

Towing Task Force Meeting Agenda Items
June 8th, 2022
2:00pm – 4:00pm

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of minutes from 5/11/22 meeting
3. Open discussion time
4. Public comment time

Attachments:

- A. Meeting Minutes 5/11/2022
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Tow Task Force
6/8/2022
2 to 4 pm

Meeting was opened at 2:07 pm Wednesday June 8, 2022.

Members Present:

- Chiriboga-Flor, Andrea (rep for communities disproportionately affected by nonconsensual tows)
- Connolly, John (rep for a towing association with experience in consensual towing)
- Forbes, Trevor (rep for nonconsensual towing carriers)
- Hill, Robert (Troy) (rep for an association of motor carriers as consumers of towing services)
- Howes, James (rep for insurance companies that insure towing operations)
- Lawless, Nichole (rep for communities disproportionately affected by nonconsensual tows)
- Peirce, Michael (rep for mobile home owners)
- Prunsky, Gregory (rep for local law enforcement agencies)
- Riester, Jefferey (appointed by Attorney General, experience enforcing Consumer Protection Act)
- Riley, Nathan (rep for Public Utilities Commission)
- Ruscha, JoyAnn (rep for people with disabilities)

Members not present:

- Bailey, Nicole (rep for common interest communities)
- Dittman, Leonard (appointed by Chief of Colorado State Patrol)
- Rich, Charles (Brandon) (rep for consumers of tow services, private property owners)

Also present:

- Roberts, John, legal counsel

No public attendance, public comment time was not used.

A motion was made to approve the May minutes by Peirce. Seconded by Riley. No nays, minutes were approved at 2:17pm.

Forbes leads with some administrative items. New legislation that passed changes date of report due to PUC from TTF on September 1 to December 1. TTF also needs to evaluate and consider consensual tow rates per the same law, and define consensual and nonconsensual tows.

Riley offers additional administrative items. Has received 10 of 14 affidavits from the task force, verifying onboarding of members. Request for the remainder to complete.

Riley offers the original cost models used in creating vehicle tow costs used by original TTF.

Forbes recommends finding already available data, due to time constraints.

Perice noted that he found all original TTF data was in the 2016 rulemaking hearing. Quotes for standard equipment provided by Connolly, provided by Lynch-Denver the largest Denver towing equipment sales.

Forbes recommends surveying tow companies for the top 5 cost-changes in industry and comparing already published data, preferably government issued data. Forbes advocated for a weighted CPI or a request for additional time. Discussion. Forbes advocated for limited data sets to review. Peirce wants to compare consensual tow costs.

Connolly explained that all items counted in the first data compilation were reviewed for an extended period before being approved. Also noted that some tows require multiple staff and that was not computed in original data.

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Ruscha joined at 2:29pm.

The Utah study that began the original TTF cost analysis used inflated wages. Discussion.

Connolly suggests using historical data in comparison with current pricing to evaluate CPI as an index. Ruscha advocates for one or the other. Forbes agrees. Workgroups are permissible with public notification, additional follow up questions on the topic of work groups.

Hill joined at 3:19pm.

In depth discussion of survey data, what information to request, which data is most relevant. Question on asking for a rule change tying tow permit to survey data.

Concerns about profit margins within the towing industry versus consumer financial constraints. Discussion of varying costs across state, including price hikes.

If a survey is necessary, the TTF needs to make haste in this process. Connolly volunteered to make a survey and requested Peirce, Ruscha, and Lawless to assist during a work group meeting. Other TTF members invited to attend and forward any

suggestions for survey questions to Riley. Work group scheduled for June 29, 2022 from 2-4. Next meeting scheduled for July 13, 2022 from 2-4pm.

Meeting closed at 4:04 pm.