

NATA Board Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2014

Metro North Chamber of Commerce

Chair Erik Hansen called the meeting to order at approximately 7:33.

Those in attendance were:

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

Erik Hansen, Chair	AdCo Commissioner	Joyce Thomas	Federal Heights Mayor
Karen Stuart	SCMN TMO	Jeanne Shreve	AdCo Staff
Jim Hayes	Commerce City Staff	Joe Smith	Brighton Staff
Kevin Standbridge	Broomfield Staff	Brook Svoboda	Northglenn Staff
Joyce Downing	Northglenn, Mayor	Beth Martinez-Humenick	Thornton Council
Lynn Baca	Brighton City Council	Steve Durian	Federal Heights Staff
Val Vigil, Vice Chair	Thornton City Council	Maria D'Andrea	Commerce City Staff
Maria D'Andrea	Commerce City Staff	Daniel Dick	Federal Heights Council
Gene Putman	Thornton Staff	Gary Behlen	Erie Staff
Shawn Lewis	Longmont Staff		

SCMN Members (who signed in):

Christie DeLuca	Flatiron	Mark Shotkoski	Northwest Parkway
Matt Barnes	Flatiron	Hunter Sydnor	Kiewitt
Ken Spangler	Google, Board Member	Andrea Meneghel	CDR
Brenda Shuler	Hamon Contractors	C. Nguyen	HDR
Galina Leipart	TSH		

Agency Partners and Others (who signed in):

Larry Hoy	RTD Director	Judy Lubow	RTD Director
Myron Hora	CDOT Staff	Jay Hendrickson	CDOT Staff
Paul Solano	RTD Director	Ashland Vaughn	RTD Staff
Jane Donovan	RTD Staff	Judy Lubow	RTD Director
Tony DeVito	CDOT Staff	Paul Jesaitis	CDOT Staff
Kurt Morrison	CDOT Staff	Will Kerns	Open Plan
Chris Vitry		Ina Zisman	CDOT Staff
Rebecca White	CDOT Staff	Aaron Greco	CDOT Staff

Unanimous approval of January 2014 Meeting Minutes.

Smart Commute Metro North (SCMN) TMO Update:

- Introduction of the Executive Board : Chair Erik Hansen, Vice Chair Joyce Downing, Treasurer Deb Obermeyer, Directors Barry Gore, Ken Spangler, Beth Humenik Martinez and Larry Hoy.
- Introducing new TMO members; David Evans and Assoc., Stantec, and Graham
- SCMN will conduct festivals/fairs for summers to distribute transportation information to commuters.
- SCMN requested assistance from jurisdictions to identify festivals and businesses along I-25 to conduct transportation fairs.
- Presentation: DRCOG's newly rebranded Way to Go commuter match program

Standing Agenda Items:

RTD:

North Metro Groundbreaking Ceremony (March 20), RTD Director Larry Hoy.

Groundbreaking will be at the Eastlake Station at 124th and Claude in Thornton. Chair Hansen suggested RTD add a spokesperson from NATA to the speakers list as NATA played an important role in the promotion and advocacy of the NMRC project.

- Denver Union Station Grand Opening May 9
- Crawford hotel at DUS opening in June
- Amtrak begins operations tomorrow (2/28)
- RTD Survey – Launch date March 3rd
 - SCMN partnering with RTD to get survey out
 - Targeted to employers along I-25 corridor
 - Will help to improve transit in the north area
 - Only conducted every three years

BRT/NAMS/RAM Update – Chris Quinn, RTD Project Manager

- BRT Key Updates – working with U.S. DOT to re-define BRT in MAP 21 Reauthorization
 - BRT includes a variety of services to achieve rail-like service
 - No single formula for BRT – Improvements can be achieved through a variety of elements
 - RTD Goal – Influence federal policy makers to achieve consensus on BRT definition
 - Current definition suggests that BRT lanes cannot be accessible to HOV/HOT vehicle. RTD would like to see HOV/HOT included
- NAMS Update
 - Key Task Updates:
 - Downtown Express Reverse Commute Analysis
 - Determining remaining BRT funding priorities for US 36
 - Evaluate ability to segment NW Rail

- Segment 1 to Broomfield, most expensive because it is front loaded with system costs
- Evaluate feasibility of extending NMR to Longmont
- Evaluate potential mobility improvements in area such as arterial BRT
 - Bus bypass lanes at intersections will provide enough relief for significant travel time decreases

Final report to take recommendations to RTD Board in mid-April . Kevin Standbridge – US 36 MCC group will be requesting stronger language from CDOT/RTD/HPTE to commit to 2042 implementation of NWR. Current language removes commitment timeline. Also, the group is in strong support of Longmont’s desires for transit improvements. Karen Stuart - Reversible lane on I-25 important to transit all the way north on I-25 because it improves the travel time throughout the day not just when the reversible lane is in the favorable direction. Barry Gore- inquiry about the difference between BRT and Express bus service.

- FasTracks Internal Savings Account (FISA) or “RAM”
 - RTD sold \$5.5M air rights over Civic Center Station
 - RTD land to sell land throughout metro area to private parties.
 - Larry Hoy called out land parcel at 104th and Riverdale Road for sale.

CDOT: Legislative Update: Kurt Morrison, CDOT Legislative Liaison

- 60 bills currently under consideration in state legislation
- HB 1259 – Transportation bill will provide \$100M to CDOT as a “band aid”, based on lane miles but may be in competition with possible education bill
- Upcoming bill on P3 may include:
 - Legislative veto – CDOT says they are against
 - Legislative review of agreements – CDOT may or may not agree
 - Verbal reviews – CDOT agrees
 - Likely to come out in May (after US 36 deal has closed as of 2/26)
- Federal Tiger VI – will have about \$600M.
 - Bigger pool of funds; CO chances of receiving increase because many states do not compete
 - CDOT currently looking for projects to compete in process; CDOT can submit 3 projects.
 - Projects must be submitted by late April
 - Smaller jurisdictions can also apply (not just CDOT)
- Map 21
 - Kurt Morrison mentioned the President’s plan for transportation, and then highlighted the plan doesn’t include information/language or how to fund it
 - Bill likely to be much different when it is signed

Industry Forum, Nick Farber HPTE

- Invited six private firms to discuss opportunities to improve North I-25, eight major segments
- “Segment three” (120th to 160th) moving forward with RAMP funding

- “Segment four” will need to get approval from local jurisdictions to change lanes from general purpose
- CDOT considering requesting unsolicited proposal for full build of corridor with assistance from in-house consultant
- Atkins serving as tolling services advisor
- Requesting extension on RAMP submission date but project will still move forward on same timeline as previously discussed

Flatirons Constructors

- Sixth largest bridge builder and 11th in transportation
- Conducted projects from California to Canada
- Focus on P3 projects:
 - o Huge cost savings associated with the ability to achieve projects sooner than later
- Matt Barnes, Flatiron Project Manager for I-25 Express Lanes Project – CDOT I-25 project improves:
 - o Sound walls
 - o 88th lowering (June 1 start date)
 - o Bi-Directional HOV/HOT Lanes
 - o Resurfacing

NATA Project Priority; Jeanne Shreve

- Review project priority maps
- Provide feedback by March 14th
- Approve projects by March Board Meeting
- Assist CDOT in completing Tiger VI app
- March-May work with partners to determine next steps for each priority
- March board meeting will be primarily devoted to discussing those priorities

Vice Chair Val Vigil Adjourned Meeting at 9:05 AM