

Towing Task Force Meeting Agenda Items
October 6th, 2022
2:00pm – 4:00pm

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of minutes from 9/14/22 meeting
3. Open Discussion concerning TTF Report
4. Public comment time

Attachments:

- A. Meeting Minutes 9/14/2022
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Call to order at 2:05pm

Roll call

- Bailey, Nicole - not present
- Chiriboga-Flor, Andrea - not present
- Connolly, John - present
- Dittman, Leonard - not present
- Forbes, Trevor - present
- Hill, Robert (Troy) - not present
- Howes, James - not present
- Lawless, Nichole - not present
- Peirce, Michael - present
- Prunsky, Gregory - not present
- Rich, Charles (Brandon) - present
- Riester, Jefferey - present
- Riley, Nathan - present
- Ruscha, JoyAnn - present

Also present: John Roberts, from the attorney general's office, Troy Porras and Wafiq Badigatos for public comment.

Motion to approve the minutes by Rich, Second by Connolly

No nays, minutes approved as written

Reminder of next two meetings will be sent out by Forbes

Discussion of the workgroup points of discussion:

- CPI and timing, results are skewed by timing
- Data from TTF survey
- Impact of new legislation has yet to be determined
- Questions suggested to be added to PUC towing permits

Towing in Colorado is a volatile industry with an approximate 200 new carriers each year, 700 to 800 permits each year, 724 now per Riley. This volatility means it is likely that impacts of recent changes while may be difficult to discern for a year or two.

Discussion of proposed recommendation letter to the legislature, broken down by sections.

- Background of tow task force.
- History of non-consensual rates in Colorado, ending with the CPI index.
- Work done in the tow task force to date.
- Review of survey findings:
 - changes carriers reported versus inflation,

- costs and expenses of consensual and nonconsensual tows,
- Limitations of data and data not available to the task force at this time.
- Known facts from 2022 legislation and potential.
- Conclusions and recommendations.

Recommendation of having multiple authors of the report, one section by different task force members.

Discussion of the task force member's individual thoughts or recommendations, with multiple members noting that any data from current financial data is volatile and most members recommend making no changes currently with the recommendation to further evaluate and potentially make large changes with more data and additional time to evaluate that data, including looking at other cost adjustment measures than CPI as a measurement. Specific costs were listed as concerning, including administrative costs, after-hour charges and notification costs. Waiting to evaluate impacts of new legislation as well as CPI changes. Discussion of delays for rule making, and reasons for CPI use. Does this task force want to break different categories of towing and specific charges within categories for broad recommendations, followed by further discussion of how broad or narrow recommendations should be?

Last meeting scheduled for October 26th is mandatory, meeting is expected to last longer than two hours, request for specific assignment of duties for writing the report prior to the next meeting date scheduled for October 12.

Sections of the report one through five were delegated to task force committee members with the sixth paragraph, the section covering conclusions and recommendations of the task force to be discussed at the October 26 meeting.

Meeting closed at 4:15