

I-25 Funding Subcommittee Meeting

September 1, 2017

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Perkins Crossroads

6020 Stallion Drive, Loveland

1. Introductions

Dan Betts

Gerry Horak

Tom Norton

Sean Conway

Mark Jackson

Johnny Olson

Tom Donnelly

Becky Karasko

Kim Redd

Kathy Gilliland

David May

Sandra Solin

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

Work on the I-25 Climbing Lane is complete.

Crossroads: No update provided.

3. Update on I-25 Project– Johnny

Bids Segments 7 & 8 were opened yesterday; all were over the Upset Limit (\$231M), all were unresponsive to RFP cost. Now doing a Best and Final Offer (BAFO). Options: cancel and reevaluate and put back out (new RFP); cut scope and then have them give best offer; add money and cut and go with BAFO; or go to Transportation Commission to ask for additional funds to meet bids.

Going to Executive Oversight Committee (EOC) to set up processes and to bidders to set up BAFO process. Have 3 weeks to give CDOT 10 page BAFO report. Will not rescore anything but what CDOT gives them. Everything will be equal, no AREs/ATCs in base unless CDOT changes it and requires all bidders to bid on the changes.

Trying to get an Executive Session with Transportation Commission on September 19 to discuss options. I-70 may have hurt I-25 since they were going on at the same time. Some scope cut and some additional funds and then have the 3 finalists rebid on the changes. Scope cuts will not be where locals have invested (not 402, Prospect, etc.), maybe pavement widths or cut down from final design, ROW, etc.

Northern Colorado is competing with I-70 on the availability of aggregate and dirt, this may have hurt the bids. Bidders may have put a lot of money into risks; CDOT needs to have those conversations with each bidder to see what CDOT can do to mitigate and help.

Have a minimum of 5 weeks and a maximum of 10 weeks to get this all sorted out. Construction will not begin in January 2018, but likely March 2018 instead

There will not be a public release on this from CDOT; however, Gerry and Kathy will work on this. Johnny sent an email to Kathy and Terri to send out to NFRMPO.

4. Segments 5 & 6

a. INFRA Application Data needs and schedule – attached

North and South I-25 are the top priorities for the State. Just submitting Segment 6 to full EIS buildout will be a more competitive application. Segment 6: South of SH402 to top of Berthoud Hill, straighten out curves SH60, SH56, south of Berthoud Hill brand new road and brand new bridges. Makes Segment 5 easier to fund since it will be the bottleneck.

The Transportation Commission will hear a presentation in October on INFRA and SB267. Have two potential INFRA applications in Northern Colorado, one from Weld (US85) and one from NFRMPO (North I-25).

b. CDOT Commitment for INFRA Application – Johnny

Working on SB267 funding, but not certain on amount

c. Letters of support for INFRA Grant- Karasko

Add Broomfield, Thornton, Adams County, State Patrol to the list for letters of support. Bring updated list to I-25 Coalition meeting on September 6.

d. NCLA Media Campaign & NCLA Strategy for 2018 Legislative Session – Sandra Solin/David May

Had a retreat a couple of weeks ago to think about strategy and the direction they want to go. A lot of the elements are the same (revenue mixes): sales tax, tourist tax, gas tax (some combination of these). Agenda right now is to get everyone on the same page. Will conduct polling in mid-September and test a variety transportation topics/items. Survey will be statewide and the general public. Want to get a sense of where the general public is on this issue. The polling will give them the parameters the public is comfortable with and what is possible to help shape a bill in the next session/future.

Sent letters to the TC on 267, but not hopeful it will generate a lot of new money. A contingent repeal replace of 267, except for the hospital provider fee. A far more reliable funding from general fund versus bonding. Go to the voters and ask to use TRANSBonds instead of 267 funding. Have discussed with Governor's office regarding the COP approach. Objective is about creating a framework of what is politically possible and discussions with Governor's office and political leaders around the state to have new legislation in the session next year and a new ballot initiative next fall (gas tax, sales tax, tourist tax).

Communication resources are on the table to help message to the public to augment what the I-25 coalition is doing. Will come back to it after the polling. Regarding a federal lobbyist, typically cost between \$100,000-110,000 per year moving forward, continuing to do research, no recommendation yet.

Working with Colorado Concern, Colo Springs Chamber, Vail area chamber, Denver chamber. Conversations are continuing. Focus on the state system. There has to be a transit component to get the Denver area voters to approve. Want to see something in 2018 on the ballot

Independence Institute will put something on the ballot if only the chamber initiative is on the ballot. Have reached out to them to try and work with them. Willing to consider user fees over sales taxes. Continuing to work on partnerships.

e. Local funding requests/sources/options – Gerry Horak/Tom Donnelly

Have not done anything on this yet, need to get a better idea of what the request is before going out at make the request.

Worried about the communities who have been asked for so much already. One possible strategy is to ask communities to put more in to Segments 7 & 8 to free up southern communities funding to go into Segment 6. Considering available strategies.

5. Special Districts – handout

a. Should we research this further?

Put on Next Month's Agenda, members will review and discuss next meeting. What is the benefit for property owners along the corridor?

6. NATA RTA update- Karasko & Solin

Metro Mayor Caucus is investigating how to implement this. Multiple Regional RTAs that feed into one large RTA. Still considering in the Denver metro area, but it is not certain.

7. Next Steps

a. Next meeting – October 6 12:30 to 2:00