

NATA Board Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2015

7:30-9:00am

Adams County Economic Development, 12200 Pecos Street, Westminster

Welcome by Chair Joyce Downing and introductions – Meeting called to order at 7:33

NATA Members (who signed in)

Val Vigil	Thornton Council	Kevin Standbridge	Broomfield Staff
Joyce Downing	Northglenn Mayor	Joyce Thomas	Federal Heights Mayor
Debra Baskett	Broomfield Staff	Kimberly Dall	Brighton Staff
Mark Gruber	Erie Council	Daniel Dick	Federal Heights Council
Shawn Lewis	Longmont Staff	Brook Svoboda	Northglenn Staff
Maria D' Andrea	Commerce City Staff	Jeanne Shreve	Adams County Staff
Herb Atchison	Westminster Mayor	Kent Moorman	Thornton Staff
Lynn Baca	Brighton Council	Paul DesRocher	SCMN
Karen Stuart	SCMN		

Smart Commute (who signed in)

Julie Skeen	Jacobs	Denny McCloskey	D&C Home
Christie De Luca	Flatiron Construction	Mark Shotkoski	NWP
Ken Spangler	Google	Jude White	Collins
Joe Hart	DEA	George Tsiouvaras	TSH
Denny McCloskey	D&C Home	Andrea Meneghel	CDR
Bob Sakaguchi	RSC Consulting	Matt Christensen	Kiewit
Steve Kibbey	North End Station	Karen Fox	Collins
Craig Mundt	North End Station		

Agency Partners (who signed in)

Abra Geissler	CDOT	Jerad Esquibel	CDOT
Andy Stratton	CDOT	Jane Donovan	RTD
Myron Hora	CDOT	Brenda Tierney	RTD
Mike Peek	RTD	Don Marcucci	CDOT
George Jones	FHWA	Ashland Vaughn	RTD
Larry Hoy	RTD	Rick Clarke	RTD
David Genova	RTD		

Guests

Jeremy Rodriguez	Rep. Perlmutter	Todd Bless	DRCOG
Christine Connolly	DRCOG	Dan Jerrett	DRCOG
Nate Curry	DRCOG	Paul Aldretti	DRCOG
Anna Garcia	DRCOG	Ashley Summers	DRCOG
Ina Zisman	PB		

Approval of Draft May 2015 Minutes- Motion to approve by Herb Atchison, second by Joyce Thomas; passed unanimously

Resolution to Ratify 2015 Budget- Motion to approve by Herb Atchison, second by Kevin Standbridge; passed unanimously.

SCMN TMO Update: TDM Program Update and BTWD Update-Paul DesRocher

- Report on Bike to Work Day activities June 25th, 2015
 - o New Breakfast Station at EB Rains Park in partnership with the City of Northglenn, Avaya and Google. Provided free breakfast and coffee and juice sponsored by local merchants, and gave away free transit passes to anyone riding a bike to and from the RTD Wagon Road Park n Ride
 - o Family Bike Party at The Orchard- the stormy weather affected the attendance; about 30 people participated in this family-oriented event- SCMN partnered with the Orchard Town Center Management and merchants, Westminster Fire Dept. and Safe Kids Colorado with a bicycle rodeo, fire trucks, bike helmets, raffle prizes and discounts. This is the third consecutive year that Smart Commute has hosted this station.

SCMN 3rd Annual Transportation Forum- Karen Stuart

- This year's program focused on SH7/I-25 interchange area promoting the vision for the area as a multimodal hub for the North Metro region. The event had 15 sponsors and over 150 people in attendance. The keynote speaker was Chad McWhinney, CEO and Founder of McWhinney.

