

NATA Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2013

The following were in attendance:

NATA Board Members/NATA Staff (who signed in)

Erik Hansen, Chair	AdCo Commissioner	Joyce Downing, Mayor	Northglenn
Karen Stuart	SCMN TMO	Jeanne Shreve	AdCo Staff
Kevin Standbridge	Broomfield Staff	Joe Smith	Brighton Staff
Herb Atchison	Mayor, Westminster	Aric Otzelberger	Westminster Staff
Phil Greenwald	Longmont Staff	Brook Svoboda	Northglenn Staff
Steve Durian	Federal Heights Staff	Barry Gore	ACED
Sharon Richardson	Federal Heights Council	Daniel Dick	Federal Heights Council
Maria D'Andrea	Commerce City Staff		

SCMN TMO Members (who signed in)

Bryan Frantz	Collins Engineers	Galina Leipart	Tsiouvaras, Simmons, Holderness
Gina McAfee	HDR		

Agency Partners and Citizens (who signed in)

Larry Hoy	RTD Director	Paul Solano	RTD Director
Ina Zisman	CDOT Staff	Jane Donovan	RTD Staff
Jay Hendrickson	CDOT Staff		

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 am.

Chair Hansen welcomed newly elected Westminster Mayor Herb Atchison and new Federal Heights Councilman Daniel Dick to NATA.

Chair Hansen acknowledged Sharon Richardson, Federal Heights City Council member, for her service to NATA as Federal Heights's representative.

The October NATA Meeting minutes were approved.

SCMN update- Karen Stuart reported the following:

- The TDM Manager position has been posted and closes Nov. 25; hoping to get someone in place in January
- Contracts for Van Pool provider and CDOT mobile for TDM program are being crafted
- Currently recruiting business members for TMO Board of Directors for 2014
- Report on Last Mile Connections Symposium

Action Items:

1. Designate PAC member for NAMS study- Sharon Richardson has been representing NATA on NAMS. Sharon will be leaving her elected position at the end of December. The NAMS study is finishing up this spring. Herb Atchison moved and Barry Gore seconded a motion to have Sharon

continue as the NATA representative through the end of the NAMS study process if she was willing. Sharon agreed to continue as representative.

2. Designate NATA representative for the I-25 Express Lanes Industry Forum discussion- Karen Stuart volunteered to attend on behalf of NATA. Erik Hansen moved to appoint Karen and Herb Atchison seconded the motion.
3. NATA Board direction to Staff on CDOT ICS Study:

The Draft motion is: *Direct NATA staff to work towards phase I of the ICS to include the extension of North Metro with a connection to Longmont, which is mutually exclusive from the RTD NAMS study.*

Discussion: Jeanne Shreve noted NATA should be prepared for the next steps as CDOT will likely fund a minimum segment for the rail study. Herb Atchison commented he had spoken to Senators Bennett and Udall about the likelihood of high speed rail funding coming to Colorado; we're not likely to get funding to build this. Karen Stuart suggested it's important to be part of the conversation as CDOT makes a decision which corridor to fund for the study; I-70 or I-25. Karen said RTD Director Judy Lubow has been a proponent of pushing for the front range location study; and a large group of elected officials and business interests from Ft. Collins to Longmont are organized as an advocacy group called Front Range on Track (FRONT) and have held several well attended symposiums in support of the rail study. Phil Greenwald from Longmont said Longmont supports phase I of the ICS along the front range. Jeanne Shreve has had discussions with the tri-towns who are supportive. Jeanne suggested a change to the proposed language to include CDOT Transit and Rail ICS Study is mutually exclusive from NAMS Study.

RTD Update: Jane Donovan gave an update on the North Metro Rail line. Kevin Standbridge asked about what is included in the COPs besides Right of Way. Larry Hoy responded maybe trains. Kevin asked about the cost to get to 162nd. Jane responded that information at this point was still proprietary. Val Vigil asked how much of the overall projected ridership will be captured with the line to 124th. Jane noted the ridership to 124th was a little more than 20,000. Larry Hoy said NATA's support through this process has really helped and 16 people came to the special FasTracks Monitoring Committee meeting and testified in favor of North Metro. Jane noted that the contract with RRP (formerly GBBH) will be signed sometime between November 26th and the 19th of December with the Notice to Proceed (NTP) done at the same time. The date depends on the final negotiations when certain deliverables are due.

Joe Smith from Brighton talked about the NATE II (Northeast Area Transit Evaluation). RTD is expanding the original 2007 NATE study. Meetings with Adams County Brighton and Commerce City are setting the scope and vision for this study. One important component is the consideration of BRT as an interim operation until fixed-rail could be implemented. A successful kickoff meeting was held Nov. 13th. There are meetings being held one on one with jurisdictions. The next full team meeting will be in early 2014.

CDOT Update:

Jay Hendricksen gave an update on the I-25 Express Lanes project. He mentioned the sound walls issues that are being worked through with Adams County. Currently northbound shoulder work is being done. The contractor is gearing up for next summer.

Jay said he is relying on all jurisdictions to put out the word "to watch out for the cone zone".

Paul Solano asked about the I-70 Viaduct project. Is it being coordinated with RTD? Jay said this project has some drainage concerns and construction won't start until 2016 at the earliest.

Val stressed the need for good, consistent messaging during the I-25 Express lanes project. Steve Durian of Federal Heights noted that a good source for info on I-25 is Amy Ford or Andy Stratton at CDOT. Karen commented the TMO, through the help of her new TDM Manager to be hired specifically to work on the I-25 Project can be utilized as a valuable resource during construction.

Karen mentioned the TMO's annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the January NATA Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 am.