

O9NATA Board Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2016

7:30-9:00am

Adams County Economic Development, 12200 Pecos Street, Westminster

Welcome by Chair Randy Ahrens and introductions

Meeting called to order at 7:37 AM by Chair Randy Ahrens

NATA Members (who signed in)

Eric Montoya	Thornton Council	Joe Smith	Brighton Staff
Randy Ahrens	Broomfield Mayor	TJ Dlubac	Firestone Staff
Gary Behlen	Erie Staff	Chontell Trujillo	Brighton Staff
Dave Downing	Westminster Staff	Daniel Dick	Federal Heights Mayor
Kimberly Dall	Brighton Staff	Lynn Baca	Brighton Council
Jennifer Monson	Federal Heights Staff	Jeanne Shreve	Adams County Staff
Herb Atchison	Westminster Mayor	Kent Moorman	Thornton Staff
Steve O'Dorisio	Adams Cty Commission	Paul DesRocher	SCMN
Karen Stuart	SCMN	Erik Hansen	Adams Cty Commission
Barry Gore	ACED	Mark Gruber	Erie Council
Brook Svoboda	Northglenn Staff	Sean Ford	Commerce City Mayor
Joyce Downing	Northglenn Mayor	Kevin Standbridge	Broomfield Staff
Jeff Moore	Longmont City Council	Jim Hayes	Commerce City Staff
Rick Teter	Commerce City Council	Debra Baskett	Broomfield Staff
Kevin Forgett	Thornton Staff	Emma Pinter	Westminster Council
Joe Jehn	Metro North Chamber	Brook Svoboda	Northglenn

Smart Commute (who signed in)

Tony Marcello	DEA	Jeff Kullman	Atkins
Denny McCloskey	D&C Home Solutions	Ina Zisman	PB
Mark Shotkoski	NWP	Steve Kibbey	North End Station
George Tsiouvaras	TSH	Gina McAfee	HDR
Larry Hoy	RTD	Julie Skeen	Jacobs
Jude White	Collins		

Agency Partners (who signed in)

Abra Geissler	CDOT	Jared Esquibel	CDOT
Richard Zamora	CDOT	Rebecca White	CDOT
Brenda Tierney	RTD	Tony DeVito	CDOT
Vanessa Henderson	CDOT	Aaron Greco	CDOT
Judy Lubow	RTD		

Guests

Angie Malpiede	NE Transportation	Linda Wilson	
Eric Herbst	NE Transportation	Steve Linton-Smith	Rep Coffman staff
Molly Ford	Congressman Buck staff	Nicole Frazier	Senator Gardner staff

Chair Ahrens recognized Past Chair Joyce Downing, Mayor of Northglenn and Thornton Mayor Pro Tem Val Vigil for their leadership at NATA with an appreciation plaque. Val Vigil was absent; Kevin Forgett of Thornton will deliver Val's plaque to him.

Approval of December 2015 Meeting Minutes-Mayor Atchison moved approval and Mayor Downing seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report- Councilmember Baca

Jurisdictions' membership dues notices will be sent out in February. There has been no increase in dues.

Ratification of the Slate of Members for NATA's Strategic Planning Committee (SPC)

- **Chair - Mayor Randy Ahrens (Broomfield)**
- **Vice-Chair - Mayor Herb Atchison (Westminster)**
- **Treasurer- Councilmember Lynn Baca (Brighton)**
- **Past Chair- Joyce Downing (Northglenn)**
- **At-large member Eric Montoya (Thornton)**
- **At-large member Erik Hansen (Adams County)**

Motion to Ratify 2016 NATA SPC Board– Motion by Mayor Atchison, motion seconded by Mayor Downing with unanimous approval.

Review of NATA's 2015 Accomplishments - Jeanne Shreve

- Presentation posted on the NATA website

Update on NATA website and Leave Behind Brochure- Karen Stuart

- Smart Commute completed the rebuild of NATA's website and is requesting reimbursement for staff time
- **Joe Jehn moved to approve \$600 for SCMN staff time for rebuilding of NATA website; Mayor Downing seconded motion with unanimous approval.**
- The Leave Behind is still in the creation process; Karen and Jeanne are working with a graphics consultant. The brochure will hopefully be ready for jurisdictions' trips to DC. The 4 page pocket brochure format will allow individual jurisdictions to include their own pieces as part of the leave behind.

Smart Commute Metro North TMO Annual Members Meeting: Karen Stuart and Paul DesRocher

- **Ratification of the 2016 Smart Commute Board of Directors:**
Erik Hansen- Chair
Joyce Downing- Vice-Chair
Heidi Williams – Treasurer
At large members: Barry Gore, Angela Habben, Ken Spangler, Larry Hoy, Denny McCloskey, Kim Perry, Gene Putman, Jonathan Perlmutter and Kevin Jackson.

Motion to ratify 2016 SCMN Slate of Board Members made by Gina McAfee and seconded by Councilmember Lynn Baca with unanimous approval.

- **Presentation of 2015 Accomplishments and 2016 Strategic Goals- Presentation sent out to NATA after meeting and posted on NATA website.**

CDOT Update: Rebecca White and Tony DeVito

1-70: Update on the Status of the FEIS, the P3 and Financing for the Project

This is a 12 mile construction project between I-25 and Tower Road. Phase I will be between I-25 and just west of Chambers Road.

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):

- **Supplemental Draft EIS – August 2014**
- **Final EIS – January 2016**
- **Record of Decision (ROD) –Summer 2016**

Project Delivery:

-Request for Qualifications – March 2015

-Draft Request for Proposals- September 2015
-Final Request for Proposals- February 2016
-Developer Selection- Spring 2017
-Construction Start 2017/2018
Public Outreach is underway and comments to the EIS close March 2nd.

