

North Area Transportation Alliance Board

Summary Minutes

January 31, 2013

Chair Nancy McNally called the meeting to order at 7:32 am at the Metro North Chamber of Commerce. Introductions were made around the room. Those in attendance for this meeting were:

NATA Board Members/NATA Staff

Katie Witt	Longmont	Heidi Williams	Thornton
Barry Gore	ACED (and RTD Director)	Brook Svoboda	Northglenn
Phil Greenwald	Longmont	James Hayes	Commerce City
Chris Cramer	Commerce City	Karen Stuart	Smart Commute Metro North
Joyce Hunt	Thornton	Gene Putman	Thornton
Nancy McNally	Westminster	Jeanne Shreve	Adams County
Pat Quinn	Broomfield	Erik Hansen	Adams County
Joe Smith	Brighton	Aric Otselberger	Westminster
Val Vigil	Thornton	Kevin Standbridge	Broomfield
Joyce Downing	Northglenn	Deborah Obermeyer	Metro North Chamber
Jeff Kullman	ACED		

Others in Attendance:

Art Hirsch	Terralogic	Julie Skeen	RTD FasTracks
Bob Briggs	Westminster	Rebecca White	CDOT
Denny McCloskey	Broomfield	Herman Stockinger	CDOT
Larry Hoy	RTD Director	Jane Donovan	RTD
Judy Lubow	RTD Director	Bob Sakaguchi	Jacobs
Paul Solano	RTD Director	Reza Akhavan	Jacobs
Michelle Brier	RTD	Bryant Walters	Collins Engineers
Gina McAfee	HDR		

I. Minutes

- a. The summary of the minutes for November 15 were reviewed. No changes were requested and the minutes were approved unanimously.

II. New Business

- a. CDOT Update: RAMP (Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnerships) and Managed Lane Policy – Herman Stockinger and Rebecca White from CDOT were present to provide the Board with an update on RAMP and CDOT's Managed Lane Policy. Mr. Stockinger provided helpful handouts and discussed the general framework for the

program. Mr. Stockinger stated that the program is still under development, but roughly one-half to two-thirds of the funds are anticipated to be spent on maintenance and safety needs. The remaining funds would be available for private-public or public-public partnerships. Public-public partnership projects would need at least a 20% local match. CDOT is planning an industry forum in the next several months to solicit interest in high priority projects. CDOT is considering an application process for “local” projects. Erik Hansen asked if local stakeholders could assist in developing criteria for scoring projects. Mr. Stockinger replied “yes.” Joyce Hunt asked if any of the RAMP funds could be used for unfinished FasTracks projects. Mr. Stockinger replied that CDOT has been in discussions with RTD, but it is unlikely that any of these funds would be used for FasTracks projects.

Rebecca White provide the latest content of CDOT’s draft managed lane policy and discussed the overall direction. Kevin Standbridge asked what the language “strongly encouraged” means for managed lanes and CDOT’s expectations. Ms. White responded that managed lanes are very important and the default for future projects will be managed lanes. If a project does not proceed with a managed lane approach, there will need to be significant documentation and justification as to why it is not appropriate for a given project. Nancy McNally asked about tolled managed lanes and if the revenues from tolling will stay in each respective corridor. Ms. White responded that current State Statute requires tolling revenue generated in a corridor to stay in that corridor. Mr. Standbridge asked if there is any possibility for locals to get matching revenue or “credit” for toll revenue. Ms. White responded “probably not.”

- b. Recognition of Reza Akhavan – Chair McNally presented Reza Akhavan with a Certificate of Appreciation for his work as Region 6 Director (CDOT) and for the important projects he helped facilitate in the NATA

service area. Mr. Akhavan accepted the certificate and expressed his interest in continuing to work with NATA in his new role with Jacobs.

- c. Northwest Area Mobility Study Memorandum of Understanding – Aric Otzelberger provided an update on the Northwest Area Mobility Study and presented an MOU for the Board’s consideration. The Board unanimously agreed to have Chair McNally sign the MOU. The MOU provides a basic understanding of processes and considerations for the upcoming study. NATA will be involved with the study, specifically with exploration of a possible extension of the North Metro rail line to serve Longmont.

- d. NATA Board Selection of Officers and Recognition of Previous Officers and RTD Director – The NATA Board unanimously selected Erik Hansen as Chair and Val Vigil as Vice Chair for NATA for 2013. Chair Hansen and other NATA Board members recognized Chair McNally, Vice-Chair Downing and Barry Gore (interim RTD Director for District K) for their service and accomplishments. Certificates were presented.

- e. NATA Strategic Priorities for 2013 – Chair Hansen led a discussion regarding NATA goals and priorities for the upcoming year. Chair Hansen proposed the formation of a subcommittee to formulate draft goals and priorities to present to the NATA Board at a future meeting. The NATA Board unanimously supported the approach.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27am for the Smart Commute Metro North Annual Membership meeting. Thank you to Metro North Chamber of Commerce for hosting the meeting.