

North Area Transportation Alliance Board
 Summary Minutes
 February 28, 2013

Vice-Chair Val Vigil called the meeting to order at 7:40 am at the Metro North Chamber of Commerce. Introductions were made. Those in attendance were:

NATA Board Members /NATA Staff

Karen Stuart	SCMN TMO	Jim Hayes	Commerce City
Lynn Baca	Brighton	Dave Lindsay	Firestone
Val Vigil	Thornton	Joe Smith	Brighton
Pat Quinn	Broomfield	Jonathan Perlmutter	Metro North Chamber
Kevin Standbridge	Broomfield	Gene Putman	Thornton
Denny McCloskey	Broomfield	Joyce Hunt	Thornton
Nancy McNally	Westminster	Phil Greenwald	Longmont
Aric Otzelberger	Westminster	Katie Witt	Longmont
Shawn Lewis	Longmont	Jeff Kullman	ACED
Jeanne Shreve	Adams County	Erik Hansen	Adams County
Gary Behlen	Erie	Joyce Downing	Northglenn
Brook Svoboda	Northglenn	Barry Gore	ACED
Heidi Williams	Thornton		

SCMN TMO/Others in Attendance:

Bryant Walters	Collins Engineers	Julie Skeen	RTD
Judy Lubow	RTD Director	Mark Imhoff	CDOT
Mike Turner	RTD	David Krutsinger	CDOT
Michelle Brier	RTD	Rebecca White	CDOT
Larry Hoy	RTD Director	Steve Olson	CDOT
Matt Christensen	Kiewit	Pedro Costa	Northwest Parkway
Bob Sakaguchi	Jacobs		
Carrie Wallis	Atkins		

1. Administrative Items

- a. All NATA materials will be emailed in PDF format and to NATA members prior to meetings.
- b. Hard copies of meeting materials will not be printed for the meeting to help reduce paper waste.
- c. NATA meetings will utilize PowerPoint presentations

2. CDOT Updates:

CDOT Rail & Transit Division on ICS and Regional Bus Connectivity -- Mark Krutsinger and Mark Imhoff of CDOT's Transit and Rail Division made a presentation on the Interregional Connectivity Study (ICS) and the Regional Commuter Bus Plan. The presentation highlighted the ICS study

area, the purpose of the study and update on the process so far. A suggestion was made that NATA could get information out about the ICS public meetings to its members. Another suggestion came that a graphic of the overlay of FasTracks onto the ICS plan would be useful. Mark confirmed the goal to complete FasTracks is important piece for interregional rail connectivity. A question from Brighton came regarding the “Next Tracks” status of commuter rail to Brighton.

Mark talked about the Regional Commuter Bus Plan development wherein CDOT becomes a transit operator to connect communities and bridge service gaps and relies on FASTER operating funds with the expectation of service beginning in the summer/fall of 2014.

Rebecca White and Steve Olson of CDOT gave an update on the RAMP Process and I-25 Managed Lanes. Construction expected to start in late fall this year, with an anticipated completion December 2015. **RAMP** – Rebecca White summarized the pre-application process for RAMP submittals, which are due May 1st. She reiterated there is \$175 million for asset management projects and \$125 million for partnership funding. Denny McCloskey commented that CDOT will look at accelerating projects that are already on the STIP and TIP but that the Transportation Commission is open to new projects.

3. RTD updates:

NAMS, Parity, and Unsolicited Proposal for North Metro -- Julie Skeen gave an update on the NAMS study. A consultant (HNTB) has been selected. The study is expected to take a year to complete. RTD wishes to have parity with the State to collect sales tax that could increase the revenues by \$3M annually; funds that would be included in the “savings account” established for the NMRC. Dickey Lee Hollinghurst will carry the bill. RTD will send NATA the draft once it is available. NATA has anticipated taking an active support role for this measure. The draft is expected within the next few weeks.

Julie gave a brief overview of the process for the consideration of the Unsolicited Proposal for the North metro rail Corridor project RTD received from Graham Contractors earlier this month. RTD staff will conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the proposal to determine if the proposal has merit. If it does, RTD will then pursue a competitive procurement process and release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for competing proposals.

Comments from the membership included support for building the NMRC line all the way to the end of line at 162nd.

RTD reminded NATA that the next RTD/NATA Quarterly meeting will be April 11th. RTD invites NATA to send them items to be included in the agenda for that meeting.

4. Julie also invited comments on RTD’s letter/comments to FTA on guidance for NewStarts/SmallStarts, and requested that if there are any jurisdictions interested signing onto the letter to please let her know. NATA reviewed and approved of letter of support for RTD’s amendment at DRCOG to restore funding in the Fiscally Constrained Plan to build North Metro up to 72nd.
5. NATA review and approval of North Metro “leave behind” document for member jurisdictions to distribute in DC during delegation meetings. Suggestions included putting in a statistical box

that shows NATA area population numbers, and add the western side of I-25 jurisdictions onto the map

6. Discussion of the future possibility of managed lane expansion beyond 120th on I-25.
7. Smart Commute Metro North TMO update:
The membership outreach has started to result in new members monthly. Karen welcomed new member Northwest Parkway. Karen has been attending the monthly DRCOG Marketing Partnership meetings and the Bike to Work preparation meetings, as well as the RTD Board meetings. Karen made a presentation to the ADCOG Mayors and Managers February breakfast and Mayor Downing's Coffee with the Mayor event. Karen made note of the upcoming FasTracks Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). The quarterly meeting in June will be hosted by Westminster and the September quarterly meeting will be held in Northglenn. Karen will post these meetings on the TMO website.
8. 2013 Work Plan Presentation and Discussion:
Jeanne Shreve presented the NATA Work Plan for 2013, a working document of the Strategic Planning Committee chaired by Erik Hansen and Vice-Chair Val Vigil, with Jeanne Shreve and Karen Stuart providing staff support. The proposed goals for 2013 are funding for North Metro Rail, funding for I-25 project, updating regional transportation priorities into short, mid and long-term actions, and enhancing membership value. NATA members discussed strategies for implementing the priorities and increasing the committee membership to include members from other jurisdictions. Lynn Baca from Brighton, Joyce Downing from Northglenn and Katie Witt from Longmont were added to the committee.
Regarding the need for federal funding the question was asked what other federal funding programs can we use? TIFIA? This is a project of regional significance. Pat Quinn said there is still talk about a transportation ballot initiative in 2014 calling out specific projects of regional significance.

Next meeting is March 28th, 2013.