FEIS Alternatives evaluated:

-Highway improvements between I-25 and Tower Road
-over 90 alternatives considered in the early stages of the EIS
-3 alternatives evaluated in the final EIS

Final EIS Summary: The Preferred Alternative as identified in the Final EIS is the partial covered lowered alternative with managed lanes option.

Funding: This will be a Public-Private Partnership (P3) for I-70 East and a Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Maintain (DBFOM) project with CDOT retaining ownership.

Four teams made the Developers Shortlist: Front Range Mobility Group, Kiewit/Meridiam Partners, 5280 Connectors, and I-70 Mile High Partners.

Ultimate Project Estimate is \$1.8 Billion
Phase I Project Estimate is \$1.17

This CDOT Presentation is posted on the NATA website.

Discussion:

- **Commissioner O'Doriso:** Where can we (NATA representatives) provide comments on the I-70 alternatives?
- **Rebecca White:** CDOT is scheduling public meetings which can be found on CDOT's website and by contacting project representatives directly.
- **Barry Gore:** Is there still a second highway cover option for the project?
- **Tony DeVito:** That is still on the table, but will require Denver to contribute additional monies to the project cost
- **Commissioner O'Doriso:** What do I tell people who are already concerned about congestion on I-270?
- **Tony DeVito:** I-270 is indeed a problem today, but detouring traffic there is not currently in the plans. Although CDOT has committed to keeping all six lanes open on I-70 during the project, commuters will inevitably flow to I-270 without our direction.
- **Karen Stuart:** Smart Commute would like to partner with NE Transportation Connections during I-70 project to provide TDM services to commuters.
- **Tony DeVito:** That's an important component of the project that CDOT fully supports. We'd be happy to meet with you to discuss further.
- **Mayor Ahrens:** How long will project construction last?
- **Tony DeVito:** Approximately 5 years. There is ranking criteria in project evaluation that considers the speed at which the project can be delivered.
- **Rebecca White:** NATA provided a letter of support during the draft EIS and would appreciate an updated support letter on record.
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Motion to provide CDOT with a letter of support from NATA made by Commissioner O'Doriso and seconded by Joe Jehn; approved with unanimous consent.

Discussion on Focus for 2016 presentations and topics- Mayor Ahrens

- **Karen Stuart:** We would particularly like to hear from communities that are within the NATA service area but not necessarily focused on I-25 and Hwy 7.

- **Councilmember Jeff Moore:** What type of projects are you looking for? We have a flood recovery projects and a TOD project that are important to Longmont.
- **Mayor Ahrens:** We are interested in any projects that have significance to our members
- **Jim Hayes:** Are you looking for projects that are currently being considered or things that are being looked at for the future?
- **Karen Stuart:** Yes, both current and future projects are important to NATA.
- **Mayor Atchison:** At House Bill 1008 hearing yesterday, we testified in support of having bus on shoulder of US 36. The Bill passed the committee hearing and will go into the House for vote. I-25 and other corridors can be included in the future and may need to have physical improvements done to shoulder to allow it. Additional transportation topics, including signage on I-70, are being requested at the state committee level.
- **Joe Jehn:** We are ignoring the elephant in the room; transportation funding. CDOT's budget has not increased for 20 years. 13 states have increased the gas tax but there should be additional funding options up for consideration.
- **Karen Stuart:** February will be a good month to bring the transportation funding issue to the NATA group.
- **Jeff Kullman:** Colorado Contractors Association (CCA) has conducted some polling that shows strong support for some type of transportation funding option in 2016. Bill Ray, CCA Exec. Dir. may be willing to provide an overview of what CCA would propose to the state.
- **Mayor Ahrens:** Interesting that polling has changed so significantly in the last several years. Just three years ago, transportation was near the bottom of the list that voters considered funding.
- **Jeff Kullman:** 54-64% of eligible voters would support a sales tax increase. That would raise \$650M of which some would go to CDOT and to other providers such as RTD. Transportation is polling higher than K-12 education currently.
- **Commissioner O'Doriso:** DIA airport infrastructure (Aerotropolis) could be an important topic to consider in 2016. Would also be interested in learning about what innovative transportation infrastructure, such as the diverging diamond, other areas are considering.
- **Director Lubow:** It would be interesting to learn about innovative transportation technology including how Uber/Lyft ridesharing services are affecting transportation.
- **Karen Stuart:** Smart Commute will be looking at this very issue when we host our annual forum on innovative transportation options in June.
- **Barry Gore:** There is currently overwhelming support for removing the Hospital Provider Fee to free up TABOR money. Propose including this topic in future NATA meetings
- **Brook Svoboda:** Would like to have an update from CDOT on I-25 project timeline.
- **Karen Stuart:** We met with CDOT last week to hear about the rollout of the Express Lanes. Estimated project end is currently June 2016. Also, signs that say HOV3+ are incorrect. They will be covered in until 2017 when the 3+ HOV policy goes into effect.
- **Mayor Atchison:** Update on US 36. Express Lanes are open and free (currently) for the next several months for testing. Flatiron Flyer BRT has exceeded ridership expectations and RTD has had to actually add buses to meet demand.
- **Hoy:** Buses were added through an emergency Board of Directors session.

Proposed agenda items for February 25, 2016

-Legislative Update on Transportation

-Member Jurisdictions Priority Projects Presentation

-Invitation to David Spector, Director of HPTE

-Presentation by CDOT – Education Roll Out on I-25 Express Lanes and Tolls