



**Metro Mayors Caucus
Transportation Committee
February 28 — 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM
Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce – 4th Floor Video Conference Room**

Transportation’s Impacts on Front Range Air Quality, [see slideshow](#)

- Mike Silverstein, Regional Air Quality Council
 - Non-attainment for ozone
 - Air pollutants are a concern
 - Wood burning stove, diesel vehicles, wildfires, gasoline fumes, industrial facilities, and traffic (most chronic)
 - Denver area has been out of compliance, yet air quality is better than it has been in decades
 - High ozone levels can affect health
 - Didn’t attain on time and were labeled “serious non-attainment”
 - Requires more activity and stronger controls
 - Next level is severe and will require mandatory actions
 - Monitors located up and down the front range
 - Front range communities have higher concentrations of ozone
 - Examples: Golden, Fort Collins, South Boulder, Chatfield Reservoir, Denver
 - Possible Control Strategies
 - Employer trip reduction (Stuart Anderson – Transportation Solutions)
 - RAQC voluntary controls preferred and incentive based approach
 - Intensive outreach with Way to Go (DRCOG) to reduce vehicle trips and outreach via TMAs to get employers engaged
 - Mayors role is to play role as a connector between the employers and RAQC and TMAs
 - Pre-tax dollars that can be put towards transit through the [IRS \(132F\)](#)
 - How can you enforce anti-idling?
 - Mostly designed for heavy-duty diesel fleets that idle and busses around vulnerable populations such as schools
 - Mostly relies on education and outreach
 - Boulder Reservoir – high emissions levels found that there is high fossil VOC – much coming from oil and gas operations at other locations

- State is taking this on through AQCC and CDPHE – further restrict emissions at well pads
 - Efforts on both regional and statewide basis
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SB 151 Overview

- Angie Rivera-Malpiede, RTD Board Chair
 - Letter from Lorraine Anderson
 - RTD's ADA compliance and comprehensive program is demonstrated via federal funding
 - Changing how board members are selected would be detrimental to how cities are involved
 - Piece about litigation in the bill is problematic for all transit agencies
 - No other agency in Colorado would be forced to work under such broad liability
 - Allows compensatory damages such as mental distress and attorney fees
 - Actual vs 'reasonable' attorney fees
 - CASTA opposes for this reason
 - RTD voted to oppose and have letter in opposition
 - Want to work with legislators on fixes – operator shortage, service cuts are where they need help
 - Tuesday March 3 at old SC chambers on SB 151
 - Ask mayors to testify if possible
 - Two amendments –
 - Winter remove 3 appointed members instead one and non-voting
 - Tate remove 2
 - New board has been working to address issues
 - Other issues not being addressed – B Line (NW Rail)
 - Agree with analysis and concerns
 - Should be live broadcasting – ASAP (record and transcripts are available)
 - Farebox recovery removal
 - BRP to look at transportation also good
 - RTD is proposing amendments that would strip out bad elements
 - Is this available for people to testify on?
 - Pauletta will give talking points

Group Discussion on Empowering Transportation Planning Organizations

- What is our goal for new funding?
 - CDOT is developing next state-wide commission
 - Identifying priorities and what would be added if more money became available

- Conversations around how the funding occurs in the metro area
- Would be in a DRCOG area if the “we’ll figure it out later” part is eliminated and is designed into 1151
 - Allocation methods need to be clear in terms of what goes into the regional pot
 - Similar to TIP model but on a cash basis
 - Money is handed out based on how it is collected
- Pursuing a specific opt-out provision
- Allowing counties to pull out will create issues where projects can’t be financed due to lack of participation and also no financial projections
- DRCOG board takes a super majority
 - Weighted voting provision hasn’t been used but can be used
 - Some cities want to see this removed
- Ballot measures on Castle Rock TABOR funds aren’t passed when there isn’t an allocation
- Lack of specificity in local and regional projects was a major reason 110 did not pass
 - There needs to be a list of local and regional projects identified
- Environmental community is on board

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In Attendance

Mayor	Adam	Paul	Lakewood
Mayor	Ashley	Stolzmann	Louisville
Mayor	Ben	Huseman	Commerce City
Mayor	Clint	Folsom	Superior
Mayor	Greg	Mills	Brighton
Mayor	Herb	Atchison	Westminster
Mayor	Jackie	Millet	Lone Tree
Mayor	Jason	Gray	Castle Rock
Mayor	Pat	Quinn	Broomfield
Mayor	Sam	Weaver	Boulder
Mayor	Stephanie	Piko	Centennial
MMC Staff	Catherine	Marinelli	Executive Director
MMC Staff	Meghan	White	President
MMC Staff	Peter	Kenney	Program Assistant
DRCOG	Rich	Mauro	

DRCOG	Ron	Papsdorf	
RTD	Angie	Malpiede	RTD Chair
	Debra	Baskett	
	Jordan	Sauers	
	Karen	Stuart	
	Paul	Mallard	