

I-25 Funding Committee Meeting Notes

September 7, 2018

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Candlelight Dinner Playhouse

4747 Marketplace Dr, Johnstown, CO 80534

1. Introductions

Bill Becker	Dan Betts	Dave Clark
Julie Cozad	Chad Crager	Tom Donnelly
Sean Dougherty	Kathy Gilliland	Gerry Horak
Mark Jackson	Becky Karasko	Will Karspeck
Medora Kealy	David May	Miguel Ojeda
Kim Redd	Keith Sheaffer	Sandra Solin

2. I-25 Updates – Keith Sheaffer

Crossroads Boulevard is substantially complete, with aesthetic work and paint testing continuing through October.

CDOT received seven proposals for the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) RFP for North I-25 Segments 5 and 6. Muller is the designer for the project, which will be delivered in packages. CDOT is evaluating the proposals now and scoring them next week. The Notice to Proceed is anticipated November 1. Two firms could be hired for construction management, with project components split according to each agency's capacity. CDOT and Weld County are developing an MOU for WCR 9.5 so that the parallel frontage road can be eliminated.

The groundbreaking for North I-25 Segments 7 and 8 will be held September 10 at 9 am at the SH402 exit. The subbase pile is $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{2}{3}$ complete. Lane closures at night will start next week. The second Notice to Proceed was signed August 29. Right-of-way (ROW) at SH402 is progressing. One location was closed yesterday. Construction is expected to start in spring 2019.

Jackson noted US34 has been pushed back until after the election in the event additional funding becomes available. The plan was to build to the center, but in the meantime, the right turn lanes could be restriped to be a thru/right turn lane to increase capacity pending an analysis of the gore points. Crager noted ROW acquisition at Prospect is ongoing. The school construction in the northeast quadrant is anticipated to start in summer 2019 and conclude in spring 2021.

3. State Funding – David May and Sandra Solin

Proposition 109 (formerly Initiative 167) and Proposition 110 (formerly initiative 153) will both be on the November ballot. Fix North I-25 is supporting both propositions. A few influential groups are expected to announce support for Proposition 109, known as "Fix our Damn Roads", next week. Many groups are supporting the sales tax (proposition 110), including the Colorado Municipal League (CML). The sales tax would raise around \$18B over 20 years. It will be important for municipalities and counties to identify projects that would be funded with the sales tax ahead of time, to provide information to voters.

Horak noted projects for Fort Collins are identified and can be added in to the second reading of the budget in November if the proposition passes.

Solin and Stockinger presented on both initiatives at the September Planning Council meeting. Their presentations are available at <http://nfrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2018-09-council-handouts.pdf> (see pages 13-44).

Current polling shows both initiatives passing, but polling does not account for other initiatives on the ballot. There are many local sales tax initiatives, such as for schools, mental health, and transportation. In addition, Proposition 109 will precede 110, which could impact the results. If both initiatives pass, they could both be implemented; however, the impact on SB267 allocations would need to be determined. Proposition 109 provides a net gain of \$2B, since \$1.5B of SB267 is replaced.

The sales tax campaign has around \$4M in funding and is aiming for a \$9M campaign. In addition to supporting 110, the CML is opposing 109. The Loveland Chamber of Commerce is supporting both propositions.

4. Federal Funding – Becky Karasko

USDOT requested additional data for the BC analysis for the BUILD grant, and the requested data was provided. There were concerns on the BA analysis for the INFRA grant, which were addressed with the BUILD application. The announcement date is December 18, and since so many projects can be funded due to the \$25M cap, there is a good chance North I-25 could be awarded a grant.

Gilliland noted there was a meeting with USDOT in Loveland on economic impact of projects, quiet zones, and upcoming Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) grants. Horak stated Fort Collins will apply for the Elizabeth Street MAX extension. Betts stated there will hopefully be a multi-year reauthorization bill.

5. Next Steps

Next meeting – October 5, 2018 from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm at Candlelight Dinner Playhouse