

# I-25 Funding Committee Meeting Notes

February 1, 2019

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Conference Call

## 1. Introductions

Dan Betts	Chad Crager	Alex Gordon
Gerry Horak	Mark Jackson	Becky Karasko
David May	Kim Redd	Elizabeth Relford
Sandra Solin		

## 2. I-25 Updates – Becky Karasko

Becky reported an update from Heather Paddock. CDOT Region 4 is working on pushing for an additional \$250M from the Transportation Commission. Construction progress is being made on Segments 7 and 8.

## 3. Local and State Funding – David May

Solin and May are working to ensure transportation is discussed during the legislative session. They are working on getting clarification about funding for transportation in Northern Colorado from the Transportation Commission. Originally, funding was supposed to be discussed at the February Transportation Commission meeting; however, it may be pushed until June.

May and Betts discussed a meeting with Senator Gardner and the new CDOT Executive Director, Shoshana Lew. It was a high level meeting to discuss funding needs in Northern Colorado. Lew stated she is interested in clean energy and recommended local funding and ensuring project discussions with USDOT are ongoing to be beneficial to receiving additional funds.

Karasko stated there is a federal proposal to ratchet up the gas tax sponsored by Representative Blumenthal. Redd stated she will check with the Legislative Director for Representative Neguse in Washington, D.C. about transportation funding.

Solin reported transportation discussions are happening at the State Capitol, even if they are not being reported in the media. There is a push for Governor Polis to add additional transportation funding to the budget.

## 4. Federal Funding Opportunity – Karasko

Karasko stated applications for INFRA are due March 4. Horak asked about CDOT project applications for INFRA. Karasko and Relford stated CDOT is assisting with applications for statewide fiber, SH13 project in Routt County, and US287 Ports to Plains. Adams County will submit an application for US85 at 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Betts reported the region was awarded \$21M in FHWA Emergency Relief funds for repairs from the 2013 floods.

## 5. Next Steps

Next meeting – Friday, March 1, 2019 from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm at Candlelight Dinner Playhouse