

NATA Board Meeting Minutes of 7-19-2012

Agenda: Discussion and strategy for testimony at RTD Board Meeting re; I-225 Fastracks Corridor

In attendance: Karen Stuart, TMO; Kevin Standbridge, Broomfield; James Hayes, Commerce City; Jeanne Shreve, Adams County; Joe Smith, Brighton; Deb Obermeyer, MNCC; Howard Gelt, MNCC; Phil Greenwald, Longmont; Joyce Hunt, Thornton; Pat Quinn, Broomfield; Gary Behlen, Erie; Gene Putman, Thornton; Brook Svoboda, Northglenn; Joyce Downing, Northglenn; Erik Hansen, Adams County; Heidi Williams, Thornton.

Discussion included review and comment on draft position paper distributed by Jeanne Shreve, and a suggestion to have Kathi Williams offer a resolution before the vote, to direct staff to use all available revenues after the I-225 funding, to go to the north area corridors, thus making a commitment to regional equity.

There was some discussion about the specific language to be used; either to be in support of I-225 or to be neutral on I-225. It was decided NATA would support I-225 with further language indicating our opposition to the SE extension project funding. Kevin suggested NATA work with the 36 MCC group to do a joint position paper.

There was discussion on who would be reading the position paper on behalf of NATA, and the other speakers that should present at the RTD Board meeting.

It was decided Mayor McNally or Mayor Downing should represent NATA. Karen will speak on behalf of Smart Commute TMO, Barry Gore and Deb Obermeyer (or someone from the Chamber) should speak representing the business community.

Action Items:

Joyce, Jeanne, Gene and Karen will work on the position paper, the resolution and the talking points and distribute for edits.

Karen will talk with Heather Balsler of the 36 MCC about a joint statement.

Commissioner Hansen, Mayor Williams and Deb Obermeyer will work on getting business speakers to attend the meeting.

Karen will contact Kathi Williams about offering the resolution before the vote on Tuesday night.

Other: It was suggested that it's time to do editorial board outreach. Commissioner Hansen, Mayor Williams and Mayor Quinn volunteered to participate. Karen will set this up.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be August 23rd. The agenda for the August meeting will include a presentation about transportation funding options and P3s by Ed Icenogle of Icenogle Seaver Pogue law firm. Ed has been legal council for E-470, Northwest Parkway and is consulting with C-470.

Commissioner Hansen would like a discussion about Regional Transportation Authorities (RTAs).

It was suggested that David Parker of Denver Transit Partners whose firm submitted the rejected unsolicited proposal for NMR Corridor would be a good presenter to have as well. Karen will contact him to ask his availability.