

NATA Board Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2014 from 7:30 am to 9:00 am

Adams County Economic Development –12200 Pecos Street, Westminster, CO 80234

Commissioner Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:34a

Introductions took place and those in attendance were:

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	James Hayes	Commerce City Staff
Kent Moorman	Thornton Staff	Kevin Stanbridge	Broomfield Staff
Brook Svoboda	Northglenn Staff	Preston Gibson	Metro North Chamber
Joe Smith	Brighton Staff	Karen Stuart	Smart Commute
Jeanne Shreve	AdCo Staff	Paul DesRocher	Smart Commute

Smart Commute (who signed in)

Ken Rudolph	PMC	Gina McAfee	HDR
Chris Primus	HDR	Bob Marusin	TSH
Bob Sakaguchi	Jacobs	Julie Skeen	Jacobs
Ina Zisman	PB	Ed Icenogle	Icenogle, Seaver, Pogue
Wes Goff	Atkins	Shoiva Tahirova	Kiewit

Agency Partners (who signed in)

Paul Jesaitis	CDOT Staff	Paul Solano	RTD Board Director
Andy Stratton	CDOT Staff	Ashland Vaughn	RTD Staff
Dan Marcucci	CDOT Staff		

August Meeting Minutes – Unanimous Approval

Smart Commute Update

- Smart Commute concluded the CMAQ grant 10-Ride Ticketbook program in August and hopes to continue the program under separate funding throughout the winter months. Staff will provide an overview of the program at the end of the year.
- Paul has been providing updates/presentations at local jurisdictions about the incentives Smart Commute is offering commuters driving through the I-25 Express Lanes construction project. Most recent presentations include at City of Northglenn and City and County of Broomfield. Longmont is scheduled for 9/30.

- The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with DRCOG for Partnership grant funding will begin in January 2015. The MOU acknowledges Smart Commute as an official TMO joining the other 6 serving the Denver metro area and as such is eligible for the \$160K in CMAQ funding for TDM every two years.
- September and October are membership drive months for Smart Commute. These business partnerships are very important for the sustainability of Smart Commute.

CDOT

Segment 2: North I-25 Express Lanes Project- Andy Stratton

Sound walls are under construction from US 36 to 120th. CDOT is replacing existing wood fence with concrete. Andy acknowledged the IGA with local jurisdictions that brought additional funding to the table.

Segment 3 - 120th to SH7 – Myron Hora

There is a meeting Oct. 26 with Urban Drainage to determine cost/logistics of extending/reconstructing the box culvert at E-470 interchange. Three design options are currently being evaluated. 2035 cost projections for all three options are due soon. CDOT will host an Open House for improvements to N. I-25 on October 8th at the South Weld County offices.

- Val Vigil – The Open House is not located near the SH7 interchange. There should be a second meeting further south where most of the commuters are. Myron – other open houses will be considered.
- Jeanne – What is being re-evaluated under new NEPA process? Myron – “ROD II” will take into consideration the public process and provide opportunity to give input. CDOT is working with consultants to consider alternatives/costing. Numbers are forthcoming. The CDOT commuter bus service – known as the Bustang, will begin early in 2015 and will be considered with each option.
- Jeanne – When will the traffic impact study to be delivered? Myron - Next week likely.
- Erik Hansen – Will \$35M be used for Segment 3 project? Myron – federal “Risk and Resiliency” money could be used to complete it. Also, “HUD Challenge” has allocated \$1B nationally and could be an option. CDOT is also considering “temporary” HOV lane. CDOT has presented financial options to HPTB Board. October is the month in which NATA should provide input because CDOT will make decisions design and allocate funding.
- Kevin Standbridge – How does NATA get information on income allocation (tolls revenue). Myron - Mike Cheroutes is appropriate POC for these questions.
- Herb Atchison – Cost of replacing box culvert needs to be understood prior to meeting with Mike Cheroutes. Myron – Information can be relayed after Urban Drainage meeting.
- Herb Atchison – Considering recent TIGER grant application for BRT on 119 was turned down, what’s the likelihood of other applications being approved? Myron – the likelihood is not something currently known.

RTD- NMRL- Ashland Vaughn

- There will be Station area meetings at Thornton and Commerce City for North Metro Rail on 9/24-25. Consultants will go through station by station design proposals. The Thornton meeting on 9/24 was very well attended. Public Interest was focused on trails, roadway design, etc.
- This is a critical time for input on the design because it's currently under 60%. Change becomes more difficult and expensive once it goes from 60% to 90%.
- RTD is in negotiations for the Frye property. Annexation for the station at 72nd into Commerce City underway.

NATA priorities

- 139 projects submitted for TIP funding.
- Projects submitted reflect NATA priorities defined by members in previous months
- Local jurisdictions reporting on individual projects:
 - o Thornton - Widening of 104th important to handle increase in development-related traffic, including DIA
 - o Westminster – Design/widening and multi-modal tunnel for Sheridan between Turnpike Drive and U.S. 36 ramps. Project provides bus/ped/bike underpass from PnR to Westminster Mall Redevelopment.
 - o Longmont - BRT study to evaluate how bus circulates into downtown with existing traffic.
 - o Commerce City – Industrial area study to evaluate circulation and connectivity through area, including special analyses for Vasquez and the intersection at 85/60th Avenue (I-270, and U.S. 85 & 60th Avenue)
 - o Boulder/Brighton – BRT on Hwy 7. Important to getting corridor completed. Adding bike/ped elements being considered. Hansen – majority of study focused in Boulder (stops at 287). Concerned with “secondary” level of service/design east of 287. NATA needs to be diligent in continuing to pull project further east. CDOT – PnR at Hwy 7/N I-25 – Div. of Transit and Rail (DTR) can consider alternative moneys for funding project.
- Motion to Approve Sending of Letters to DRCOG TIP – APPROVED

Bylaws Discussion

- Paul Solano – Appointments of people to boards should go through vote, not consensus.
- Erik Hansen – appointments are not made by NATA, they are recommendations. NATA's focus is on getting representation on strategic boards.
- Vote on bylaws revisions to come before the conclusion of the year.

Other Issues

Meeting next month will be moved to a location (TBD). Possibly at North Metro Chamber of Commerce

Nov/Dec meeting combined to Dec. 11th at ACED.

Upcoming Presentations (possibilities)

- Econ. Development (ACED with input from local jurisdictions)
- Aging and Transportation (DRCOG), Human Services Transportation