

NATA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 22, 2013

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:40 am.

Those 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
Denny McCloskey	Broomfield City Council	John Pick	Northglenn Staff
Sharon Richardson	Fed. Heights City Council	Katie Witt	Longmont City Council
Nancy McNally, Mayor	Westminster	Heidi Williams, Mayor	Thornton
Deb Overmeyer	North Metro Chamber	Jim Hayes	Commerce City Staff
Joe Smith	Brighton Staff	Joyce Hunt	Thornton Staff
Aric Otzelberger	Westminster Staff	Gene Putman	Thornton Staff
Shawn Lewis	Longmont Staff	Lynn Baca	Brighton City Council
Phil Greenwald	Longmont Staff	Kevin Standbridge	Broomfield Staff
Steve Durian	Fed. Heights Staff	Dave Lindsay	Firestone Staff
Maria D'Andrea	Commerce City Staff		

SCMN TMO Members (who signed in)

John Schwab	Jacobs Engineering	Bob Sakagucki	Jacobs Engineering
Ed Icenogle	Icenogle, Seaver & Pogue	Russ Dykstra	Spencer Fane & Grimshaw
John West	Herzog	Mark Shotkoski	Northwest Parkway
Matt Christenson	Kiewitt	Bob Garcia	Jacobs Engineering
James Braun	Google	Joe Wingerter	Kiewitt
Reza Akhavan	Jacobs Engineering	Bryan Franis	Collins Engineering
Preston Gibson	Xcel Energy	Manuel Solano	

Agency Partners (who signed in)

Judy Lubow, Director	RTD	Paul Jesaitis	CDOT Staff
Steve Olson	CDOT Staff	Rebecca White	CDOT Staff
Tony DiVito	CDOT Staff	Ina Zisman	CDOT Staff
Jim Starling	RTD Staff	Aaron Greco	CDTO Staff
Myron Hora	CDOT Staff	Jennifer Schaufle	DRCOG
Johnny Olson	CDOT Staff		

Introductions:

Because of the large attendance and the lengthy agenda, Chair Hansen dispensed with individual introductions.

Approval of July Meeting Minutes: the minutes were approved unanimously.

Smart Commute Metro North TMO Update:

Karen Stuart reported on the status of the DRCOG TDM grant application submitted by Smart Commute. DRCOG's staff recommended approval of the 2 year grant funding for \$200,000. The grant will enable Smart Commute to provide Transportation Demand Management services (TDM) for the I-25 North Express Lanes project starting this fall and finishing in 2015. These services will include hiring and designating a TDM manager specifically to work on programs for I-25 commuting options during the construction, providing subsidized van pools and transit passes for commuters in the corridor, and working with the CDOT Mobile app, 511 and CoTrip.org to promote Smart Commute's website and information to reduce congestion during the two year project. Karen is negotiating with CDOT for a local match amount. The next steps are approval at the DRCOG Board meeting in September, an IGA with CDOT for the funding match and a refined scope of work for the CMAQ contract.

Karen also mentioned the Metro North Chamber Development Council will be presenting a Transportation Breakfast, October 22nd with Phil Washington of RTD, Don Hunt of CDOT and Jennifer Schaufele of DRCOG as speakers.

NATA Dues for 2014:

The recommendation to keep NATA dues at the same level as the 2013 dues was approved unanimously. Commissioner Hansen mentioned the SPC talked about the need to define "member" and the possibility of needing criteria. Joyce Hunt mentioned that funding for the original CMAQ grant that created the TMO runs out in 2014 and it will be necessary to have a future discussion about subsidizing the TMO with NATA funds.

Propose I-25 Metro Improvement District:

Commissioner Erik Hansen gave a power point presentation making the case for considering a metro improvement district for I-25. He outlined the need, the opportunity, and the purpose of such a district. A metro district can accelerate capital improvements, provide consistent service delivery within the district, provide influence and creates a competitive advantage. He referenced the CDOT list of needed projects for the NATA area. The logistics of this district are an anticipated levy of 5 to 10 mils. The goal would be revenues of \$3 to 5 Million annually. An election targeted for May 2014 would allow for operation of a district to start in 2015. Commissioner Hansen referenced the map showing a possible district area that only includes commercial property, is not contiguous, and does not yet include properties in Broomfield County, only Adams County.

