

NATA Meeting Minutes

10.23.2014

NATA Members (who signed in)

Herb Atchison	Mayor, Westminster	Erik Hansen, Chair	AdCo Commissioner
Val Vigil, Vice Chair	Thornton Council	Lynn Baca	Brighton Council
Phil Greenwald	Longmont Staff	Aric Otzelberger	Westminster Staff
Mark Gruber	Erie Council	Randy Ahrens	Mayor, Broomfield
Kimberly Dall	Brighton Staff	Daniel Dick	Federal Heights Council
Gary Behlen	Erie Staff	Joyce Thomas	Federal Heights Mayor
Kent Moorman	Thornton Staff	Kevin Stanbridge	Broomfield Staff
Shawn Lewis	Longmont Staff	Tim Williams	Federal Heights Staff
Joe Smith	Brighton Staff	Karen Stuart	Smart Commute
Jeanne Shreve	AdCo Staff	Paul DesRocher	Smart Commute
John Pick	Northglenn Staff	Joyce Downing	Northglenn Mayor
Barry Gore	ACED	Shiley Johnson	Metro North Chamber

Smart Commute (who signed in)

Bryan Franz	Collins Engineering	Gina McAfee	HDR
Tony Marcello	David Evans & Assoc.	Bob Marusin	TSH
Ken Szeliga	Jacobs	Mark Shotkoski	Northwest Parkway
Denny McCloskey	D&C Home Solutions	Bill Maestas	Meastas Inc.
Wes Goff	Atkins	Shoiva Tahirova	Kiewit
Ken Rudolph	Professional Mgmt		

Agency Partners (who signed in)

Paul Jesaitis	CDOT Staff	Paul Solano	RTD Board Director
Judy Lubow	RTD Board Director	Jerad Esquibel	CDOT Staff
Abra Geissler	CDOT Staff	Tony DeVito	CDOT Staff
Dan Marcucci	CDOT Staff	Brenda Tierney	RTD Staff

Meeting called to order 7:32a

Introductions

Smart Commute Report:

- TDM outreach update –Paul has been presenting at member City Council meetings promoting the van pool and transit incentives for commuters on I-25.
- SCMN has focused on membership renewal and new memberships in September and October. Renewing members are Jacobs, Google, TSH. New member is Ken Rudolph of Professional

Management Group. SCMN reminded the business community it relies on public and private investment for continued support of programs and services to the north metro area.

- SCMN noted it is a non-profit sponsor of this year's annual Transit Alliance event on November 14th. Handouts about the event were distributed and sent electronically.
- SCMN encouraged attendance at CDOT's Transportation Matters event on November 20th.

CDOT – Dan Marcuci

Over view of I-25 North Open House –attendance of approximately 40 people

- Majority of questions regarding NMRL and CDOT's Dept. of Transit and Rail bus service from Ft. Collins.
- Thornton suggests an additional open house to be held somewhere more central to the project's impact area.
- CDOT consultants are meeting with specialty partners on Segment 3 including Urban Drainage, Local Jurisdictions, FHWA, etc., to solve budget/technical issues associated with project.
- No decisions required from NATA this meeting regarding the alternative but a recommended action for an option will be requested at NATA's December board meeting.
- CDOT also explained they will be meeting with FHWA to discuss the variance request to narrow the right-of-way. It was acknowledged NATA supports the variance as a cost saving measure to extend the project further north.

Tony DeVito announced today's celebration on completion of US 36 and Sheridan Ave to be held at the Westminster Park & Ride. Also, public comment on the proposed I-70 East project closes on October 31st.

RTD-

Paul Solano commented on a Denver Post article regarding Denver Union Station's lack of diversity.

Larry Hoy - Federal Heights Call-n-Ride issues have been resolved and that has been removed from the service cut list. Federal Heights CnR needs to be better marketed so that ridership will justify continued operation beyond 2015. Call-n-Ride promotion is already a part of Smart Commute

Brenda Tierney-North Metro Rail Line Update

- Station Elements meetings had 100+ attendees
- <2000 Comments from online
- 60% design completed
- Four rail cars will be delivered by end of year and displayed at Denver Union Station in December.
- Commuter Rail Maintenance Facility is essentially done and ready to be occupied

Other: NAMS study completed and housed on RTD website and the fare study is ongoing at RTD including outreach to survey national practices.

Judy Lubow – RTD had an art competition for elementary school students in the Cherry Creek School District–finalists were posted on RTD website and received over 14K hits on website – called I <3 RTD. The art will be featured as ads on the sides of RTD buses. Jeanne Shreve suggested the group start thinking about art at the North Metro stations similar to what RTD is providing for the EAGLE P3 project.

DRCOG- Sustainable Communities Initiative Presentation (SCI) by Paul Aldretti

(Attachment of presentation sent out to NATA members 10/23 by Karen Stuart)

SCI's overarching goal is to align investments, programs and policies to maximize the benefits that result from the region's investment in transit. DRCOG's Metro Vision provides a framework where Consortium members can find common ground on shared goals the region can collectively work toward. Paul explained how SCI focuses on employment and housing creation and how the outcomes of the initiative can be translated to North Metro.

The next steps will include identifying funding to implement strategies and projects from the SCI, as well as continuing to pursue SCI-type initiatives for the remaining FasTracks corridors. Jeanne Shreve emphasized how North Metro and I-225 and I-25 should be priorities for future SCI initiatives at DRCOG and recommended NATA send a DRCOG expressing our interest as a 'next step' for SCI work in the region. The idea was considered but not carried forward.

Action Item – NATA to sign onto SCI Consortium – Motion carries

NATA Bylaws-Review and adopt Revised NATA by-Laws

The board discussed the timing of elections brought up by Mayor Atchison; opportunities to attend board meetings via conference call and retain full voting rights suggested by Kevin Stanbridge; as well as possibilities to hold annual meetings in December mentioned by Joyce Hunt. Karen Stuart expressed concern about holding annual meetings in December due to potential low turnout, plus staff has enough time to prepare for the annual meeting when it is held in January.

Action Item: To amend current By-Laws to hold the election of officers in December and to approve the revised By-Laws today to take effect Jan 1, 2015. Motion carries.

Update on Adams County Hearing

- Hearing was an opportunity to present AdCo priorities to CDOT, RTD and DRCOG
- 45 people attended-
- MC'd by Commissioner Erik Hansen with presentations by Mayor Sue Horn of Bennett, Mayor Dick McLean of Brighton, Mayor Joyce Downing of Northglenn, Mayor Heidi Williams of Thornton, and Doug Elenowitz of Trailbreak Partners.

Discussion of DRCOG Second Phase TIP Funding

- Importance of having a NATA members on TAC and RTC
- Also would help to have a review of scoring instead of just the final score. Helps DRCOG members to be able to see how projects are scored and understand them better.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 am. No November meeting this year. Next NATA meeting scheduled for December 11th.

