



Draft - Meeting Summary

Wednesday, January 8 at 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Jefferson County Courts & Administration Building – Lookout Mountain Room

Regular Agenda Items:

Convvene

- Jefferson County Commissioner, Leslie Dahlkemper, called the meeting to order at 7:13 a.m.

Attendees:

Alexander, Brad (Private Citizen); Baskett, Debra (Westminster); Brown, Casey (Golden); Catlin, Peggy (RTD); Chesser, John (Wilson & Company); Conklin, Steve (Edgewater); Cook, Shelley (RTD); Dodge, Spencer (SW Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission); Durian, Steve (Jefferson County); Fifer, Bob (Arvada); Galvan, Ani (Geocal); George, Julie (CDOT); Girand, Jon (Arvada Transportation Committee); Glueck, Steve (Golden); Heffron, Tammy (HDR); Heyd, Ted (Alta Planning + Design); Johnson, Ramey (Lakewood); Keleman, Mike (CDOT); Myers, Charlie (Bike Jeffco); Raber, Michael (Bike Jeffco); Riger, Jacob (DRCOG); Rodriguez, Jeremy (Office of Congressman Ed Perlmutter); Rossillon, Jeanie (Jefferson County); Ruchman, Dave (Local Coordinating Council); Rudel, Jordan (CDOT); Stanton, Don (CDOT); Swanson, Kara (David Evans and Associates); Townsend, Lindsay (Jefferson County); Weart, Wally (Arvada Gold Line Committee); Wood, Susan (RTD); Zamora, Richard (CDOT)

Approval of Meeting Summary

- The October 9, 2019 JEFFTAAG Meeting Summary was approved with no changes.

CDOT Update – Jordan Rudel, Mike Keleman, Richard Zamora

- Steve Harelson was promoted to Chief Engineer at CDOT. Mike Keleman is the new West Program Engineer. Mike Keleman introduced himself.
- Wadsworth Boulevard (Yale Avenue to 4th Avenue) resurfacing – complete
- SH-74 (I-70 to Bergen Parkway) – completing final punch list
- Floyd Hill on I-70 – The project is moving from preliminary design / Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) phase. CDOT is looking at two design options. Funding has been identified for the project. A public meeting will be held at Clear Creek High School on February 26.
- I-70 over Kipling Parkway auxiliary lane is complete. The next phase had its 90% FOR review and it will address traffic signals at 49th Avenue and 50th Avenue. The traffic signal at 49th Avenue will be removed. Improvements will be made to the traffic signal at 50th Avenue. The project will go to ad February or March 2020 with construction anticipated for summer through winter.
- US-6 (SH-58 to SH-119) Resurfacing and Safety Improvements is currently in design with construction anticipated in spring or summer 2021.
- I-70 Clear Creek Crossing (Cabela site) – The westbound off-ramp at 32nd Avenue is progressing. CDOT will close a westbound off-ramp and direct traffic onto the new ramp. Good messaging will be necessary.
- I-70 westbound peak period shoulder project has kicked off. There were rockfall issues that required scaling and blasting which went well.

- CDOT working to repurpose its 10-year development program with projects that have a funding constraint of \$922 million. A list of projects that fit into unfunded years (5 through 10) will be presented to the DRCOG Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). US-6 at Wadsworth Boulevard is likely to remain on the list.
 - Ramey Johnson expressed concerns that businesses along US-6 north from 10th Avenue have been disrupted due to problems with the interchange. Businesses have been lost. The community is looking forward to the interchange being fixed.
- CDOT expects testing of the express lanes on C-470 in April 2020.
- CDOT is looking at the next phase of C-470 from Wadsworth Boulevard to I-70. The project is transitioning from PEL to the design and NEPA stage. CDOT is also reviewing smaller projects that include widening the Morrison Road bridge. Funding has not been identified for C-470 (Wadsworth Boulevard to I-70) yet.
- Funding has been approved for urban arterials. CDOT anticipates a call for projects around March 2020.
- CDOT does not have funding identified in its five-year plan for US 285/Kings Valley interchange.

RTD Update – Peggy Catlin, Shelley Cook, Susan Wood

- RTD General Manager, Dave Genova, retired. An open job announcement for an interim general manager brought in several qualified candidates. RTD will have the interim general manager in place while searching for a candidate to fill the permanent position.
- RTD will make service cuts to accommodate an operator shortage. Public meetings about the cuts will be held late January and early February. There will be a meeting in each district. RTD will provide dates. Please share information about the public meetings.
 - The group discussed RTD’s operator shortage.
- Visit the [Reimagine RTD website](#) for updates, to share input and ask questions.

DRCOG Update – Bob Fifer, Jacob Riger

- Everything discussed at today’s meeting is encompassed in the 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan. A draft of the plan will be completed by the end of this year to be adopted in 2021. DRCOG brought proposed scenario analysis concepts to its board in December. Analysis on telecommuting and its impacts on traffic patterns was included. Public engagement on the plan will continue and DRCOG will present to Jefferson County’s transportation forum.
- Youth Advisory Panel – DRCOG is piloting a panel of high school students for its 2050 Metro Vision Regional Transportation Plan (MVRTP) planning process. The first meeting with the panel was late last year.
- Civic Advisory Group – DRCOG is piloting a civic advisory group that represents the region’s diversity and gathers input from people that have not traditionally been involved in the transportation planning process, also as part of the 2050 MVRTP planning process.
- DRCOG adopted the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and is preparing for the TIP Postmortem. DRCOG will gather feedback on the completed TIP process and hired a third-party college student to conduct interviews and prepare the white paper.
- The Regional Vision Zero Plan focuses on safety. DRCOG has been holding public engagement and stakeholder meetings and is close to finalizing a drafted plan. The draft will be sent out for public review before DRCOG takes it to their board.
- Multi-modal Freight Plan – DRCOG will present a draft of the plan to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) this month. There will be a public review period this spring.
- Mobility Choice Blueprint was a planning and funding partnership between DRCOG, CDOT, RTD and the Denver Metro Chamber to look at impacts of technology on mobility. The plan was finished last

year. See the [Mobility Choice Blueprint website](#). The Advance Mobility Partnership (AMP) will carry this initiative forward.

