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North Area Transportation Alliance Board

Summary Minutes
September 15, 2011

Chairperson Nancy McNally called the meeting to order at 7:35 am at the Metro North Chamber Offices in the Business & Communities Connection Center Conference Room. Introductions were made around the room. Those in attendance for this meeting were:

Jeff Kullman	Adams County ED	Phil Greenwald	Longmont
Erik Hansen	Adams County	Howard Gelt	Metro North Chamber
Jeanne Shreve	Adams County	Deborah Obermeyer	Metro North Chamber
Joe Smith	Brighton	Jonathan Perlmutter	Metro North Chamber
Pat Quinn	Broomfield	Joyce Downing	Northglenn
Kevin Standbridge	Broomfield	Bill Simmons	Northglenn
Tom Acre	Commerce City	Joyce Hunt	Thornton
James Hayes	Commerce City	Gene Putman	Thornton
Daren Sterling	Commerce City	Val Vigil	Thornton
Gary Behlen	Erie	Matt Lutkus	Westminster
Cheryl Hauger	Erie	Nancy McNally	Westminster
AJ Krieger	Erie	Tami Noonig	Westminster
Wesley LaVanchy	Firestone	Aric Otzelberger	Westminster
Dick Leffler	Frederick		

Others in Attendance:

Larry Hoy	RTD Board of Directors, Dist J	Julie Skeen	RTD FasTracks
Jane Donovan	RTD FasTracks	Mike Turner	RTD FasTracks

I. Minutes

- a. The summary of the minutes for the July 27, 2011, was reviewed. No changes were necessary and stand as approved.

II. New Business

- a. Financial Update – Matt shared with the group that there is \$51,000 in the bank account at this time.

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- b. Update on TMO Application – The TMO Application will go to DRCOG in September. The application will be funded at 80% of the original request. IGA's will be brought to the NATA Board for approval at the November meeting at the earliest. The application is being adjusted by reducing the scope of activities in some areas and transforming some of the other tasks to NATA member organization. In addition, Gene Putman suggested that we partner with RTD to add our trails on RTD bus maps. We are currently about \$39,000 short of making the work plan in the application whole. The NATA Board agreed to use some of the organization's current savings as a way to fill the gap between the requested and the approved funding.

- c. Approval of TMO Website – The domain name "NATATMO.org" has been locked in.

- d. North Metro FasTracks Update – Julie Skeen, RTD FasTracks, gave a presentation to update the group on the North Metro FasTracks projects and possible funding sources. The NATA Board would like to follow up with Peter Rogoff (Federal Transit Administrator) regarding funding sources. More specifically, Val Vigil indicated that, based on a conversation that several elected officials have had with Mr. Rogoff, the entire North Metro FasTracks line and not just the sections north of 72nd should be eligible for New Starts funding. Julie will forward to all NATA members a copy of the PowerPoint presentation she gave to

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the group. Jane Donovan, RTD FasTracks, gave a presentation on the New Starts Grant and the challenges associated with this.

- e. Update on TIGER III Grant Preparation – Matt Lutkus shared with the group that a grant task force led by CDOT and a consultant has been actively working on the grant application. We may want to ask for more than \$15 million but we will have to wait and see. We are currently seeking additional funding sources totaling \$9.5 million to complete full funding of the \$40 million project. Gene Putman shared with the group that CDOT could request \$25 million in TIGER 3 funding but that this will decrease our chances for receiving any Federal funds. Jeanne Shreve is working on getting support letters from NATA, Adams County, Metro North Chamber of Commerce and from the private sector. The timeline for these letters is as soon as possible. Jeanne is going to draft a letter that the various organizations can use. October 3, 2011, is the pre-application due date. October 30, 2011, is the final application due date. Pat Quinn mentioned that it might be beneficial to have letters of support from members of the Congressional delegation.

- f. Recommended Membership Contributions for 2012 – The dollars contributed will be the same as 2011. We will have to follow up with Adams County on the amount of their contribution. The contribution for Metro North Chamber of Commerce will be \$600.

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- g. Recommendation from NATA Staff Regarding a Proposed Request for RTD to Proceed on Design of Next Phases, that is, the National Western site to 72nd and 72nd to 104th Avenue – The staff recommends that RTD be asked to complete 100% design between the Stock show and 72nd Avenue, as a minimum, as a part of the Phase I North Metro project from Denver Union Station to the Stock Show. In addition, the staff recommends that RTD be asked to consider completing final design to 104th Avenue. The NATA Board approved formally making these requests.

- h. RTD's Proposed Service Reductions – Cheryl Hauger shared with the group that Erie has one bus route from Boulder to the Erie Community Center. Service on this route is being significantly reduced under the proposed service reduction plan. It costs \$109,000 to operate this bus route. RTD receives \$800,000 from Erie taxpayers. This route has been in effect for three years. Erik Hansen suggested that NATA should support Erie on this. The NATA Board agreed that a letter supporting Erie's position should be written and sent to RTD.

- i. Discussion on 2012 FasTracks Ballot Language Proposal – Pat Quinn provided an update on discussions at the recent Metro Mayors' Caucus FasTracks Task Force meetings regarding the ballot language for the proposed FasTracks tax increase. NATA agrees, that first and foremost, the ballot language should be worded to maximize the likelihood that the voters will approve the measure. The second

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priority is that the ballot language should include wording to the effect that voter approval will allow the timely completion of the entire FasTracks system. The third priority for NATA is that the ballot language should include a list of the three corridors and the two extensions that will be completed.

- j. DRCOG Challenge Grant Application for the North Metro Corridor – Joyce Hunt requested NATA support for a City of Thornton grant request to be submitted to DRCOG. The grant application is a request for funding under the Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Challenge Planning Grant Program. The request will be for \$5 million to be used for a North Metro Corridor economic development plan for Adams County communities and stakeholders located along the North Metro FasTracks rail corridor. The NATA Board agreed to support this funding request. (Letter from Chairperson McNally is attached.)

III. Next Meeting

- a. The next NATA meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17, starting at 7:30 am at Metro North Chamber Offices. (This meeting has subsequently been changed to the City of Thornton Police Building.)

The meeting adjourned.

