

North Area Transportation Alliance Board

Summary Minutes

January 19, 2012

Chairperson Nancy McNally called the meeting to order at 7:35 am at the City of Thornton Infrastructure Maintenance Center – Community Room. Pat Quinn announced to everyone that individuals from Channel 8 - Broomfield were present to film the segment “A Day in the Life of the Mayor”. Nancy McNally and Larry Hoy introduced and welcomed Kathi Williams, RTD Board of Directors, District K, to the meeting. Larry Hoy and Kathi Williams shared with the group that they are very willing to visit with the City Councils in this area and make presentations to build consensus. Howard Gelt suggested they consider making presentations to the Metro North Chamber Board and at the ACED Board Meeting. Introductions were made around the room. Those in attendance for this meeting were:

Erik Hansen	Adams County	Katie Witt	Longmont
Jeanne Shreve	Adams County	Howard Gelt	Metro North Chamber
Barry Gore	Adams County Econ Dev	Jonathan Perlmutter	Metro North Chamber
Jeff Kullman	ACED - Atkins	Joyce Downing	Northglenn
Dick McLean	Brighton	Bill Simmons	Northglenn
Joe Smith	Brighton	Brook Svoboda	Northglenn
Pat Quinn	Broomfield	Val Vigil	Thornton
Kevin Standbridge	Broomfield	Heidi Williams	Thornton
James Hayes	Commerce City	Karen Stuart	TMO Exec Director
Gary Behlen	Erie	Nancy McNally	Westminster
Cheryl Hauger	Erie	Tami Noonung	Westminster
Dennis Coombs	Longmont	Aric Otzelberger	Westminster
Phil Greenwald	Longmont	Lynn Voorhees	Westminster

Others in Attendance:

Larry Hoy	RTD Board of Directors, Dist J
Julie Skeen	RTD FasTracks
Kathi Williams	RTD Board of Directors, Dist K

I. Minutes

- a. The summary of the minutes for the November 17, 2011, was reviewed. No changes were necessary and the minutes were approved.

II. New Business

- a. Appointment of Executive Director for NATA TMO – Aric Otzelberger shared with the group the selection process for the Executive Director for the NATA TMO and thanked everyone who assisted with this process. At this time, the selection committee recommends Karen Stuart for this position. There were no concerns expressed and the Board accepted the recommendation and appointed Karen Stuart as Executive Director for the NATA TMO. Karen’s office as TMO Executive Director will be located at the Metro North Chamber office.

- b. TMO Update – NATA Staff has been working on finalizing a 2-year grant with CDOT and are getting very close to getting it completed – probably within the next two months. Jeanne Shreve delivered an update to the group on the process. Staff found out that expenses cannot be reimbursed until the contract is finalized, which may be around April 1. Erik Hansen suggested that Karen have the opportunity to get started sooner rather than later. Everyone was in agreement and that NATA will cover the expenses until the contract is finalized.

NATA TMO Naming and Tagline – Aric Otzelberger asked the group if anyone had any ideas for a unique name for the NATA TMO. Karen Stuart will take the lead on this. Barry Gore also offered to help with this project.

- c. I-25 Update - Jeanne Shreve shared with the group the comments received in regards to the submission of the TIGER III Grant:

Overall, it was a well-received application. The primary reason it was not funded was because there was not enough money nationally. There were 848 applications, only 46 were chosen.

What they liked:

- very strong on economic competitiveness, I-25 is a national freight movement corridor that carries lots of traffic;
- liked that its multimodal with connections to major transit facilities;
- congestion reduction, emissions reductions and travel time savings are large;
- our cost/benefit analysis was seen as "useful".

What they thought could be stronger:

- safety benefits of the project were low or undefined;
- wasn't clear that the partners had a financial stake in the project (we had some local dollars, but minimal amounts);
- project readiness wasn't 100% (we still needed the ROD, and design variances still needed from FHWA Denver office);
- long-term job creation and innovation sections could have been stronger (the comments on these items were far less specific, just noted that our scores weren't as high as they could have been).

Erik Hansen stated that this is a learning opportunity for all of us for when we apply for another TIGER grant.

d. RTD FasTracks Update/Discussion - Julie Skeen, RTD FasTracks, spoke on this topic. Due to cost increases for Northwest Rail, RTD is exploring project options with stakeholders. They are:

1. Move the completion date of NWR out to 2024.
2. Continue to look at NWR being completed in 2024 but also look at some key capital improvements in the short term. Increase funding for bus service for NWR and US 36 BRT Corridor Service Areas.

3. Remove Northwest Rail from the FasTracks plan and commit the remaining Northwest Rail project funds, capped at \$894.6 million, for expanded/enhanced Bus Rapid Transit in the Northwest Corridor area

The information that Julie spoke about today can be found at:

http://www.rtd-fastracks.com/media/uploads/main/Board_Pres_1_17_12_FINAL.pdf

DRCOG Funds for North Metro Corridor – Nancy McNally commented that there will be a slight cost increase for the North Metro Corridor. The RFP will be going out within the next couple of weeks.

Update on MOU Efforts regarding Local Agency Contribution for North Metro Line – Jeanne reports that things are moving along well.

- e. State Highway 7 PEL Study Update – The kick-off meeting was held last fall. They are going through the process of stakeholder interviews. There will then be a visioning workshop.
- f. Election of NATA Officers for 2012 – Joyce Downing moved to retain Nancy McNally as Chairperson. Joyce Downing is the current Vice Chairperson. She would like to stay on as the Vice Chairperson. Everyone was in agreement.
- g. NATA General Housekeeping

NATA 2012 Dues - Invoices have been mailed out for 2012 NATA dues. The dues remained the same as 2011.

2012 Meeting Schedule – Nancy McNally suggested that NATA meet in February, March and April for right now. There is a lot going on. Meetings can always be cancelled if they are not needed. The group is

going to look at the 3rd Thursday of the month. The meetings will run from 7:30 am to 9:30 am. We will check with Metro North Chamber to see if their office is available. Be sure to send Aric Otzelberger and Lynn Voorhees contact information should NATA members change.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 am. Thank you to the City of Thornton for hosting today.