

# I-25 Funding Committee Meeting Notes

August 3, 2018

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Mimi's Cafe

1450 Fall River Dr, Loveland, CO 80537

## 1. Introductions

Bill Becker	Dan Betts	Dave Clark
Sean Conway	Chad Crager	Sean Dougherty
Kathy Gilliland	Alex Gordon	Gerry Horak
Becky Karasko	Will Karspeck	Barbara Koelzer
Cody LeBlanc	David May	Heather Paddock
Kim Redd	Sandra Solin	

## 2. I-25 Updates – Heather Paddock

Crossroads Boulevard work is expected to be completed by August 9. There is currently no event scheduled to mark the opening. CDOT is working on a groundbreaking for I-25 Segments 7 and 8. CDOT has not started work on US34 yet but is looking at different striping on US34, including creating through lanes by combining acceleration and deceleration lanes with through lanes. This could lead to some extra capacity with only minor changes to the road.

An RFP is out for Segments 5 and 6, which is for a Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC). Interviews will take place in about five weeks and one-on-one meetings will be set up at that point. The RFP has a project area of SH402 to SH66 with the priority area of the BUILD application area being SH402 to SH56. Project costs are still expected to be \$225M for SH402 to SH506. The SH56 bridge and Little Thompson bridges are a priority because of safety issues.

## 3. State Funding – David May

Ballot signatures are due next Tuesday, August 7 with decisions known within 10 days. Ballot initiatives are for the 0.62% sales tax (Initiative 153) and the "Fix Our Damn Roads" bonding package (Initiative 167). CDOT is unsure what happens if both initiatives pass.

Transportation Commission and STAC had a joint meeting in July. A contingent of Northern Colorado elected officials attended the meeting and lobbied to include North I-25 projects on the priority list, while also noting the frustration of local cooperation in Northern Colorado acting as a hindrance in getting additional state funding. TC agreed and included the full buildout of I-25 Segments 7 and 8 on the list of projects to receive funding if additional funding is found. Betts asked if right-of-way has been purchased for the full buildout. Paddock stated CDOT has the needed ROW.

CDOT will be working on one Record of Decision (ROD) for the project area between SH1 and SH7. Projects need to be added to the *2045 Regional Transportation Plans* for DRCOG and the NFRMPO. Rail is included in the I-25 EIS but funding is not reasonably expected in the lifespan of this Plan.

The local Chambers of Commerce still support both initiatives. The group will meet to discuss the ballots at their meeting next week.

**4. Federal Funding – Gerry Horak and Becky Karasko**

Horak reviewed what the group heard at the INFRA Debrief. A summary from Abra Geissler, CDOT Boulder Engineer, was included in the meeting materials. Horak stated the project itself made it to the second round with 46 other projects. USDOT officials suggested submitting the project again.

Karasko stated she submitted the BUILD grant on July 18. CDOT did the work with contributions from a variety of sources. Some minor changes to the BCA were made for the BUILD grant application.

Betts asked if additional funding, like the sales tax initiative, would be helpful in the future. The group agreed funding would provide additional leverage for the project.

**5. Next Steps**

Next meeting – September 7, 2018 from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm