

CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

The Citizen Transportation Advisory Board met Monday, January 25, 2021 remotely

The following Board members were present: Lavonna Longwell, Mike McFadden, Jimmy Jones and Steve Teets

Absent: Rhoda Rogers (unexcused) and Fred Neal (unexcused)

City staff included Joel Hemesath, Will Jones, Darren Davis, Allison Baxter, and Tom Hellen

I. Lavonna called the meeting to order at 3:00pm

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from December were approved by a motion and unanimous vote of the Board members present

III. CHANGES TO AGENDA AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lavonna would like to add the questions and answers to City staff for community engagement for CTAB

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve: #1) Handouts from the construction project on I-25 and updated routes from Bustang.
#2) Need of bus route to the hospital and businesses at St Michael's; the Greeley clinic will be moving to the west within the next 5-years

Front Range Passenger Rail Project: Randy Grauberger

The commission's purposes are to preserve Amtrak's southwest service across southeastern Colorado by working with neighboring states of Kansas and New Mexico to upgrade rails, signal systems and rail infrastructure across the three states. Also, pursue possible extension to Pueblo and Colorado Springs to La Junta; and re-routing service between La Junta and Trinidad to better serve southern Colorado.

The renewed interest in passenger rail:

- The continued population growth of the counties along the corridor. The study shows an additional 3 million people within the next 30 years in the southwest corridor
- Highway congestion and time travel are increasing
- Starting to lose economic competitiveness with other major cities; other cities have existing or planned Rail Service
- Younger population prefer reliable transportation over owning a car

The top 3 questions in the online public meeting survey:

#1. What are the most important operational considerations to you? Answer: 22% station close to my destination, 18% connectivity to other modes, and 18% reasonable times

#2. Where would you most want the alignment of Front Range Rail to go? Answer: 60% Downtown Denver, 31% International Airport, and 9% Denver Tech Center

#3. What would be your primary purpose for using Front Range Passenger Rail? Answer: 60% recreation, 28% commuting, 11% business purpose, and 4% shopping

The stakeholder created two surveys for public engagement; an online MetroQuest Survey with 6,965 respondents with 95% of respondents that believe rail service could help with transportation needs, and 92% would be interested in using the service if available. The RBI/Magellan survey had 600 responses with 81% (12% oppose) support a rail service with a regular scheduled service from Ft Collins to Pueblo, and 61% (27% oppose) to a sale tax increase to fund the rail project from Ft Collins to Pueblo with an estimated cost of \$5 billion.

There is a lot of interest from legislative and local elected officials, Amtrak, and potential partnership opportunities.

US 34 at 35th Ave and 47th Ave Project Update: Joel Hemesath

- Interchange designs are still in progress and scheduled to be done mid-April
- The virtual public open house meeting was on December 9th
- Getting into the environmental design for the retaining walls and historic review
- Sidewalk on the north side of 28th St at the Frontage Rd
- Possible Park N Ride on the southwest corner (Home Depot), with a traffic signal across from the cemetery
- Looking into hiring a consultant to help with funding and grants
- Hoping to do both intersections all at once, otherwise it could be a 10-year project

Transportation Plan Update: Allison Baxter

The kick off meeting was January 13th; there were 8 City Staff members and 11 consultant team members. We talked about the top opportunities for the Transportation Plan and the desired outcomes. We are now working on the public engagement plan and collecting data for the existing conditions.

For the public engagement plan we have; 11 internal members (City staff) and 19 for the steering committee which include AIMS, UNC, Weld County, CDOT, COLT, Transfort, Windsor, DDA, and CTAB

Community Engagement Questionnaire: Lavonna Longwell

This questionnaire is for the public to know what the Citizen Transportation Advisory Board does. It will be featured on the City of Greeley website and hopefully entice people to join the board

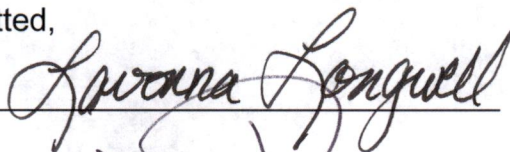
Round Table & Proposed Agenda items for February 2021: All

- Poudre Express Ridership Update – Darren Davis
- Keep Greeley Moving Presentation – Joel Hemesath
- Transportation Expo discussion -- Board

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

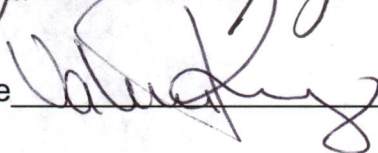
Lavonna Longwell
Chairman



Date

3/5/21

Valerie Ramirez-Elizalde
Recording Secretary



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