

NATA Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 25, 2013

Commissioner Erik Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:35. Those in attendance were:

NATA Board Members/NATA Staff (who signed in)

Erik Hansen, Chair	AdCo Commissioner	Val Vigil, Vice Chair	Thornton City Council
Karen Stuart	SCMN TMO	Jeanne Shreve	AdCo Staff
Deb Obermeyer	Metro North Chamber	Denny McCloskey	Broomfield City Council
Sharon Richardson	Fed. Heights City Council	Lynn Baca	Brighton City Council
Brook Svoboda	Northglenn Staff	Heidi Williams, Mayor	Thornton
Jordan Perlmutter	Metro North Chamber	Jim Hayes	Commerce City Staff
Joe Smith	Brighton Staff	Gary Behlen	Erie Staff
Aric Otzelberger	Westminster Staff	Gene Putman	Thornton Staff
Sean Lewis	Longmont Staff	Barry Gore	ACED
Phil Greenwald	Longmont Staff	Kevin Standbridge	Broomfield Staff
Steve Durian	Fed. Heights Staff	Maria D'Andrea	Commerce City Staff

SCMN TMO Members (who signed in)

Matt Christensen	Kiewit	Andrea Meneghel	CDR Associates
Ed Icenogle	Icenogle, Seaver & Pogue	Bryan Frantz	Collins Engineering
Mike Whitney	Bechtel	Mark Shotkoski	Northwest Parkway
John West	Herzog	Shelley Hartnett	WH Pacific

Agency Partners (who signed in)

Judy Lubow, Director	RTD	Paul Solano	RTD
Andy Stratton	CDOT Staff	Chris Quinn	RTD Staff
Myron Hora	CDOT Staff	Brenda Tierney	RTD Staff
Jim Starling	RTD Staff	Ina Zisman	CDOT Staff
Mike Cheroutes	HPTE		

Administrative Items:

1. Introductions
2. The minutes of the April 2013 meeting were approved unanimously. There was no NATA meeting in May. The June NATA meeting was replaced by a joint transportation breakfast with Smart Commute Metro North, ACED and the Metro North Chamber entitled Trans-Forum: Rethinking roads, Rail and Revenue.

SCMN TMO update:

Karen Stuart acknowledged new business members Spencer Fane and Grimshaw, and Google. Karen gave an update on the DRCOG TDM Pool grant Smart Commute Metro North has applied for to provide TDM strategies and programs for the upcoming North I-25 Managed Lane project. Components of the SCMN application include subsidizing fixed rate van pools to Downtown Denver, collaborative enhancements for the CDOT I-25 Mobile app with geo-fencing outreach, and a concentrated

communication and outreach effort for commuters in the Perl Mack neighborhood on I-25. DRCOG's grant review committee has recommended approval of this application with a reduced funding of \$200,000 from \$297,000. The funding approval process goes to the TAC, RTC and DRCOG Board with a final approval expected at the August Board meeting.

Karen noted the second issue of the SCMN newsletter went out earlier this week and highlighted the success of this year's Bike to Work Day activities as well as the Trans-Forum presentations. Karen also gave a brief update on the numerous community outreach events SCMN has attended this summer.

The Bike to Bus Interactive Map presentation on today's agenda was postponed due to technical problems and will be rescheduled.

RTD Update:

North Metro RFP process- Jim Starling, RTD NMRC Project Manager gave an update on the RFP schedule; proposals are due September 23rd. Recommendations will go to the FasTracks Monitoring Committee on November 5th, then to the full RTD Board on November 19th, with an expected Notice to Proceed December 19th. RTD is working with jurisdictions along the NMRC on the IGAs. Draft IGAs are expected by August 26th.

NAMS Study Overview – Chris Quinn, RTD presented an overview of the NAMS process. The intent of the study is to have recommendations by February 2014 and would like the recommendations submitted to DRCOG for the MetroVision 2040. There is both a policy advisory committee and a technical advisory committee. The five key elements of the study are NW phasing options (segmenting with BNSF), NMRC extension to Longmont, the U.S. 36 BRT program commitments, the arterial BRT connections and a high level analysis of the N I-25 reverse commute issues. The phasing for service options in the study are 71st and Lowell to Broomfield (116th), 116th to Louisville, Louisville to Longmont.

Comments included the North Metro extension to Longmont, the public's expectations of a segment to Boulder, BRT commitments for a 2016 opening, park and ride improvements and getting value that will enhance the bus network. Chris noted that the revenue lane study will be coordinated with CDOT and HPTA. There will be public meetings this fall.

CDOT update:

Myron Hora, CDOT gave an update on the RAMP projects submitted to CDOT. There were 166 applications. Myron provided the list of NATA area projects that made the cut. The CDOT Commission will take an active role in the approval process in September and October.

Comments on the attachments – suggested a follow up call to Commissioner Barry and upper level CDOT staff to increase support for NATA supported projects. Bagels with Barry will be August 8th at Westminster. Myron stated FHWA want funds focused toward roadway improvements. The extension of the Managed Lanes from 120th to SH-7 will use the same template as CDOT Region I is using for I-25. The SH-7 to SH-66 piece is still looking at all options. Myron noted there needs to be a champion for the northern region of the project that can bring the group together.

MPACT 64 Overview-

Commissioner Erik Hansen gave an overview of discussions at MPACT 64, a statewide organization looking to find ways to bridge the gap of transportation funding shortfalls and considering the potential for a taxing initiative. The discussions have focused on compromise between rural and urban needs and

the issues of congestion and safety and the fact the metro area funds a lot of the rural areas, which the initiative would not change. It's been apparent to the group there is no appetite for a gas tax increase; the discussion has been moving toward a sales tax increase. A successful initiative will need specific projects to make the case for an increased tax. A strategy should consider first tier and second tier prioritization projects.

Broomfield council member Denny McCloskey referenced the Pikes Peak RTA as a successful model that developed 'A' and 'B' lists of projects. Thornton Mayor Pro tem Val Vigil spoke about transportation being an economic development issue. Gene Putman pointed out there is no transit to employment centers at Larkridge or the Orchard. Deb Obermeyer asked about polling data. RTD Director Judy Lubow stated she hoped there wouldn't be a competition between education and transportation on a future ballot. Myron Hora addressed the proposed split of funding between transportation and transit articulating that 60% would go to RTD and 40% would be used for rural/other . Aric Oztelberger noted there is some concern that a sales tax initiative for transportation shouldn't be a "bail out" for Fastracks.

NATA Project Prioritization Process-

Jeanne Shreve gave a brief review of the general process and schedule for project prioritization for NATA. The Adams County criteria list will be used as the model for prioritization as it has been successfully used to gather and evaluate projects in the past. Jeanne will send out an email to NATA staff for a draft list of projects for the August meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 am.

