

NATA Board Meeting Agenda

July 28, 2016

7:30-9:00am

Adams County Economic Development, 12200 Pecos Street, Westminster

Welcome by Vice-Chair Herb Atchison and introductions

NATA Members (who signed in)

Eric Montoya	Thornton Council	Kevin Forgett	Thornton Staff
Joyce Downing	Northglenn Mayor	TJ Dlubac	Firestone Staff
Herb Atchison	Westminster Mayor	Daniel Dick	Federal Heights Mayor
Angela Habben	MNCC	Joe Jehn	MNCC
Will Lindsey	Federal Heights	Steve O'Dorisio	Adams Cty Commission
Barry Gore	ACED	Jeanne Shreve	Adams County Staff
Maria D'Andrea	Commerce City Staff	Gary Behlen	Erie Staff
Kevin Standbridge	Broomfield Staff	Catherine Sanders	SCMN
Karen Stuart	SCMN	Rick Teter	Commerce City Council
Debra Baskett	Westminster Staff	Kimberly Dall	Brighton Staff

SCMN Members

Chan Nguyen	HDR	John Guenther	DEA
Ina Zisman	PB	Gene Putman	Putman Trans
Mark Shotkoski	NWP	Shoira Tahirova	Kiewit
George Tsiouvaras	TSH		
Larry Hoy	RTD	Denny McCloskey	D&C Homes

Agency Partners (who signed in)

Jane Donovan	RTD	Lindsey Smith	RTD
Paul Deeley	RTD	Jerad Esquibel	CDOT
Paul Jesaitis	CDOT	Heather Paddock	CDOT
Andy Stratton	CDOT	Jason Lucerna	CDOT

Guests

Kevin Maddox	FHU	Barb Kirkmeyer	Weld Cty Commissioner
Bruce Hamon	Hamon Infrastructure	Jeremy Rodriguez	Rep Perlmutter staff
Terri Blackmore	NFRMPO	Wayne Howard	SEH
Ben Stein	Rep. Coffman Staff		

SCMN Update- Karen Stuart and Catherine Sanders

- **Bike to Work Day update:** Smart Commute organized two stations: a breakfast station at EB Rains Park, and a bike home party at The Orchard Town Center. For the breakfast station, Smart Commute partnered with Google, Digital Globe, and the City of Northglenn, and 11 different businesses/organizations were present at the station that morning as vendors, with 120 cyclists stopping by. For the bike home station, Smart Commute partnered with The Orchard Town Center, and 23 businesses at The Orchard Town Center participated in the event as vendors, prize donors, or by providing discounts to participants. There were over 300 people who attended that event. Additionally, Smart Commute provided supplies, signage, and support to the Saint Anthony North Health Campus breakfast station and Adams County Breakfast station, and provided materials and marketing support to many

other stations in the north metro, including Longmont United Hospital, Front Range Community College, Bike Brighton, and more.

- **Trans Forum update:** The Trans Forum took place June 29. There were 126 registrations, 8 no-shows, 10 people that showed up that hadn't registered beforehand. It was a well-received event. Speakers discussed the probable social, infrastructure, and technology impacts of a future with driverless cars and other disruptive technologies.
- **Westminster's Bike Share Program and kick off event:** This event was July 16, and there was very good support from Westminster City Council Members. This new bike share program using Zagster, brings 5 new stations to Westminster. The system includes cruiser bikes, adult trikes, and hand bikes. Smart Commute partnered with Saint Anthony North Health Campus to underwrite free helmets for adults and children at the event
- **CDOT -25 Express Lanes Segment 3 TDM:** We will be starting TDM messaging soon for highway users along I-25. A challenge to the implementation of TDM for this project includes the coming of HOV3 January 1, 2017 and so an additional focus will be on outreach promoting the formation of three-person carpools.
- **Metro Mayors' Caucus/Denver Chamber RTD Candidates' Forum:** This November there will be 8 RTD district seats open, and there are 17 candidates seeking election to these seats. The Metro Mayors' Caucus and the Denver Chamber are planning an RTD Candidates Forum, and all seven area TMOs are helping to sponsor the event. The candidate forum will be videoed in Lakewood, with sharable content from that forum made available for distribution to all stakeholders. Smart Commute will have information on its website.
- **Hop On Board Campaign:** This campaign will promote the 5 new FasTracks lines opening this year. The campaign is a program of DRCOG's Way To Go. We're targeting a company on the G-Line for this promotion, Rocky Mountain Prestress, located on Pecos Street about a 10 minute walk to the Pecos Station on the G Line. The campaign promotes using the new transit lines for commuting to work.

I-25 Express Lanes Project- Bruce Hamon, President/CEO of Hamon Infrastructure- Hamon Infrastructure is the contractor awarded this project; Hamon is an Adams County business. Bruce said that Hamon is pleased to be at this NATA meeting where so many CDOT leaders are also in attendance, and appreciates being able to work with CDOT on this project.

