

WestConnect Coalition PEL - Technical Working Group

Thursday, December 17 2015 - 10 am – 12 pm

Meeting Summary

Meeting Purpose: Understand the transportation plans for Golden and the C470 Segment 1, discuss project website and confirm the PEL consultant selection process.

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Welcome, Updates and Proposed PEL Project Name

The TWG discussed and agreed with the recommendation to use “WestConnect Coalition PEL” as the naming convention for the project.

The Golden Plan – Dan Hartman

Dan Hartman presented on the background, elements, priorities and potential phasing strategies for the Golden Plan (see attached presentation). The presentation was intended to provide the TWG with a way to understand Golden’s priorities and issues. Dan noted that issue of noise (55db threshold by ordinance), given Golden’s geography, has driven much of the plan along with associated speed (45 mph) and traffic volume. The issue of transportation facilities separating Golden is also important, particularly after I-70 historically separated parts of Golden. There are concerns about connectivity and barriers with future improvements, especially Johnson Road. The Golden/CDOT MOU regarding thresholds to consider additional capacity (beyond 4 lanes), including managed lanes, was highlighted. The existing lanes in Golden must remain “free” as stipulated in the MOU, but added capacity will be considered for managed lane potential. Dan mentioned, however, that there is flexibility when looking at some components of the plan (phasing, design, grade separation etc.).

C470 – Phase 1 - Carrie DeJiacomo and Jerome Estes

Carrie and Jerome presented on the process, decision making and construction schedule for C470 Segment 1 project (see attached presentation). The similarities and differences with the C470 Segment 1 and WestConnect Coalition efforts were highlighted. It was noted that Douglas County, after protracted litigation in the mid-2000’s, took the lead in funding and the planning portion of the project. The C470 Segment 1 Revised Environmental Assessment, recently signed, outlines the ‘ultimate solution’ for the project although what is being constructed in the near term (starting in 2016) is an interim phase of the ultimate solution. One of the lessons for the WestConnect Coalition from C470 Segment 1 is the efficacy of using existing data. The funding sources and approach to advancing the project without a finalized TIFIA loan was also

highlighted. Another lesson learned from Segment 1, was the need to base decisions on the Purpose and Need for the project, which helped to focus time and effort. The ability to identify smaller projects that fit within the larger vision was also a key take away that the WestConnect Coalition can apply to the PEL. Another major lesson learned that was discussed was the collaboration and consensus of local government agencies at various milestones in the process. WestConnect will strive for similar consensus to move projects forward.

Proposal Selection Process, Website and Financial Contributions to the PEL

The group discussed which TWG members would serve as observers for the PEL consultant selection process. It was mentioned that the observers need to take a broad 'corridor-wide' perspective when reviewing proposals, representing the entire Coalition. Dan Hartman and Steve Durian were asked to be the observers for the selection process and they agreed to commit their time. The first step will be to review and score the proposals (3) and determine, by January 8th, whether to conduct interviews.

The TWG members also discussed the WestConnect Coalition PEL website and indicated that it should clearly demonstrate the collaborative nature of the project and outline the roles/responsibilities of the Steering Committee and the TWG. TWG members encouraged the team to have a calendar, repository of data (reports, meeting summaries etc.) and a map for the website. Other features like video production will be considered when the consultant is selected. The January TWG meeting, yet to be scheduled, will have draft website content for the TWG to react to.

Steve Harrelson mentioned that he will be working with the jurisdictions regarding an MOU for their financial contributions to the PEL. Jurisdictions should expect to see the MOU language from Steve early in 2016.

Attendees

Dan Hartman, Dave Baskett, Neil Ogden, Steve Durian, Jana Spiker, Jordan Rudel, Derek Schuler, Jon Chesser, Kevin Standbridge, Jonathan Bartsch, Melinda Urban, Joslyn ?, Steve Harrelson, Carrie DeJacommo, Jerome Estes