

**Executive Summary of the
North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization
Community Advisory Committee**

July 8, 2021

Attendees: Louisa Andersen, Jamie Baker Roskie, Erin Berquist, Kevin Borchert, Kathleen Bracke, AnnaRose Cunningham, Alex Gordon, Andy Karsian, Anna Kelso, Amber Lane, Diego Lopez, Kathleen Mitchell, Cliff Moore, Hunter Rivera, Ruthie Rollins, Gary Strome

Transportation Commission

Kathleen Bracke, Transportation Commissioner, presented on the purpose of the 11-member Colorado Transportation Commission (TC). She represents District 5, which includes Larimer, Weld, and Morgan counties. Commissioners apply for the four-year position, which is approved by the Governor. Each month, the TC holds a regular meeting as well as a workshop. TC guides policy for CDOT based on the Statewide Transportation Plan.

SB260 and Colorado Transportation Funding

Andy Karsian, CDOT State Government Liaison, described the State funding available for CDOT to use for maintenance and expansion. CDOT staff undertakes maintenance of the State transportation system as well as engineering. CDOT staff does not construct new facilities; rather, this is performed by private companies hired by CDOT. Funding for transportation has had to compete with other important priorities like healthcare and education, meaning CDOT has had difficulty planning long-term and addressing a backlog of needs. This was exacerbated by the pandemic, which curtailed available funding.

Senate Bill (SB) 21-260 passed the General Assembly this summer, leading to nearly \$5.4B in new funding over the next 10 years. This new funding will be collected through new fees and will support four new enterprises. SB21-260 also mandates additional planning requirements for CDOT and MPOs and requires additional outreach to vulnerable populations.

The CAC asked questions about new and changing technology, training related to electrification, resiliency, differences between urban and rural priorities and available services, and alternative fuels like compressed natural gas (CNG). The group was interested in discussing these further in the future.

Subcommittees

Cunningham proposed three long-term subcommittees for the CAC as well as a short-term subcommittee: Long Range Planning, Outreach and Inclusive Planning, and Active and Non-Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) Transportation; and Call for Projects. The groups would meet quarterly and would report back to the full CAC with what they discussed and addressed in their meetings. Each subcommittee should be between 5 and 8 people to ensure good and useful conversation. Cunningham will send out a Google Form for people to use to sign up for subcommittees.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The next meeting date will be September 9.