservation goal and steering committees for the 2040 Metro Vision update. He asked staff to provide clarification on the opportunities that will be available. He asked if the water dialogues are the beginning of the work for the water conservation goal. Jill Locantore noted that is the case--the water stakeholders are being contacted to participate in the dialogues. DRCOG staff and interested Board members will also take part in the dialogues.

Will Toor complimented the timeline for the 2040 Metro Vision Plan, as it will allow for in-depth exploration of issues. He asked about whether we have the appropriate technical tools to support this? Jill Locantore noted that the new model was used for the first time in the update of the 2035 Metro Vision Plan, and further refinements will be made. She noted that the new land use model is expected to be completed at the end of the 2040 Metro Vision process. Jennifer Schaufele noted that the schedule for development of the land use model may be accelerated if it's feasible to do so.

Ed Peterson asked where DRCOG stands on opening up expanded dialogues between DRCOG and other agencies to enhance the model development. Jennifer Schaufele noted that this item is included in the timeline for development of the 2040 Metro Vision Plan.

Macon Cowles asked about the status of the Integrated Regional Model (IRM). Erik Sabina noted that the IRM was used for the first time last fall for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), and will be used again for the spring RTP update process. Further refinements to the IRM are anticipated over the next 14 months.

Rod Bockenfeld **moved, seconded** by Ed Peterson, to adopt the 2011-2012 Strategic Plan. The motion **passed** unanimously.

#### Legislative Wrap-up

Rich Mauro provided a wrap-up briefing on the legislative session. He noted that cuts to senior funding were avoided. The fiscal outlook for next year is not much improved, however the State Revenue department is optimistic that revenues will slowly rebound. He noted that Senator Rollie Heath is currently gathering signatures in an attempt to introduce a ballot measure to increase the State's sales tax and income tax to 1998/1999 levels, with a five-year sunset.

Macon Cowles noted that Senator Heath's proposal is to raise the state sales tax from 2.9 to 3 percent, and the state income tax from 3.6 to 4 percent. He noted that this will not generate the level of funding necessary to bring education spending in line with what will be needed. He noted that if members would like petitions to circulate in their municipalities to contact him.

#### Update on Denver Regional Data Consortium

Matt Krusemark provided an update on the activities of the Denver Regional Data Consortium. The consortium brings together different sources of data to guide and inform the regional decision-making process. One goal of the group is to develop a data model. The consortium will also assist with the built environment aspect of the land use model. By bringing together existing sources of data time and money are saved, as it cuts down on duplicative efforts. A data catalogue was developed to help widely disseminate the information.

#### Presentation on Annual Congestion Report

Steve Cook provided a brief overview of the Annual Congestion Report. Of note in the report is that VMT levels have flattened out over the past few years. Some possible reasons for this are changes in travel behavior, a rise in fuel prices, and economic conditions. A slight rise has been noted in 2010 numbers. VMT growth used to be faster than our population growth.

If we grow about as much as in the past year and a half, we would meet the Metro Vision goal of reducing driving per capita by 10 percent. The report also identifies highways and corridor segments that are severely congested or may potentially be severely congested in the future. Members commented on the importance of managing freight movement.

#### Committee Reports

- Steve Rudy reported that the State Transportation Advisory Committee received information that the TIGER III program is likely to be announced in mid-June. Discussion occurred about rural and small urban areas and upcoming FTA discretionary grants. The committee recommended to the Commission adoption of the amended 2035 Statewide Transportation Plan, and the 2012-2017 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.
- Sue Horn noted that the Metro Mayors Caucus did not meet in May; their next meeting is June 1.
- Jack Hilbert noted the Metro Area County Commissioners received updates from Senators Udall and Bennett.
- Jim Taylor noted that the Advisory Committee on Aging did not meet.
- Will Toor reported that the RAQC is anticipating an announcement from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by the end of July on the Ozone Standard. The recommendation will likely be somewhere between 60-70 parts per billion. This delay pushes back the timeline for developing the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Air Quality. An analysis of Volatile Organic Compounds and Nitrogen Oxides shows higher levels despite the efforts of the oil and gas industry in Colorado. Initial feedback was received from the EPA on the approach to allow land use and transportation measures in the baseline modeling for the SIP.

#### Other Matters


No other matters were discussed.

#### Next Meeting

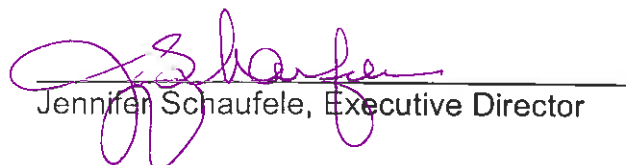
The next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2011.

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

  
James A. Taylor, Chair  
Board of Directors  
Denver Regional Council of Governments

ATTEST:

  
Jennifer Schaufele, Executive Director