- DRCOG is federally required to adopt short-term performance targets. The safety targets must be updated annually. DRCOG's board adopted the 2020 safety targets.
- In December, the board voted to have DRCOG be the designated recipient for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 funding program intended to assist with providing transportation to older adults and individuals with disabilities. The funding can be leveraged with money from other, similar programs.

Policy Group Discussions – Strategic Focus:

- *Front Range Passenger Rail* – Spencer Dodge, CDOT

See attached presentation

Around the Horn/ Public Comment

Charlie Myers, Bike Jeffco

- Charlie Myers thanked CDOT and Denver Mountain Parks for help with dedication of the Dave Evans memorial bench. He also thanked those that attended.
- Bike Jeffco will meet to go over 15 to 16 projects for 2020. Jefferson County and CDOT can expect communication from Bike Jeffco on these projects this year.
- Colorado Safety Stop – City of Thornton and the State of Oregon adopted the template.

Michael Raber, Bike Jeffco

- Colorado Safety Stop – There is resistance to allow bicycles turning left at a red traffic light when no traffic is coming. Traffic signals do not detect bicycles and the light will not change. A similar law was passed for motorcycles. More data has been collected that shows the impact of the template. Bike Jeffco will share.

Leslie Dahlkemper, Jefferson County

- Steve Durian and the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners has been discussing the Colorado Safety Stop.

Charlie Myers, Bike Jeffco

- Charlie Myers thanked Commissioner Dahlkemper for weighing in on issues occurring in Deer Creek Canyon.

Steve Glueck, City of Golden

- Golden is working toward the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for US-6 at Heritage Road and Jefferson County Parkway.

Ramey Johnson, City of Lakewood

- The US-6 and Wadsworth Boulevard interchange must be corrected.

Steve Durian, Jefferson County

- The roundabout at W. Quincy Avenue and S. Simms Street is complete. The county is working on changing some signage.
- The county is in the process of selecting a consultant to help with design and public outreach for CR-73 at Buffalo Park Road to SH-74 in Evergreen. It is a challenging project and the county hopes for a lot of public input.
- The Jefferson County Bicycle Plan was federally funded through DRCOG and will go out for RFP the first quarter of 2020. The county will seek public input on the bicycle plan.

Leslie Dahlkemper, Jefferson County

- Last year, the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) asked for voter permission through 1A to reinvest surplus dollars above the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) cap into county services and programs. 1A was denied by voters. The BCC will discuss whether it will be put on the ballot again. The BCC approved \$16.5 million in budget cuts for the county and is discussing cuts in 2021 ranging from \$12.5 to \$20 million. The BCC is discussing ways to increase communication about the impact of budget cuts and current efforts looking for greater innovation and efficiencies in the county.

Don Stanton, CDOT

- State Transportation Safety Plan – There was an executive committee meeting on December 18. The plan is going forward in effort to reduce serious accidents by 15% by 2023. The plan includes selection of a safety champion and education for K-12 students and parents. Much has been done within the last six months to prioritize programs and projects focused on safety. Don Stanton and Julie George are available for input and questions.

Dave Ruchman, Local Coordinating Council

- Policy makers should look at stronger enforcement and penalties for drivers with multiple DUI's (driving under the influence of alcohol).

Jacob Riger, DRCOG

- DRCOG has been working with CDOT on the state Transportation Safety Plan.
- February's DRCOG Board of Directors Meeting will be Bob Fifer's last as chair. Jacob Riger recognized Bob Fifer for the work he has done over the last year.

Bob Fifer, City of Arvada

- John Diak from Parker will be the new chair.
- Arvada conducted a community survey that looked at services. Citizens are focused on operations of roads. Operations will be one of the city's top priorities.
- Arvada has an initiative to inform citizens on the health of city transportation and other issues.
- At the annual strategic meeting, Bob Fifer will advocate for Vision Zero and related programs. It is important to start publicizing what agencies are doing about safety on roads – to document and promote Vision Zero efforts.
- The Arvada Police Department purchased F-150 pickup trucks to aid in traffic incident management, to clear away accidents and get traffic moving. There are cones on the trucks to provide a safe area for first responders and to aid clearing of accidents.
- The annual DRCOG Awards Ceremony will be April 22 at Empower Field at Mile High.

Steve Conklin, City of Edgewater

- Edgewater is engaging the community about its mobility plan. Sheridan Boulevard is a priority. Edgewater is working with Denver on the plan.

Public Comment

- None

Upcoming Meetings – Steve Durian

- Changes to JEFFTAAG Meetings in 2020 – The JEFFTAAG and Jefferson County Collaborative Transportation Forum will be consolidated to reduce costs and redundancy. The JEFFTAAG branding will remain, Commissioner Libby Szabo will be chair, the meetings will retain the quarterly schedule, but will move to 1:00 p.m. Steve Durian will provide updated information to both groups. Special

meetings will be held for voting members of the Jefferson County Collaborative Transportation Forum when necessary.

The group discussed meeting changes.

- The next JEFFTAAG Meeting will be on April 8 at 1:00 p.m. in the BCC Board Room on the 5th Floor of the Jefferson County Courts and Administration Building.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

Summary submitted by Lindsay Townsend, Administrative Coordinator
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