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North Area Transportation Alliance Board

Summary Minutes

April 27, 2011

Chair Nancy McNally called the meeting to order at 7:34 am at the Metro North Chamber Offices in the Business & Communities Connection Center Conference Room. Those in attendance for this meeting were:

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

Others in Attendance:

Irene Fortune	Loveland	Larry Hoy	RTD
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I. Minutes

- a. The summary of the minutes for the February 23, 2011, were reviewed. No changes were necessary and stand as approved.

II. New Business

- a. Matt Lutkus shared with the group that the NATA Staff Working Group met on Friday, April 22, 2011, to go over the I-25 Interim Plan / PEL / DRCOG RTP Amendment / ROD with CDOT, FHA and HPTE. Adams County and Thornton

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representatives expressed concerns about the wording of the amendment that was submitted to DRCOG, and more specifically, the trade-off of a long-term commitment for general purpose lanes for the restriping of the roadway to add managed lanes.

- b. Gene Putman spoke on the interim solution to use existing pavement along I-25. FHWA would be allowing, on an interim basis, managed lanes to be built from 120th Avenue south to US 36 as long as there was a commitment in the fiscally constrained plan that the managed lanes would ultimately be built to design standards. Gene noted that he and Jeanne Shreve had completed both field work and an analysis that verified that the existing pavement could accommodate an additional lane.
- c. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the NATA staff should meet with CDOT, DRCOG and FHWA staffs to develop an amendment that addressed NATA concerns. There was consensus that the interim managed lane project needed to proceed. However, some of the NATA representatives want to have assurance that in the longer term, I-25 will be expanded to accommodate additional general purpose lane capacity.

III. Update and Discussion on TMO Application --- Gene Putman has had discussions with Steve Cook and Melina Dempsey at DRCOG regarding the format for the application. The 2009 form will probably not change. Gene has been the lead staff person on this project and will be assisted by the other NATA staff.

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IV. Next Meeting

- a. Nancy thanked the Metro North Chamber for the breakfast and for hosting this meeting at their facility.
- b. The next NATA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7 from 7:30 am to 9:00 am at the Metro North Chamber Offices.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 am.