I-25 Funding Subcommittee
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Intro

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I-25 Construction update

Crossroads night paving this week. Complete in 2 years, Berthoud hill working on paving. Temperatures causing a problem. G Horak requested signage to tell the public about project. It is not allowed on a federal job. Then a public information campaign should be created. Pushing to get Berthoud done this year. A Greco will talk to Amy Ford about initiating a public information campaign on the projects. Meanwhile, the local communities could work on messaging.

T Norton indicated signs are a pain for PR folks because restricted on interstate. Short project story should give credit to work and who is paying for it. Credit for local communities. Will do PR when the project opens. Warm mix allows paving down to 40 degrees.

HOV3

The new lanes require a transponder for HOV 2 to HOV 3 on I-25 and 36. No HOV free on E470 or I70 mountain corridor. HPTE committed to helping with transition. Motorcycles travel free and they will continue to travel fee and will no longer require a pass. Explaining options in public campaign. Transportation Commission made the decision. DRCOG also supported it. Change occurs on January 1. HOV purists get $15 back for the transponder they purchased. It is very complicated.

7003 $15 gift cards as of September. Also software changes. Costs to implement starting in spring. No longer pay for transponder. If you use the Toll even once then charged for transponder. There is technology to tell if there are more than 3. Only visual currently. But moving to technology. E470 does do a headcount. Car seats tough to see. If there is a question, technology kicks out a photo. T Norton - it will be very complicated and it will make it difficult to pass any taxing in the future. There are still options for not using toll. HOV3 allows free travel. When RTD allowed tolling, they want more to use buses. On 36 they wanted to move buses quicker between Boulder to Denver quickly. Buses have to keep on schedule and providing trip reliability.

New managed lanes on I-25 will open as HOV3. HPTE wants to help get information out so the public and leaders are informed. People have options, there are slug lines in Virginia. A concern was voiced that the HOV3 will fill up park and Ride lots that are for transit. RTD may need to set a policy for slug lines. The non-RTD commuters will get charged for parking.
G Horak asked if there should be a HOV change as tolls change. M Castle reported that 10 states have tolls/HOV. Seven states have HOV3 and three states have HOV2. CDOT's goal is consistency.

S Solin asked about tolls on new section that opened in July. M Castle reported that 8-10K vehicles are using it daily. Still do not have revenues.

NCLA/Fix I-25 Legislative

TLRC passed the Transbond bill 11-6 vote with support of 2 dems. NCLA held a meeting with Tony Milo CCA. Tax increase discussed by CCA last year. Moving forward in 2018. Working together for funding. Sales tax question in 2017 through ballot measure being explored. CDOT opposed the TLRC bond issue because of CCA ballot. K Gilliland noted that was not true. Legislators going to commit GF $. IF Hospital provider fee they would have had assurance that there would be adequate $ to repay bonds. Proposal the same but the funding not assured. Political dynamics in flux. Will sit down with H Stockinger next week. Transportation continues to be a top priority. Bonding is critical funding source for widening I-25. T Norton need the core funding piece. Bonding is not enough. Need to know how bonding is paid back. NCLA supports all funding options. State stopped funding transportation in 2009. GF used last year. TLRC support important and they had discussion on funding to pay back. Important to be a part of the conversation. Discussion w CCA for ballot will be a referred measure because more flexibility in wording. 2017 will be tougher year to pass because off election year. T Donnelly noted if Senate changes then HP fee will pass and need to fight for Transportation funding from that $. Hospital Provider fee not the final answer because not long term funding.

The dynamics of two ballot measures. More politically complicated when CCA and Transbond both on the ballot. CCA agreed bonding should be part of the equation. CCA wants to tie the ballot proposals together which is politically risky. Need to be sure the proposals will pass. Transit wants 40% of funds. Metro Mayors looking at RTA. RTAs are piecemeal. Don Hunt was trying to show the problem of RTAs because they are not possible in all communities. CDOT need is $1B and the 600M would help but not enough.

I-25 IGA's for Widening

Larimer county IGAs in 7 of 8 local communities and Timnath will approve on Tuesday. Mayor of Wellington moved and only approved on 4-3 vote. CDOT has begun work. By the end of October will set up meetings with the communities.

Next Steps

NCLA will talk about legislative stat gives
Fix I-25 will talk about their examination of funding options. Will go through the list and decide what should move forward.

TLRC. Actual bill voted out. Does not have the project list. Moved out by Max Tyler. 228 list is $2.5 list - $3.5B allowed more projects. I-25 S, N-I-25 and Mountain corridor. Now at mercy on TC. IF NCLA is driving, want to make sure that N I-25 gets their fair share.
CCI supports list. How will the list get back into the bill? CDOT asked for projects. $8B. Paired it down for 228 money. Not prioritized. CDOT is trying to not have a prioritized list but a tiered 10 year program. Objective. Need flexibility to work on different priorities as funding becomes available.

CDOT informed list because Central 70 committed. CDOT's goal is to decide what projects. Bond group wants to fund from the list for the $3.5 B. Ability to add to the $3.5B. Tier one of 350M for I-25 - not enough. S Solin feels that they will move for a list in the bill. Now that the TLRC has the bill - no longer control the list. CDOT does not want a list because things change. Politically it will not happen without a list. Need to stay together on what the priority is for this group and for the bill.

10 year tiered list made by types of projects and criteria. They will discuss the list for the bill at next month’s TC workshop. The bill had a proposed amendment to allow TC some flexibility. Central 70 is a 1B project.

Other tools - Value capture and other options that could be created.