Presentation of the Smart Commute Van Pool Video

The North Metro Area Transportation Corridor Profile and Preliminary Framework Plan-

- o **Introduction and Summary of Vision, Goals and Recommended Strategies- Corridor Working Group (CWG)-** The Sustainable Communities Initiative (SCI) grant fund through DRCOG had some unspent funds that were allocated to the North Metro Rail and I-25 Corridors for the purpose of developing a cohesive vision. The study was completed over a six week time frame with the participation of representatives from NATA jurisdictions that formed the Corridor Working Group. Anna Garcia of DRCOG was recognized for her project management of this process.
- o **Corridor Planning Process Overview- Paul Aldretti**
A draft corridor profile was created that provides data for moving forward with projects in the future. Unlike other corridors studied, this study did not complete a catalytic project section or a corridor-wide study.
- o **WIQ Model- Nate Curry**
Presented the Heart + Mind Lab video to introduce the WIQ Model Program which provides technical assistance to help build consensus within large groups and public settings.
- o **Findings Overview- Dan Jerrett**
The GIS team illustrated demographic information on North I-25 and North Metro Rail Corridors. This information will also be posted on new SCI website in a few weeks. For the NMR and I-25 Corridors, the most prominent distinctions in data exist generally from south to north along the corridors between income, education and race. An important observation is 70% of all commuters are SOVs in the North Metro corridor.

Discussion:

Kevin Standbridge – How were BRT station locations identified?

Jeanne Shreve – Based on logical highway intersections where opportunity for ridership and growth exists.

Kevin Standbridge – Communities would like to be involved with defining BRT stations to potentially identify “non-traditional” BRT locations

Jeanne Shreve – That is the goal moving forward with this information. Communities will be consulted and integrated into the process.

Paul Aldrettii – The data was not revolutionary but provides a strong foundation for moving work forward.

Karen Stuart – Lack of employment density and poor transit network in north area were some of the most compelling observations to come from the mapping exercise.

Jeanne Shreve – Entire SCI document can be downloaded on the SCI website and will be posted on NATA website in sections as well.

Herb Atchison – Would like time to review the documents before voting to move forward with additional work. Suggest moving the motion to proceed until next NATA meeting after all have had a chance to review it.

Denny McCloskey– The time is now to move forward with this project. We shouldn't delay moving forward.

Joyce Downing – Agrees with Denny .

MOTION- Joyce Downing : NATA to continue CWG activities to refine vision, goals and recommended strategies. Denny McCloskey seconded motion.

Discussion on the Motion:

Kevin Standbridge – Was under the impression the request by Mayor Atchison was to delay action until next meeting.

Denny McCloskey – Did not want to suggest that delaying action until next month was a bad idea.

Val Vigil- Wants to wait on taking action until everyone has had a chance to evaluate the contents of SCI documents.

Retraction of MOTION- Joyce Downing

NATA will delay action until August meeting to allow time for communities to review draft SCI document.

RTD: Annual Program Evaluation (APE) -- Rick Clarke/ Brenda Tierney

David Genova- The APE was presented to the RTD Board at the last Board meeting.

Presentation by Rick Clarke–Current committed capital program is \$5.6B

- Within \$5.6B, some reallocation was needed for North Metro Rail (NMR). Additional \$40M going into NMR for:
 - o Additional hazardous materials costs
 - o Property-related impacts. Ashland Vaughn negotiated the buyout of freight shipper which could have been very problematic if not successful
 - o Funding required for O&M interface with EAGLE P3 project.
 - Maintenance Center contractor has provided feedback to best accommodate NMR
 - Additions to Control Center at Maintenance Center to include NMR cost of \$10M
 - o \$40M should have been included in beginning budget. Originally included \$30M contingency but new Project Manager (Ashland Vaughn) identified additional costs which need funding now to complete line to 124th
 - o RTD has developed a Cash Flow Chart through 2040 for presentation at the Aug. 4th RTD Board meeting and will be shared with NATA. The sales tax assumptions were developed through CU Leeds School. RTD Finance Department is willing to sit down with NATA to review the Cash Flow Chart. Distinct proximity between income and expenditures which will limit near term “expansion” until 2027.
 - o RTD has requested the NMR contractor (RRP) extend their option to complete line to 162nd for an additional year. The APE will go out to the full Board on August 18th.

