

I-25 Funding Committee Meeting Notes

June 14, 2019

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Candlelight Dinner Playhouse

4747 Marketplace Dr, Johnstown, CO 80534

1. Introductions

Dan Betts	Kathy Gilliland	Suzette Mallette
Medora Bornhoft	Gerry Horak	David May
Dave Clark	Mark Jackson	Kim Redd
Chad Crager	Scott James	Kristen Stephens

2. North I-25 Updates – Various

Gilliland noted the Transportation Commission (TC) committed up to \$310M for I-25 Segments 7 & 8 to build to the permanent alignment including interchanges and ROW. The additional funds prevent throwaway work. The project team will return to the Transportation Commission once a delivery method is identified. INFRA awards are expected to be announced this fall. Any INFRA award to I-25 Segment 7 & 8 would replace, not supplement, the state funds committed to the project by the TC.

The closure of SH402 between the two interchanges will begin June 24 and last 120 days.

Jackson noted the I-25 & US34 interchange meetings with Loveland are beginning.

CDOT Executive Director Lew is advocating for accelerated environmental clearance for Front Range Passenger Rail. CDOT provided funds for concurrent feasibility and environmental clearance review for the project. The Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission met this morning in Fort Collins. There is discussion of expanding eligibility of non-voting membership of the commission to nearby states, including New Mexico, Kansas, and Wyoming. The expansion could help broaden interest but may result in greater costs without increasing revenue. The financial cost of the project has always been the major hold up and existing funding sources are not sufficient.

There is a tour and dinner on June 19 with the TC and invitations have been sent out.

Six of the Transportation Commissioners, including Gilliland, are up for reappointment for the new commission term beginning July 1.

The groundbreaking for I-25 Segment 6 is scheduled for September 12.

Mallette noted CDOT is holding 4P meetings in Weld County on June 24 and in Larimer County on June 25.

3. Local and State Funding – David May

The Chamber is discussing strategies for the upcoming legislative session. A key message is the need for a dedicated funding source for transportation. A briefing on the Fix North I-25 Business Alliance's statewide polling on gas tax proposals will be presented to Governor Polis. The electric vehicle surcharge is politically feasible.

Barbara Koelzer will lead the research project on transportation funding options for the I-25 Funding Committee.

Solin is presenting at the Transportation Investment Advocacy Center (TIAC) on transportation ballot measures. The TIAC is a great resource for transportation funding options.

4. Federal Funding Updates – Congressional Staff

The expiration of the FAST Act in late 2020 is on the radar.

5. Next Steps

The next meeting is currently scheduled for July 12 from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm. This meeting will be held if there is a new Transportation Commissioner for District 5 who is able to attend the meeting or if a CDOT Region 4 representative can attend to provide updates on I-25. A decision on cancelling the meeting will be made by July 5.