CDOT- I-25 Express Lanes Segment 3 Update: Jason Lucerno, Andy Stratton
Update on Construction of Segment 3:

- CDOT is preparing to install advanced warning signs and currently doing utilities relocation. The contractor has also started trenching for placement of ITS infrastructure; and widening for barrier placement.
Karen Stuart asked in which specific areas work will begin?
Andy Stratton answered they don't have that level of detail prepared yet.
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CDOT- BOS update- Leela Rajasekar

- **Bus on Shoulder Feasibility Study on I-25; Status and Schedule, Overview of Study Scope, Engaging Stakeholders:** Leela has been working on the bus-on-shoulder project for two years now. Finally received approval for Bus on Shoulder (BOS) at the end of last year. Currently working on soliciting a consultant. When the Scope of Work was developed, there was a lot of stakeholder involvement. CDOT is expecting the consultant to do a Feasibility Study on the physical geometry of the roadway, pinch points, and areas where there will

need to be interventions. There will also be a study of the operations of the BOS, including review of other states that have implemented it. The study will include safety and enforcement as well. The end result will be a recommendation from the consultant on an implementation plan. There will be stakeholder involvement throughout the project, including RTD, law enforcement, and other stakeholders. The project will start at a kick-off meeting, hopefully in September (date TBD, and outreach will happen to stakeholders to set a date). CDOT would also be happy to provide an update to NATA at a future meeting as well. CDOT is looking at BOS on I-25 from US-36 to downtown Denver within the existing barrier-separated reversible managed lanes section.

Discussion: Gene Putman: Do you anticipate special pavement markings in the lane, so motorists know to expect BOS?

Leela Rajasekar – A gut feeling will be to review how things are working on US-36 and adjust based on operations there. There are signs on US-36 but no pavement markings.

Kevin Standbridge: Has Denver weighed in?

Leela: Denver will be included, but haven't been involved yet.

Mayor Atchison: I just experienced bus on shoulder on US-36, and there were two cars behind the bus on the shoulder!

Director Hoy: I've been contacted by constituents saying the bus was driving down shoulder, and were concerned about it being reckless and illegal.

Karen Stuart: I want to remind everyone that we wrote a letter of support for the BOS study. Although it started on US-36 Boulder corridor, it has a potential to make a large impact on I-25 as well.

RTD: Lindsey Smith, Paul Deeley

- **Update on North Metro Rail Line construction/infrastructure -- Lindsey**
- **B-Line Westminster Station update -- Lindsey**
- **Status of segmented cost estimate – RTD Staff**

- The B-Line opened on Monday, July 25th providing another transit option for residents in the north metro. The service provides an 11 minute non-stop ride from Westminster to Denver Union Station. A station party is planned for Saturday, July 30th. The entire RTD rail system will be free of charge on Saturday.
- The B-Line was the second RTD rail corridor to open in 2016, with the first being the A-Line in April. The G-Line is 98% complete, and set to open this fall. The R-Line is set to open up this winter.
- North Metro Rail Line (N-Line) is expected to open in 2018.

Paul Deeley: Any rail project basically includes (1) reworking utilities and doing civil and infrastructure work, then (2) building the systems and stations, and then (3) doing testing and training prior to (4) opening for the public. The N-Line is still in the first phase and second phase in different parts of the line. Paul showed a series of recent photos from along the line to provide a status of construction along the line, including:

- arc protectors under Park Avenue bridge to protect from electrical arcs from the Overhead Catenary System (or OCS wires) that run above the rail to power the rail cars
- bridges over the Platte River, Washington and the Platte again
- utility and site rework around the National Stock Show for the Montclair drainage system
- the Skyway bridge, which is the 2-mile bridge from Brighton Blvd to 70th Avenue; completion is anticipated when two remaining utility conflicts on the bridge are resolved
- after Commerce City-72nd Station, the rail comes to the third crossing of Platte River Trail, and will be using an existing bridge there - "rehabbing" bridge for this project
- there is drainage work at Hoffman and Lower Clear Creeks taking place

- 88th avenue bridge, which is a single span bridge, finishing some grading work near bridge
- 104th avenue bridge is two single-track bridges over 104th because of close proximity to the station; one deck has been poured, one will be poured soon
- At 112th station they are building platform structure, which needs to be in place before the track is laid)
- At 120th bridge, the bridge is nearly complete, and plinths will be laid next month)
- terminal point at 124th is having drainage work, and station platform walls going up

Discussion

Gene Putman: What is the status of the Original Thornton-88th Station?

