I-25 Subcommittee meeting notes February 5, 2016

Attendees:

Kari Grant - HPTE  Sean Conway - Weld County
Aaron Greco - CDOT  Dave Clark - City of Loveland
Johnny Olson - CDOT Region 4  Barbara - Koelzer - Fix I-25 Business
Heather Paddock - CDOT Region 4  Coalition
Tom Donnelly - Larimer County  Gerry Horak -- City of Fort Collins
Jamie Grimm - Congressman Polis’ office

Region 4 will provide a gap funding analysis and funding options including regional, state, FAST act and local funding. Horak asked that they include $2 M from the City of Fort Collins in both 2017 and 2018. They will provide the I-25 cost estimates and they will be provided to the Subcommittee.

Region 4’s top priorities are the Poudre River Bridge ($35 M) and the RR Bridge ($25). They are both at 30% design. They noted that the City of Fort Collins expects CDOT to provide $10 for drainage. Gerry Horak will set up a meeting with Darin Atteberry, Fort Collins Parks and Recreation staff, Timnath and Johnny Olson.

There was considerable discussion on whether there could be an interim third lane once the bridges were completed and whether it should be a managed lane. It was noted by Johnny that the I-25 EIS indicates that it should be a managed lane. There was local opposition to a urban section managed lane as the first option.

To apply for a TIFIA loan, the I-25 improvements need a Level III Tolling and Revenue Study (an investment level analysis).

Kari Grant noted that the Level I analysis is currently being updated to a level II analysis. Gerry requested that Kari provide information on the Tolling & Revenue process so that they understand what is needed for a Level I, Level II and Level III.

There was discussion about the TransBond II bill which is expected to be dropped in mid to end of February. It was noted that Sandra Solin is having conversations with Baumgartner and there may be $100 M from the State general fund to backfill CDOT operations and maintenance.

There was discussion of the Colorado Contractors Association (CCA) backing an ¾ cent sales tax with no sunset and no list of projects.

The meetings will move to the 2nd Friday of the month with the next meeting held on March 11 at 11:30 – 1:00 pm at Perkins Crossroads.

Next month’s agenda includes:

CDOT list of gap funding needed
Updated costs per I-25 segment
Projection of funding prioritized including local funding
Explanation of Tolling and Revenue Study process and levels