Discussion:

Herb Atchison –Commented that there will be a Parking Garage groundbreaking on August 8th at Westminster station.

Val Vigil – Why is SW Extension moving forward before North Metro Rail?

Rick Clarke – For the \$100M project \$26M cash came from the SW communities. \$71M only required from RTD. Because RTD only has to assume 1/3 of the total project cost, it makes a good business case for RTD

Val Vigil – NMR wasn't eligible?

Herb Atchison – No, because it wasn't a "new start". Those projects already on the FasTracks plan are not eligible.

Val Vigil- RTD is talking about having the NMR Line compete for federal funding but the line has been de-federalized.

Rick Clarke-The federal EIS has already been done but would need to be updated to be considered for funding – it's not a deterrent.

Steve Kibbey – It appears that expenditures/income are very tight until 2027. Will that change?

Rick Clarke – Not unless additional funding is identified. RTD is open to unsolicited proposals.

Steve Kibbey – Are there opportunities for the contractor to assume some costs without RTD expenditures?

Rick Clarke – Yes, but it would escalate the overall cost of the project by requiring the contractor to assume more risk.

Jeanne Shreve – There are additional risks associated with Rail Extension (SE/SW) vs. North Metro Rail. Doesn't that factor into the business case for moving forward with SE Rail Extension? Also, can you please add to the discussion of extending the contract option with RRP?

Ashland Vaughn – Issues to discuss are additional vehicles, drainage, etc. Should have better answer for NATA within next six weeks for the estimated cost to complete corridor.

Brook Svoboda – Would like to add that although RTD income/expenditures chart looks grim now, the NMR project wasn't a reality two years ago. Is in a much better position now.

Steve Kibbey – How much does economic development weigh into the decision to build out NMR line?

Rick Clarke – Chart assumes typical growth pattern. FTA uses DRCOG long term forecast as well.

Herb Atchison – Economic growth forecasts at the municipal level haven't previously been shared with RTD. Municipal groups must support the process by sharing plans with RTD.

Joyce Downing – How was the ACED Economic Development presentation information used by RTD staff?

Larry Hoy – Not completely sure but the current focus is on developing a bus network to align with NMR.

Dave Genova – Any economic development information that can be relayed to RTD will be helpful. Currently the internal cost estimates to 144th are being evaluated. This is being done primarily for informational purposes and to be prepared if funding becomes available.

Joyce Downing – NATA has always taken the position that the NMR line go all the way to SH7. 124th is not the end of line.

Val Vigil – Feels optimistic that RTD is asking for another year extension for completing the line. It leaves the door open for near-term completion.

Dave Genova – That is correct and RTD wishes to complete in the line to SH7 in the near term.

Larry Hoy – Reminder that NMR project did not exist even two years ago as a whole project. Small steps forward are helping get the project further along and hopefully to the end of line

Craig Mundt– Mixed use development for end of line station has changed to include more office and high-density buildings. The North End Station development project cost is now over \$1B.

CDOT: I-25 Segment 3 Update – Myron Hora/CDOT staff

Similar conversation to RTD's in that CDOT has limited funding to build the I-25 managed lanes as far north as possible. CDOT is currently meeting with project partners to attempt to fill the gap in the funding shortfall. . These requests include asking for ROW donations, etc.

CDOT is aware that residential/commercial development is moving forward and traffic will follow soon after and they would like to get ahead of that.

Update:

- Auxiliary lanes between 136th and 144th
- Sound walls at 120th and elsewhere
- Project team held "FOR" on June 3rd.
- Savings in the project have exceeded \$20M and have helped get project further north.
- CDOT has leveraged its partnership with FHWA/contractors to develop the most cost-effective project possible
- Nov. 12th is the anticipated advertising date for RFP

Presentation of "Take Down This Wall" Video

Other: Discussion on topics/focus for remaining 2015 NATA meetings --postponed

Chair Downing adjourned the meeting at 9:08 am.