- **Paul** – As soon as the Dynamics Metals facility and Xcel rework is complete at that station area, work will be able to begin (hopefully in the next 6 months)
 - **Ben Stein:** the airport line has had problems with bridges and gates, what is the status of having those gates automated.
 - **Lindsay:** updates are happening at each crossing individually, and all should be complete at the end of the summer, early fall (working with FTA and FRA.
 - **Joe Jehn:** I have heard rumors from the business community that the G-Line will be delayed.
 - **Lindsay:** I haven't heard anything about a delay; we're still working toward fall 2016.
 - **Mayor Atchison:** we sat down with RTD on Monday, and there was no indication of a delay from RTD
 - **Mayor Atchison:** I want to let the group know that there will be a 25-cent carnival going on this Saturday, and commemorative coins handed out to the first attendees. There will be a lot of fun and fireworks on Saturday, and hope everyone will bring their families.
- Mayor Atchison:** I also wanted to say that I rode B-Line on Tuesday, and the parking structure was very full. Hopefully that indicates strong ridership on the line.

Update on Status of Segmented Cost Estimate : Jeanne Shreve

- RTD can exercise a guaranteed construction option by the end of the year for North Metro. The guaranteed cost to 144th is \$91million and is \$153 million to 162nd

Discussion

Jeanne Shreve: When can the north area expect RTD's analysis on a scaled back interim service that might allow us to take advantage of the guaranteed construction cost ? How much is in the FISA account? Also the APE is expected this fall and we want to make sure we have a conversation about the scaled back version of North Metro as part of the APE.

Director Hoy: The APE (Annual Program Evaluation) is just to understand the funding that is available. The "gap" between the available funding and the funding required to complete the North Metro Rail Line is the cost of completion, because there isn't any available funding.

Jeanne Shreve: But what is the cost of the most bare-bones system? Scaling things back in frequency, single track versus double track, etc. We want to know where can we scale back the costs to make the funding situation better, and the adjusted, smaller cost estimate to be reflected in the APE.

Commissioner O'Dorisio: Do we believe that, if we're able to act before the APE is finalized, that funding streams like the FISA (FasTracks Internal Savings Account) might be available in the APE?

Jeanne Shreve: With a smaller price tag for an interim service, FISA could definitely cover more of the costs and reduce the actual gap. It is the gap we are interested in understanding so we can identify opportunities to construct and run an interim North Metro service that allows us to take advantage of the guaranteed construction prices on the table through the end of 2016.

Director Hoy: Do you think there will be other funding available?

Mayor Atchison: What we're looking for is to be ready for other opportunities if they become available. Looking to partner before the APE is finalized.

Jeanne Shreve: We've been asking for this information for two years – the actual, incremental costs of completing the project.

Jane Donovan: That is what we're looking to do. We might be able to have something before the next NATA meeting.

Mayor Atchison: if you can't get this information to use in the next three weeks, please get back to use and tell us why.

Gene Putman: if we can get to 144th where there is a lot of development occurring, with lots of businesses, it will be able to pair with the 8-line bus, there will be bus and rail operations going.

Jeanne: to recap, we're expecting to get this information from RTD in three weeks.

North I-25 \$15M TIGER Grant, Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer and Terri Blackmore

- The North I-25 Coalition received a \$15M TIGER grant to build 14 miles of managed lanes from Highway 402 in Loveland to Highway 14 in Fort Collins. The grant was well written, thanks to CDOT. Local governments contributed \$20M, CDOT contributed \$110M. Weld County contributed \$2M to the project, despite none of the project being in Weld County. Good regional partnership, demonstrated importance of the corridor to the north metro region. State money includes HPTe and RoadX. Looking to award a successful team by October. Project includes rebuilding a Park-n-Ride lot serviced by Bustang, including a new interchange to serve the Park-n-Ride, and new affordable housing. The project will also include an improved connection for a major regional trail.

- **Barry Gore to CDOT:** there is a VMS sign on southbound I-25 just north of the 270 interchange that says "Express Lanes Closed" in the afternoon. This sign causes drivers to panic and cut across the I-270 lane to get back to I-25, not understanding there is an exit to the Express Lane just south of I-270.
- **Andy Stratton:** there is a plan for shields and new signage coming to clarify the exit at that location; the VMS is Plenary's sign, and we're trying to work with Plenary to change sign's messaging.

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- **Karen Stuart:** Next month will have a busy agenda; I-270 PEL update, Don Hunt and the Chamber are talking about mobility choice blueprint; Commissioner Hansen talking about I-25 Moves special district, which has received funding from members; continuing with I-25 Coalition representatives about transportation priorities.

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- **Approval of May 26, 2016 Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve made by Mayor Downing, seconded by John Jehn and approved unanimously.

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- **Meeting adjourned at 8:30am.**

Proposed Agenda Items for August:

- **Update on 270 PEL – Dave Kosmiski, CDOT**
- **Mobility Choice Blueprint Presentation- Don Hunt**
- **I-25 Moves Briefing – Erik Hansen**
- **Discussion with N. I-25 Coalition Representatives on regional transportation priorities**