I-25 Funding Subcommittee Meeting
December 9, 2016
12:30 -2:00 pm
Perkins Crossroads
6020 Stallion Drive, Loveland

1. Introductions – 5 minutes

   Mark Jackson, Sandra Solin, Dave Clark, Aaron Greco, Heather Paddock, Elizabeth Relford, Tom Donnelly, Barbara Koelzer, Steve Tool, Gerry Horak, Terri Blackmore

2. I-25 construction update for Climbing lanes and Crossroads projects – 10 minutes

   End of 2017 completion still planned for Crossroads. CDOT received 5,000 (expected 1700) responses for the stated preference survey for tolling.

   I-25 project Statement of Quality due Dec 19 for design build of I-25. CDOT received 14 letters of interest for design build with many of the 14 likely to combine into teams. CDOT plans to shortlist 3 and then they will receive the full RFP. A stipend for the unsuccessful bidders of $250K, this allows CDOT to use their ideas. January 27 will shortlist. Final proposals dues June 30. The main contractors have already identified their subs and suppliers. CDOT will require permanent pavement (on final alignment) will be concrete.

   Communities can add items. Fort Collins looking at Prospect, Loveland and Johnstown looking at 34, Windsor looking 392. If they miss the January deadline local’s projects would be an add-on instead of part of the original contract.

   Heather will provide a schedule and summary of the process. ROW plans, and other requirements in the EIS reevaluation and the new ROD.

   SB228 - ten year development plan I-25 top of the list for this reason. CDOT is preparing a list of shovel ready list. Working with Senator Gardner’s office.

3. NCLA/Fix N I-25 Legislative Plan – Sandra Solin - 20 minutes

   Choosing a pollster, likely to be Terrance because they have rapport with Republican legislators. The poll will test the level of intensity of citizen’s pain with transportation. The poll will be in the field the first week of January. Want to provide some information to legislators right at the beginning of the session. Allocation formula must ensure region 4 gets their fair share. Need to make sure N I-25 gets the amount needed.

   S Tool - Still a feeling by contractors they need $ for continuous construction. Need to have a mix of large (bond) projects and small (ongoing) projects. Legislators are not going to put on a tax proposal that does not have a sunset.

4. Legislative Strategy – 45 minutes

   MPACT looking at $750K per year.
Getting a tax passed is nearly impossible. No tax except “Sin” taxes have been referred by Legislature or passed since TABOR took effect. The environment is ripe for something happening.

Educate G Horak - Need a list of improvements that benefits the residents.

Independence institute and Americans for Prosperity (Koch brothers) likely to oppose any increase in funding. Must prove transportation is worthy of funding.

How we approach the messaging/education is important. A Greco - now that sales tax with bonding. Legislators support bonding but it is separated from revenue. Just a question on whether there could be more funding.

5. Next Steps – 10 minutes

Defining mobility for transit, is it statutory, policy change.

Next meeting January 6 at Perkins Crossroads from 11:30 – 1:00 and there will be poll results.