

NATA Board Minutes May 22, 2014  
 Metro North Chamber -- 14583 Orchard Pkwy, Westminster, CO 80023

Commissioner Erik Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:36 AM

Introductions took place and those in attendance included:

NATA Board Members/NATA Staff (who signed in):

Erik Hansen, Chair	AdCo Commissioner	Karen Stuart	SCMN TMO
Joyce Downing	Northglenn Mayor	Daniel Dick	Federal Heights Council
Steve Durian	Federal Heights Staff	Shawn Lewis	Longmont Staff
Gary Behlen	Eric Staff	Joyce Thomas	Federal Heights Mayor
Joe Smith	Brighton Staff	Jeanne Shreve	Adams County Staff
Kimberly Dall	Brighton Staff	Kevin Standbridge	Broomfield Staff
Ed Roberts	Commerce City Staff	Joyce Hunt	Thornton Staff
Joe Smith	Brighton Staff	Gene Putman	Thornton Staff
Steve Durian	Federal Heights	Kent Moorman	Thornton Staff
Barry Gore	ACED	Beth Martinez-Humenik	Thornton Council

SCMN Members (who signed in):

Perry Palmer	David Evans & Associates	Wes Goff	Atkins
Ken Spangler	Google	Shoira Tahirova	Kiewit
Denny McCloskey	Middleton Realty	Bryan Frantz	Collins Engineers
Ina Zisman	Parsons Brinckerhoff	Tonya Sandman	Flatiron
George Tsiouvaras	TSH		

Agency Partners and Others (who signed in):

Paul Solano	RTD Director	David Krutsinger	CDOT Staff
Myron Hora	CDOT Staff	Jay Henrickson	CDOT Staff
Jane Donovan	RTD Staff	Jared Esquibel	CDOT Staff
Mike Timlin	CDOT T&R Staff	Andy Stratton	CDOT Staff
Dan Marucci	CDOT Staff	Brenda Tierney	RTD Staff

April 2014 NATA Meeting Minutes – Unanimously Approved

Smart Commute TMO Update

1. **“Save the Date” – Transportation Forum (June 26th)**  
 Focus will be on North Metro Rail – Opportunities, Challenges and Trends  
 Event will be free and be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Thornton  
Bike to Work Day on June 25 – Thornton PnR and The Orchard PnR
2. Update on North I-25 Express Lanes grant project -- TDM Manager’s report  
Outreach events in May include ThorntonFest and Anthem Ranch

TDM Program elements are moving forward including:

- TDM Mobile App – Updating scope of work
- Vanpool Program – Moving toward contract execution
- Transit Ticketbooks – To be marketed throughout “Ozone Season” – May – September

#### Standing Agenda Items

**RTD:** Larry Hoy, Paul Solano and Judy Lubow

- Board is monitoring FISA Account which was originally intended for the NMRL and US 36. FISA has \$21M and growing.
- Certificates of Participation (COP) monies will be used to fund construction up to 104<sup>th</sup>. From 104<sup>th</sup> to 124<sup>th</sup> a different funding mechanism will be used.
- RTD purchasing 12 rail cars at a cost of approximately \$4M each. An additional 6 cars would be needed to have train sets necessary for construction to 160<sup>th</sup>.
- NAMS study is concluded and will be brought to the RTD Board for approval next month.
- RTD attendance at ThorntonFest was well-received. Attendees were ecstatic about the North Metro Rail Line and the station area opportunities
- Telephone town halls are scheduled for North Metro Rail Line

**CDOT Projects:** Jay Hendrickson and Andy Stratton

North I-25 Express Lanes Presentation

- Telephone Town Hall scheduled for July 9 to engage stakeholders on upcoming project schedule
- Previous construction phasing for 88<sup>th</sup> Ave highway lowering was 100 days but has now changed to 50 days. Now must reduce three lanes to two lanes during one weekend in each direction
- Date of construction for I-25 lowering will be approximately July-September

**CDOT 's Statewide Transit Plan** -- Division of Transit & Rail: David Krutsinger & Michael Timlin

Statewide Transportation Plan

- CDOT conducted telephone town halls for feedback and had approximately 10K participants for two calls.
- Public comment period for the Statewide Transit Plan to end in July. Largely using online survey tool to support public comment in addition to telephone town halls.
- Smart Commute to load CDOT Public Survey tool onto its website

Interurban CDOT express bus service

- Focus on express service from Ft. Collins/Loveland, Colorado Springs and Vail/Glenwood Springs with all service terminating at Denver Union Station
- March '15 – Target date for operations

- 20% farebox recovery is the goal within the first two years – operations only
- 13 customized buses to start with which will have Wi-Fi, laboratories, table trays, etc.
- Similar style to RTD's over-the-road coaches

Questions/Comments:

- Gene P: CDOT is stopping within RTD District, however, there are no fare points there (no on-boarding)
- Erik H.: Stops at employment centers and other places could be considered as service is implemented. Specifically, stops at SH 7 and 120<sup>th</sup> might make sense. New stops will be evaluated from rider surveys and based on ridership on former FREX routes. Will also collect data from employers in the 120<sup>th</sup> area, in order to support a stop there. ACED and SCMN may be able to help with this data.

Overview of NATA staff response to I-25 Segment III northern limits – (Gene Putman and Kent Moorman)

NATA/CDOT discussion on the need for segment III to serve S.H 7

NATA/CDOT discussion on I-25 North regional bus service

- CDOT is concerned with having to widen the bridge structures to accommodate HOV/Toll lanes and therefore increase the price of the project significantly. Gene Putnam has provided technical input in order to bring the HOV lanes all the way to Highway 7 at a reduced cost. CDOT has agreed to review the concepts that Gene has developed and integrate them if they are able to respond to concerns from FHWA and other partners.

Discussion Notes

- Financial difference between Gene proposal (\$5M) and CDOT proposal (\$11M)
- Desire is to implement Park-n-Ride at SH 7 and to provide transit service there.
- Speed limit another issue – FHWA may consider dropping to 65 mph in order to reduce ROW necessary to accommodate HOV lanes.

**ACTION ITEM:**

NATA to provide comments regarding: 1. I-25 Regional bus service at S.H. 7; and, 2. building the managed lanes to S.H. 7 two letters to emphasize the importance of getting transit service and HOV/Toll lanes to SH7.

**Other Member Business**

Gene Putnam was congratulated for his illustrious career at the City of Thornton and with the North Area Transportation Alliance.