

Resolution – HPTE #237

Approving HPTE July 19, 2017 regular meeting minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the July 19, 2017 meeting minutes attached hereto, are hereby approved by the High Performance Transportation Enterprise Board of Directors.

Signed as of August 16, 2017



Kari Grant
Secretary, HPTE Board

Agenda Item: MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
HIGH PERFORMANCE TRANSPORTATION ENTERPRISE (HPTE)

Held: Wednesday, July 19th, 2017; 11:30 am
4201 E. Arkansas Ave., CDOT HQ Auditorium, Denver, CO 80222

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the HPTE was convened in accordance with applicable statutes of the State of Colorado, with the following Directors present:

Attendance: Kathy Gilliland, Chair Jan Martin Trey Rogers
Don Marostica, Vice Chair (by phone) Rocky Scott Shannon Gifford

Chair Gilliland called the meeting to order @11:30 am: HPTE Board Thad Noll was excused.

Director's Agenda Overview and Discussion: HPTE Director David Spector welcomed newly-appointed Board member Rocky Scott of the Transportation Commission. He also said there have been numerous awards presented to HPTE lately. AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials) gave awards for operations excellence on the I-70 Mountain Express Lane, and best technology and innovation for US 36 Express Lanes. At the annual ARTBA (American Road and Transportation Builders Association) conference, Mr. Spector was awarded P3 Entrepreneur of the Year. He said HPTE is becoming a model of excellence in the tolling and P3 industry, and thanked the staff for their contributions. At national conferences the hot topic is providing P3 solutions for infrastructure needs such as water, vertical construction and airports.

HPTE Director Spector provided an update on active projects. On Central 70 the workforce initiative is key to the project, and there was a good rollout of the program. On I-25 South, HPTE recently attended a local stakeholder meeting to explain the Enterprise mission and purpose. It is important to provide information to the public up front to educate all stakeholders about Express Lanes. Mr. Spector thanked Board members Rocky Scott and Jan Martin for their attendance at the recent I-25 South meetings.

HPTE Communications Manager Megan Castle briefed the Board on public outreach in advance of the proposed toll rate adjustment. She said public awareness is growing and media coverage has been good.

HPTE Director Spector outlined the process for the Executive Session, Joint HPTE/CDOT/CBE Executive Session, and Joint HPTE/TC Workshop at the end of the Agenda. The first Executive Session is a confidential financial discussion, followed by an Executive Session to receive legal advice relating to the Central 70 project, and the Joint Workshop will focus on the merger of HPTE and OMPD. No action will be taken yet on the merger, which will require budget supplements and amendments to the fee-for-service model.

Board Break, Reconvene and Roll Call: The Board took a five-minute break. Upon reconvening, all Board members were present.

Consent Agenda: Resolution #235 Approving June 2017 Minutes: The June minutes and Resolution #235 were pulled from the consent agenda in order to correct language pertaining to SB 287 – replacing the word “borrowed” with “raised.” Upon a motion by Board Director Rogers and second by Board Member Martin, the amended June Regular Meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comment: HPTE Board Chair Kathy Gilliland invited members of the public to come forward if they wished to comment on any item NOT on today's agenda. Mr. Kyle Chessman of Erie came forward to speak in opposition to the recent switch to HOV3.

Director's Report:	<p>HPTE Director Spector thanked Mr. Chessman for his comments, and explained how HOV3 is beneficial to both Express Lanes and the general purpose lanes. He noted that said outreach and education on the HOV3 transition was robust for Express Lanes projects. Public outreach activities on US 36, Central 70, C-470 and I-25 South have provided essential input from local stakeholders.</p> <p>Mr. Spector also provided an overview of the workforce training program for Central 70. Several major sponsors are supporting the program, including a \$1M grant from the Piton Foundation, the Emily Griffith School and CU-Denver.</p> <p>HPTE Board Chair Gilliland welcomed Transportation Commissioner and new HPTE Board member Rocky Scott, noting his track record of contributions to transportation infrastructure. She also congratulated the HPTE staff on national awards for project innovation and P3 implementation.</p>
Communications Report:	<p>HPTE Communications Manager Megan Castle outlined the extensive outreach and communications to inform drivers about the proposed toll rate adjustment. HPTE has partnered with E-470 to send emails to I-25 North and US 36/I-25 Central users. Media coverage has been robust. Fifty-seven phone calls were received on the topic, all but 2 opposed to the adjustment. HPTE responded to all substantive comments and calls. She said HPTE will continue to watch and respond to customer comments.</p>
Presentation and Discussion of Toll Rate Adjustment:	<p>Simon Stachnik of Plenary Roads Denver provided the Board with a supplemental memorandum on how the rate of inflation is considered in the adjustment. He said Plenary has been examining traffic patterns on US 36 and I-25 Central, and the new toll rate schedule better matches actual Express Lane use. He said the maximum price for ExpressToll from Boulder to Denver in the morning peak will be \$8.35, and the evening peak will be \$8.05. He noted some toll rates during off-peak hours will be adjusted downward. HPTE Director Spector said that the toll rate adjustment process will occur annually, and that the focus is on maintaining travel time reliability in the lanes. Assistant Attorney General Brent Butzin noted a correction in Resolution #236 regarding the start date of the proposal submittal, which is June 1, 2017.</p>
Toll Rate Adjustment Public Comment:	<p>HPTE Board Chair Gilliland invited members of the public to come forward with comments pertaining to the proposed toll rate adjustment. Mr. Kyle Chessman approached the Board and noted his previous opposition to HOV3. He asked the Board not to raise toll rates, as he believes it makes congestion worse. No other members of the public came forward.</p>
Consider and Act on <u>Resolution #236</u> Approving Regular Toll Rate Adjustment:	<p>Board discussion regarding the proposed toll rate adjustment included remarks about the importance of public outreach and comment, how toll rate adjustments will be regularly considered on an annual basis, and the role of HOV3 in reducing congestion in the Express Lanes and the general purpose lanes as monthly reporting indicates. Board members noted the adjustment is supported by good analysis and reporting. It was noted that multiple sources of public information are available on the website. Upon a motion by Board member Rogers subject to the date amendment, and second by Board member Martin Resolution #236 was approved by all present.</p>
Other Business:	<p>There was no other business before the Board.</p>
<u>Executive Session:</u>	<p>HPTE Board Chair Gilliland requested a motion to convene the Board in Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(3)(a)(III) and C.R.S. Section 24-72-204(3)(a)(IV) for the purpose of discussing confidential commercial and financial information. Members of the public were excused.</p>
<u>Joint Executive Session:</u>	<p>HPTE Board Chair Gilliland requested a motion to convene the Board in Joint Executive Session with the Transportation Commission pursuant to C.R.S. Sections 24-6-402(3)(a)(II) and (III) and C.R.S. Section 24-72-204(3)(a)(IV) for the purpose of discussing confidential commercial and financial information and to receive legal advice regarding the Central 70 Project. Members of the public were excused.</p> <p>The HPTE Board of Directors exited Executive Session at 2:05 and members of the public were allowed to return to the Auditorium.</p>

Joint Workshop with the Transportation Commission on the OMPD/HPTE Merger:

The HPTE Board of Directors and Transportation Commission met in a Joint Workshop to discuss the merger of HPTE and OMPD. The merger is to support HPTE's emerging role as a toll system operator, in addition to innovative finance. The Board and Commission were supportive of the merger, and noted it as an example of efficiency and good government.

Adjourn:

The Board adjourned at 2:20 pm.