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North Area Transportation Alliance Board

Summary Minutes

June 7, 2011

Chair Nancy McNally called the meeting to order at 7:38 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:

Barry Gore	Adams County ED	Deborah Obermeyer	Metro North Chamber
Jeanne Shreve	Adams County	Bill Simmons	Northglenn
Erik Hansen	Adams County	James Hayes	Northglenn
Joe Smith	Brighton	Joyce Downing	Northglenn
Kevin Standbridge	Broomfield	Gene Putman	Thornton
Pat Quinn	Broomfield	Joyce Hunt	Thornton
Daren Sterling	Commerce City	Val Vigil	Thornton
Tom Acre	Commerce City	Matt Lutkus	Westminster
Bill Efting	Dacono	Nancy McNally	Westminster
Cheryl Hauger	Erie	Tami Noonig	Westminster
Phil Greenwald	Longmont		

Others in Attendance:

Scott Gilbert	Metro North Newspapers
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I. Minutes

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

II. New Business

- a. Review of the RTP and STIP Amendments - Matt Lutkus summarized the Regional Transportation Plan amendment that was submitted by CDOT. To address NATA members' request to reference the general purpose lanes in the amendment, CDOT included the \$15.5 million that has already been set aside for

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the PEL study. Gene Putman and Jeanne Shreve were acknowledged for their work with CDOT and DRCOG on this amendment.

- b. Update on TMO Application –Staff members were asked to read over the draft TMO Application. As a part of the application submitted, staff time needed to be calculated. NATA Staff decided to use an hourly rate of \$45. There are also hours associated with each community and Gene calculated those hours based on the size of the community. Gene showed the group three draft mock-ups of the “carpooling” signs for this application/grant and reviewed other programs that could be implemented to achieve VMT reductions. Other ideas discussed were to take the pedestrian and bicycle maps and put these on a map with the bus routes; a video, similar to U Tube, to show people how to put their bikes on the front of the bus; and videos showing potential riders how to ask for the bus to stop, how to read the schedules and how to ask for a transfer to another bus.
- c. Gene Putman commented on the MVIC meeting that was held last week. DRCOG has decided to allocate \$480,000 for TDM and to decentralize the Ride Arrangers Program through the six TMO’s.
- d. In another meeting that Gene attended yesterday, RTD said they will give NATA a letter of support signed by Phil Washington for the TMO.

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If the application is approved, funding for the TMO would be available on October 1, 2011. A public meeting will be held on July 20 and DRCOG will vote on this in August 2011. Nancy McNally suggested that we should line up people to speak at the public meeting in July. Possibly someone from Metro North Chamber and Adams County Economic Development and business people should be among those asked to speak.

- e. A matter that needs to be discussed at a future NATA meeting is the Wagon Road Park-n-Ride which does not have enough parking. This needs to be added to the tiered priorities. Jeanne Shreve summarized a conversation that she had with RTD where she emphasized that they need to be an active part in the PEL Study for I-25 and for Hwy 7.
- f. NATA Board Direction on TMO – The NATA staff met last week. The staff group is recommending that a sub-group of the NATA group be organized to serve as a board of directors. This would be the governing body and would be charged with the policy-making for the TMO. It was recommended to have a nine-member board of directors comprised of representatives from the Metro North Chamber, Adams County Economic Development, Adams County, Thornton, Northglenn, the current general secretary of the NATA group, and then three other representatives appointed by the larger NATA group. It would be good to get a representative from the northern part and the southeast portion of the

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NATA area. Tom Acre commented that Commerce City would have an interest in having a seat on the board of directors. Erik Hansen wants to make sure that these at-large positions are selected from various areas of the NATA region and include a business person, possibly appointed by Metro North Chamber, for equal partnership. Kevin Standbridge would like to have more of a staff discussion in regards to this board of directors. In regards to the office location for this board of directors, Metro North Chamber is willing to host the TMO. Nancy asked the elected officials in the group if anyone had an issue with this. Everyone was in agreement with this plan.

- g. Metro North Chamber will have a board meeting on July 6 at 8:00 am. Don Hunt, Executive Director of CDOT will be in attendance. If the elected officials would like to attend, please let Deborah Obermeyer know.
- h. The next NATA Meeting will be held on July 27. Don Hunt and Mike Cheroutes, with CDOT, will be in attendance. This meeting will be begin at 7:30 am and will be at the Metro North Chamber.

III. Other Business

- a. Matt Lutkus mentioned that the EMU train “mock up” is now at Union Station. Matt Lutkus and Gene Putman looked at the possibility of moving this display to their community but it would cost \$27,000. Everyone was encouraged to see this display.

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IV. Next Meeting

- a. Nancy thanked the Metro North Chamber for coffee and bagels and for hosting this meeting at their facility.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 am.