The request before the NATA Board is to contribute \$25,000 toward the establishment of a Metro Improvement District for I-25. These funds are anticipated to be reimbursed to NATA by the District when revenues are available. The \$25,000 is needed to pay for phase one of a three phase process. The first phase will define the scope, create a conceptual design of the district, co-ordinate with other existing metro districts and define a service plan.

Discussion: Nancy McNally- Does this money pay for the election costs? How will existing commercial leases be impacted? The Westminster Council wants the full amount of money needed (approximately \$125,000) to create the metro district to be in place before spending the \$25,000 from NATA.

Steve Durian- Should there be a stronger nexus and wider inclusion of properties at 104th and other interchanges? Commissioner Hansen replied there could be a series of metro district overlays like are in existence in SE Denver area.

Denny McCloskey- advised group that the idea should be explored with private land owners in the Broomfield area of I-25. Commissioner Hansen replied those meetings are in progress.

Kevin Standbridge- advised there are many existing agreements in place already doing some of the things this district has suggested.

Preston Gibson- reminded group transportation and workforce are of top importance for business attraction and is supportive of this idea as a step in the right direction.

Jim Hayes-asked about CDOT's plans for a 2014 tax initiative and how that might affect an attempt at a metro district tax. Johnny Olson of CDOT weighed in about the potential ballot issue for a statewide vote and the voters appetite for taxing.

Joyce Hunt-commended the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) for moving the ball forward, reminding all "the devil's in the details" and jurisdictions need to ask their councils for approval before expenditure by NATA.

Joyce Downing- she will need to bring to Northglenn Council. They will be having a study session before the next NATA meeting.

Sharon Richardson- she will bring to Federal Heights study session.

Sharon made motion (will attempt to bring specific language to NATA Board meeting) contingent on council approvals. Preston Gibson abstained on the vote noting that the MNCC would need to vote on approval first.

Motion passed.

Erik Hansen reminded all that a next step will be to determine an entity that can contract for legal assistance to create the metro district.

Support DRCOG FasTracks Resolution:

Jeanne Shreve provided the draft resolution. Joyce Hunt gave an overview of concerns and the reason for this added language to the original DRCOG language. It was noted that an RTD report is now a standing agenda item at DRCOG so Bill Van Meter can provide the DRCOG Board with updates in the timely manner requested by concerned board members. Katie Witt moved and Sharon Richardson seconded the motion to support the draft resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

Update on Priority Project Process:

Jeanne reminded staff members to send her the projects on their lists so she can email an updated list to everyone.

Kiewit Presentation on P3s:

Matt Christensen introduced Joe Wingerter of Kiewit who presented an overview of transportation Public Private Partnerships. (Presentation provided on NATA website and attached to this email.

CDOT Update:

Johnny Olson reported that CDOT RAMP projects for North I-25 are in jeopardy because there is no strong coalition in place advocating for them. CDOT will be holding community meetings August 22nd

and August 28th to gauge support for these projects. Johnny noted that these improvement projects are critical to economic development.

There was discussion about the NAMS study, HOV2-HOV3, congestion pricing and conversion lane policy. Johnny reminded everyone the competition for RAMP funds includes the Northwest Parkway extension, C-470 and I-70, all projects bringing money to the table. Johnny provided an overview of the costs for each segment of the North I-25 from 120th to SH66. Tony DeVito of CDOT noted these managed lanes projects provide reliability and sustainability for the system.

Nancy McNally commented that she'd like to see the conversion to managed lanes of the full I-25 corridor from New Mexico to Wyoming to be fair. Johnny responded that the new CDOT policy is that all new lanes will be managed lanes for congestion mitigation.

RTD Update:

Jim Starling gave an update of the NMRC. The RPF is on schedule, a final release of the RFP with all addendums will be released next week.