

**NATA Board Minutes  
January 22, 2015**

**Adams County Economic Development, 12200 Pecos Street, Westminster**

Meeting called to order by Chair Joyce Downing at 7:35 am

New Chair Downing welcomed everyone. Introductions took place. Those in attendance were:

**NATA Members (who signed in)**

Val Vigil, Vice Chair	Thornton Council	Herb Atchison	Westminster Mayor
Joyce Downing	Northglenn Mayor	Steve O'Dorisio	Adams County Comm.
Randy Ahrens	Broomfield Mayor	Lynn Baca	Brighton Council
Mark Gruber	Erie Council	Daniel Dick	Federal Heights Council
Shawn Lewis	Longmont Staff	Steve Arnold	MNCC
James Hayes	Commerce City Staff	Joyce Thomas	Federal Heights
Kevin Standbridge	Broomfield Staff	Kent Moorman	Thornton Staff
Aric Otzelberger	Westminster Staff	Paul DesRocher	SCMN
Maria DeAndrea	Commerce City Staff	Joe Smith	Brighton Staff
Karen Stuart	SCMN	John Pick	Northglenn Staff
Barry Gore	ACED	Jeanne Shreve	Adams County Staff

**Smart Commute (who signed in)**

Tony Marcello	DEA	Ken Rudolph	PMC
Ken Spangler	Google	Chris Primus	HDR
Shoira Tahirova	Kiewit	Bryan Frantz	Collins
Ed Icenogle	ISP	Bob Marusin	TSH

**Agency Partners (who signed in)**

Andy Stratton	CDOT	Jason Lucerna	CDOT
Dan Marcucci	CDOT	Jane Donovan	RTD

**Guests**

Terri Blackmore	NFRMPO		
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Chair Downing took a minute to acknowledge past NATA Chair Erik Hansen and past NATA Vice Chair Val Vigil for their leadership in 2014.

**Unanimous Approval of December 2014 Meeting Minutes**

**SCMN TMO Annual Meeting & Update-** As required by the SCMN governing documents, an annual meeting of the SCMN membership is required in January. Chair Erik Hansen called the membership meeting to order. The following business was conducted by the Chair:

1. Ratify Revised SCMN By-Laws- The original by-laws were written in 2012 and required updating. Karen Stuart noted that no substantive changes have been made; most of the

revisions were done to clarify sections and remove conflicting language. Motion to approve and seconded and was passed unanimously.

2. Approve 2015 Board of Directors- The proposed 2015 SCMN Board of Directors were:

Erik Hansen-Adams County

Barry Gore- ACED

Joyce Downing-City of Northglenn

Bill Maestas- Maestas Inc.

Angela Habben-MNCC

Ken Spangler- Google

Heidi Williams- City of Thornton

Larry Hoy- RTD

Denny McCloskey- D&C Home Solutions

Jay Hardy- McWhinney

Herb Atchison moved, Joyce Downing seconded approval of 2015 Board; motion passed unanimously.

3. 2014 Accomplishments-Karen highlighted the following:

- Information, action and advocacy delivered through community outreach events throughout the service area, employer transportation fairs, and partnerships with RTD, DRCOG and CDOT.
- Partnerships with MNCC and ACED have resulted in in-kind lease space for the SCMN offices.
- Partnerships with business membership have helped fund overhead and operating costs not funded by grants which are restricted to funding program delivery.

4. 2015 Work Plan Focus-

- Advocacy and strategy for completion of NMRL to SH-7
- Improvement and expansion of bus service in North area
- TDM programs for N I-25 construction, Segment 2 &3
- Increased outreach events and Bike to Work stations

5. Update on CDOT Mobile App enhancement launch- Paul presented update on CDOT mobile app TDM enhancements launch January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Hansen closed the SCMN annual meeting and turned the meeting back over to NATA Chair Joyce Downing.

**Treasurer's Report- Westminster- Mayor Atchison presented the budget.** Balance as of 12-31-2014 was \$91,776.71. NATA dues will remain the same as 2014 annual dues revenue is approximately \$21,000.

Val Vigil asked if \$21K is enough to carry NATA through the year. Aric Otzelberger explained that anticipated expenses for 2015 do not exceed the budget and there is a healthy balance of \$76,376 after expenses. Invoices to member jurisdictions will be sent out in February.

**State of the Budget**

- **2015 Approved Expenses:** NATA Administration by SCMN- \$12K, I-25 Moves Feasibility Study \$25K

- **2015 Possible Expenses: Mayor Downing wants to engage NATA in a possible** Lobbying /DC trip. Discussion followed.

