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North Area Transportation Alliance Board

Summary Minutes

February 23, 2011

Chair Nancy McNally called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm at the Thornton Infrastructure Maintenance Center located at 12450 North Washington Street, Thornton. Those in attendance for this meeting were:

Barry Gore	Adams County ED	Cheryl Hauger	Erie
Jeanne Shreve	Adams County	Phil Greenwald	Longmont
Erik Hansen	Adams County	Deborah Obermeyer	Metro North Chamber
Joe Smith	Brighton	Howard Gelt	Metro North Chamber
Wayne Scott	Brighton	Jonathan Perlmutter	Metro North Chamber
Kevin Standbridge	Broomfield	James Hayes	Northglenn
Pat Quinn	Broomfield	Joyce Downing	Northglenn
Lizzie Kemp	CDOT	Gene Putman	Thornton
Mark Gosselin	CDOT - Region 4	Val Vigil	Thornton
Daren Sterling	Commerce City	Matt Lutkus	Westminster
Jadie Carson	Commerce City	Nancy McNally	Westminster
Bill Efting	Dacono	Tami Nooning	Westminster

Others in Attendance:

Larry Hoy	RTD	Kelsey Johnston	URS Corp
Mike Turner	RTD	Mark Schaefer	URS Corp

I. Minutes

- a. The minutes of the January 12, 2011, were reviewed and approved.

II. New Business

- a. NATA Bylaws (attached) –Joyce Hunt prepared a revised format for the draft NATA Bylaws. The only substantive change from previous drafts is the addition of a provision for a recording secretary position. The bylaws were approved by the Board.

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- b. Proposed 2011 Contributions (attached) – The City of Thornton has already sent out the invoices for the 2011 Contributions. The NATA budget will be ready at the next meeting. There is approximately \$40,000 in NATA savings. Possible uses for NATA funds include seed money for the TMO or possibly a lobbyist. The schedule of contributions was approved by the Board.
- c. NATA Resolution Regarding Short-Term and Long-Term Options to RTD’s “Completing The Vision” Process (final version attached) –
- The NATA Resolution was discussed. Nancy McNally commented to Cheryl Hauger how great it was that the Erie City Council voted 6 to 1 to support the resolution. In the resolution, # 9 was changed to add Erie.
 - Erik Hansen noted that Adams County would not be taking a position on the resolution since the County was not yet a member.
 - Wayne Scott had a few concerns with #9 in the Resolution as it relates to the future of rail service to Brighton after FasTracks is completed. Jeanne Shreve worked on some wording for #9 in the Resolution and read it to the group. Wayne commented that the wording Jeanne proposed should be OK.
 - The Board approved the resolution subject to the addition of wording that addresses Brighton’s concerns.
- d. Larry Hoy was in attendance at this meeting. Nancy McNally thanked Larry for being a part of the NATA meeting. Larry noted that RTD wants to continue down

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the path for a .2 to .4 percent tax increase. This decision will be made on March 8.

- e. Lizzie Kemp gave the group an update on the North I-25 PEL Study.
- The final comments on the project scope were received three weeks ago. The final document should go out on either February 24 or sometime the following week. The request for proposals will be sent out anywhere from 3 ½ to 4 weeks later.
 - The draft schedule was distributed to the group (attached). The “notice to proceed” will be July 2011. Gene Putman shared with the group that there will be a minimum of three public meetings. An executive committee and a technical advisory committee will be formed as part of this study. The executive committee will be a reporting committee about progress – it will not be a decision-making committee.
 - Lizzie also left copies of the scope of this project and mentioned that it can be sent out electronically to the group.
 - Lizzie also shared with the group an idea that CDOT has for the North I-25. CDOT is thinking of re-striping the existing pavement to add an additional traffic lane. This lane would be added in both directions and would extend on I-25 from the end of the existing express lanes to about 120th Avenue. There is not enough shoulder area to go any further north on I-25. CDOT will be coming back to NATA in April to further review this possible project.

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- Pat Quinn asked if there were any plans for adding tolling in other parts of the Metro area. Lizzie cited the tolling that is in place on C470.

f. Transportation Management Organization (TMO)

- Gene Putman told the group that there are funds in the DRCOG TDM Funding Pool that could be requested for starting on I-25 TMO. At this time, there is no decision as to when funding requests will be reviewed. Letters of support could be provided to help with this process. A draft letter was distributed for everyone's review (attached). Phil Greenwald asked whether or not a letter should be sent out from each City. Each member should have a letter ready by May 1.

III. Other Business

- a. The Board approved Adams County as a NATA Member. Erik Hansen will be the Adams County representative and Alice Nichol will be the alternate.

IV. Future Topics

- a. Possible topics for upcoming meetings are as follows:
- Updates on the PEL and the possible restriping of I-25
 - TMO Application
 - Don Hunt with CDOT
 - Update on FasTracks
 - Tolling Discussion

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V. Next Meeting

- a. The next NATA meeting is scheduled for April 27 from 7:30 am to 9:00 am at the Metro North Chamber Offices. The Metro North Chamber will provide breakfast.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.