



**Metro Mayors Caucus  
Transportation Advisory Committee  
Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce — 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Video Conference Room  
May 27, 2016 — 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM**

**Agenda:**

- 10:30 AM Welcome and Introductions**
- 10:40 AM Desired Goals & Outcomes from this Committee's Work**
- 11:00 AM Environment & Trends**
- Open discussion on current status of infrastructure & finance — trends, pressures, etc.
  - Current/recent efforts:
    - CCA
    - TRANS 2
    - HPF
    - DeBrucing state spending
    - Others?
      - MPACT64
      - MTD
  - What have we learned?
- 11:20 AM Brainstorm broad strategies**
- Funding sources — limitations and constraints
  - Funding uses — multimodal v. roads only/transit only
    - Do we have a common regional transportation vision?
    - Should we work with DMCC on this?
- 11:40 AM Next Steps**
- Committee schedule & work plan
  - Communication with the full Caucus
- 12:00 PM Adjourn**



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**Notes:**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Attending:**

Mayor Marc Williams  
Mayor Bruce Beckman  
Mayor Joyce Downing  
Mayor Adam Paul  
Mayor Jackie Millet

Mayor Pro-Tem Doris Rigoni  
Roberto Venegas  
Anthony Graves  
Catherine Marinelli  
Peter Kenney

**Desired Goals & Outcomes from this Committee's Work**

- Want to have a voice in discussions moving forward on a funding strategy
- Don't necessarily have to be on steering committee
- Transparency and communication around efforts
  - Insuring transparency, no matter who is convening the discussions
  - CCA was great about going around the state and the metro area trying to build the support but was not good about listening to concerns and needs of metro area
  - Transparency in the process increases credibility
  - CCA was not transparent
  - Need to have seat at table for discussion about what goes into this
  - Broad exposure and transparency from beginning - premise
  - Do we want to take the lead or tag along - for example do we want to invite other mayors around the state?
- Mobility blueprint is regional funding
  - Addresses donor issue
  - Want to solve Denver regional problems
- How do we address the I-70 West issue — accept a portion of this into regional funding stream — Clear Creek County?
  - Give them an incentive to partner
  - We are always the donor - need to ensure that we benefit when we are
- Metro problems have priority and we must be addressed with or without a statewide funding solution

- Denver is still working out policy on this statewide or regional first
  - Denver is biased toward regional solution
  - Opportunity to leverage the Smart Cities Challenge
  - Do have epic needs in Denver
- We need a set of cohesive talking points about metro area needs
  - Public will-building campaign
  - In concert with the mobility choice Effort
- Time is of the essence if we want to use sales taxes — communities are already planning new obligations for that limited funding
- Patchwork of strategies is the answer
  - HPF
  - Debrucing
  - Trans2
- RTA discussions in Denver may drive a statewide solution
- Needs:
  - Need a two pager on the history of transportation finance
    - Funding timeline
    - MPACT64
    - CCA
  - Problem statement:
    - Transportation in the state of Colorado is critically underfunded
    - Metro region has critical unmet mobility needs
    - More individual jurisdictions creating their own solutions makes it harder for us to move ahead collectively
  - Ways and means
    - Incumbent upon us to provide the leadership on solving this issue
  - Educate the full Caucus on history and what everyone else is doing (including Denver)
  - Need to give confidence to voters that we are on path to solve this problem - give us a year to get to the ballot
- DRCOG voted not to take a position on 117
- How do we deal with communities that are close to 10%
- Urban solution - needs for goods and services freight corridors - etc.
- Serious concerns about the motivation of the rural areas to deal with problems
- The longer we wait the more small communities peel off

### **Environment & Trends**

- Open discussion on current status of infrastructure & finance — trends, pressures, etc.
- Current/recent efforts:
  - CCA
    - Don't know why they decided not to go
    - Marc will see if he can find out
    - Perhaps bad results from 'last polling
  - TRANS 2

- HPF
- DeBrucing state spending
- DMCC Mobility Choice Blueprint
- Other
  - MPACT64
- What have we learned?

### **Brainstorm broad strategies**

- Funding sources — limitations and constraints
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### **Present to Full Caucus**

- Historic perspective CCA and MPACT
- TRANS Bond Issues
- Mobility Blueprint
- Bell Policy - how we got here 2016
- Ask them what they would like us to look into beyond what is shown
- Problem statement - from group:
  - Transportation is underfunded in state of Colorado.
  - The metro area has serious and urgent mobility needs that are not being met.
  - Individual communities are seeking immediate solutions that will not serve the mobility needs of the region and welcome those who would like to broaden our efforts to meet statewide needs.
  - With passage of each of these issues we lose the ability to pass a statewide solution.
  - As the leaders of the metro area we must work together to solve our region's transportation challenges.
- Is there agreement that we must work together to find a comprehensive solution to our region's transportation challenge (in hope that it will drive a statewide solution).
- Shared data - transit need, roadway needs, bike etc.
- June 24 or 25 Smart City challenge announcement
- Would need to be 20 years to bond
- Previously talked about 10-12 years - cannot bond on this frame
- Regional problem - price tag
- State price tag

### **Next Steps**

- Committee schedule
  - July 13 — 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM
  - Communication with the full Caucus — August 3, 2016

**Adjourned early per Mayor Williams efficient guidance:** *“Sed fugit interea, fugit inreparabile tempus.” Virgil*