Herb Atchison commented the group should define a clear ask before planning a trip. Group should be limited to 4-6 people. Joyce Downing agreed to smaller group size and suggested the trip should not be during the National League of Cities when many municipalities throughout the country are descending on DC. Referring to a NATA trip, Randy Ahrens noted that having a group of people from multiple jurisdictions having the same message carries a lot of weight. Referring to the I-25 Coalition where Congressional aides are invited to participate in those local meetings, comment was made that it's a cheaper way to access them. Erik Hansen noted the group going needs to be small but large enough to convey the importance of the message NATA is bringing. Jeanne Shreve said ideally the group would promote specific projects identified in the prioritized planning document NATA has already developed which relates to projects such as SH-7/I-25 . Karen Stuart will invite Congressional Reps aides to attend the monthly NATA meetings.

Joyce Downing suggested further discussion be continued at the upcoming SPC meetings before decision about a lobbying trip is made.

#### **RTD: NMRL update**

Jane Donovan reported that an agreement has been reached to discontinue freight service on the existing rail line so contractor can begin removing old tracks. The design of the NMRL to 124<sup>th</sup> is 90% complete. Geotechnical drilling to determine existing site conditions continues along the rail corridor and should be completed in March. Crews continue potholing for existing utilities along the boundaries of the project. Utility relocations to accommodate construction of the NMRL began in January. These relocations will be completed by the individual utility companies including Xcel Energy, Comcast and Century Link. One of the first things being constructed as part of the rail line are several locations for bridges: over 120th near Claude Court, twin bridges over 104<sup>th</sup> near Colorado Blvd. and one at 88<sup>th</sup> near Welby Rd. The Skyway Bridge travels from north of Riverside Cemetery to south of the future 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Station in Commerce City and will be the longest bridge in Colorado at 9,553.5 feet long. With regard to the completion of the NMRL to SH-7, RTD needs to have a design done as the next step and would appreciate any financial help from NATA. RTD is working on celebrating achievements more in the future.

Kent Moorman- 120x/122x changes are proposed for May service changes. We need to be sure that bus service does not drop below what we think it should be. This may be an opportunity to engage RTD on service past 120<sup>th</sup> as well.

#### **CDOT: Update of Segment 3, explanation of alternate scenario chosen for Segment 3**

Dan Marcucci reported the design for Segment 3 is about 30% complete. Discussion of three options to get managed lanes as far north as possible continues. CDOT expects to have their preferred alternative to NATA in 2 months for approval. Construction is expected to begin in late fall.

Herb Atchison commented that Westminster is working with Transportation Secretary Fox to come to Denver in June or July this year for a ribbon cutting on US 36. It could be a good opportunity to showcase what NATA has been working on.

**NATA REVIEW & ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Review and approve calendar for 2015 -- (Jeanne)- We will post information on NATA website for monthly NATA meetings and Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) meetings which are both open to the public.
2. Review and provide updates to NATA Contacts (Jeanne)-Please send any updates to Karen by the end of January- early February. Karen will redistribute updated list with next month's agenda.

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***Pending February Board Meeting Agenda items:***

1. RTD- Financial update on RAM and Fastracks
2. CDOT- Invitation to new CDOT Executive Director Shailen Bhatt to attend future NATA meeting (Possibly a reception following March NATA board meeting).

Additional Comments: DRCOG Board Meeting regarding TIP funding North area representatives wanted more roadway projects funded with less bike/ped projects. South and Boulder disagreed.

Val Vigil commented funding allocations by county differed significantly. Adams County did not receive as much money because of voting coalitions. Several reps from NATA did not attend the MVIC meeting so there was less support for Adams County projects. Jeanne Shreve noted it's important to do more preparation prior to the meeting to refine a cohesive message. RTD and CDOT should be on board with NATA priorities. Karen Stuart reminded group we'll need to get representatives from NATA to volunteer for the RTC in the future to increase our influence.

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***Vision Statement:***

*"NATA envisions the build out of the most advanced, operationally balanced multi-modal transportation system in the north area to foster economic development, mobility and safety for its communities and the traveling public."*

***Framework Strategy:***

*"Members of NATA will purposefully work together on financial strategies, building coalitions and influencing policy to accelerate key regional transportation priorities while supporting member organizations and agency improvements and programs that facilitate the interconnectivity of the north area's transportation system."*

## 2015 NATA Board Meetings

(Meets every fourth Thursday, 7:30 am to 9:00 am)

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January 22, 2015

February 26, 2015

March 26, 2015

April 23, 2015

May 28, 2015

June 25, 2015 -- No Board meeting – members encouraged to attend Smart Commute TMO's Transportation Forum

July 23, 2015

August 27, 2015

September 24, 2015

October 22, 2015

November 2015 No scheduled meeting

December 10, 2015 Combined Nov/Dec. meeting