

**C-470 Corridor Coalition**  
**Policy Committee Meeting #26**  
**Thursday, August 7, 2014**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**DRAFT**

Held at the Highlands Ranch Mansion  
9900 South Ranch Road, Highlands Ranch  
10:00 am to 11:30 am

**ADOPTED MISSION STATEMENT:** “To work together to develop and implement a solution that improves safety and mobility along the C-470 Corridor and within the south metro area.”

- Enhance Quality of Life
- Promote Economic Vitality
- Support Regional Partnerships
- Achieve Public Support
- Accelerate Project Delivery

**ADOPTED C-470 CORRIDOR GOALS:**

- Develop and evaluate options that are cost effective
- Reach consensus on technical solution(s)
- Develop strategic plan for phased implementation

- **Welcome / Opening Comments**

Mayor Cathy Noon, and Coalition Vice Chair, presided over the meeting. Vice Chair Noon welcomed everyone to the Policy Committee meeting and provided opening comments.

- **Self-Introductions**

Vice Chair Noon asked for self-introductions from the Policy Committee members and guests present at the meeting.

- **Review / Comments on April 3, 2014 Policy Committee Meeting Notes**

Vice Chair Noon asked if anyone had any comments to the draft June 5, 2014 Policy Committee Meeting notes. There were no comments and the meeting minutes were accepted by the Policy Committee.

- **Coalition Policy Committee Chair**

Vice Chair Noon stated that Commissioner Hilbert recently resigned his position as Douglas County Commissioner six months early in order to accept another job opportunity. Douglas County Commissioner Roger Partridge, who could not attend today's meeting, will now be representing Douglas County on the C-470 Coalition on a regular basis.

- **Coalition Policy Committee Appointments**

Art Griffith stated that with Commissioner Hilbert stepping down, the Coalition will need to firm up a new chairperson and Douglas County recommended that Mayor Noon serve as the new Chair. Art noted that Commission Partridge was interested in servicing as Vice Chair and as one of the Coalition's representatives on the Executive Oversight Committee (EOC).

Mayor Jim Gunning stated that it would be important to keep Douglas County involved as they have led this process from the beginning. It was noted that there was consensus among the Coalition members present with the recommendations of Mayor Noon serving as Chair and Commissioner Partridge as Vice Chair and serving on the EOC. Mayor Gunning suggested that these recommendations be sent via email because several Coalition members were unable to attend the August 7<sup>th</sup> Policy Committee meeting.

- **Project Team Update**

Jerome Estes provided an update on the project and began by presenting an updated procurement organizational chart, noting that it is available on the project website. Jerome stated that this is the mechanism to deliver the project, with the project Technical Working Group (TWG) supporting the Project Management Team (PMT). The PMT members serve as a liaison to the EOC. Additionally, there are representatives on the EOC from the C-470 Coalition Policy Committee, CDOT's Office of Major Project Development (OMPD), FHWA, and the Attorney General's Office.

The PMT recently facilitated the creation of project goals, through a goal setting meeting that developed a list of un-prioritized project goals, which were later discussed with the C-470 Coalition Technical Working Group (TWG), and their input was incorporated. The draft goals were then presented to the EOC and following the initial meeting, a formal adoption of the un-prioritized goals was made by the EOC; and these goals have been posted on CDOT's project website.

In the future, the PMT will begin prioritizing the goals once the initial Level 3 Traffic & Revenue (T&R) study is substantially completed. This document will contain key information to help prioritize the goals. The Level 2 T&R Study final draft has been completed.

Art noted that he will be sending the Technical Working Group (TWG) copies of the updated Level 2 T&R and asked if there are any comments to please send those to him quickly so that the Level 2 T&R can be finalized.

- **Schedule for upcoming Public Outreach Meetings**

Jerome presented a handout noting dates for the upcoming public outreach meetings related to C-470. On August 19<sup>th</sup> the High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) is hosting an outreach meeting to provide additional information on the HPTE and Private-Public-Partnerships (P3s). Telephone Town Hall (TTH) presentations are scheduled from September 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, and Public Open Houses are scheduled from September 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. There will also be individual neighborhood noise mitigation meetings with the dates still to be determined, and a public hearing for the Revised Environmental Assessment (EA) is tentatively scheduled for February of 2015. Art noted that the TTH's will broadcast from 7 – 8 pm and asked the participants to be there no later than 6:30 to setup and receive instructions.

- **P3 / Value for Money Presentation and Discussion by CDOT/HPTE**

Jerome introduced Peter Kozinski, Acting Director for the Office of Major Project Development (OMPD), and Michael Cheroutes, Director for HPTE for today's presentation by CDOT/HPTE.

Peter Kozinski presented "Addressing Colorado's Major Mobility Issues". The discussion began with a statement that CDOT is entering a new innovative era of transportation. Traditional funding streams, such as the Federal Gas tax are fading quickly, and CDOT must look toward innovative funding sources such as tolling and new project delivery methods such as Design-Build and P3s to advance important transportation projects. It was noted that Express lanes are being used to provide a choice to drivers to pay a toll and reduce delay on the most seriously congested corridors, and provide reliable travel times. Peter stated that it is important to note that the general purpose lanes that are available today will remain and will not be tolled. Peter described the projects where CDOT is planning to implement the tolled express lanes, which includes C-470, I-70 West, North I-25, and I-70 East.

Michael Cheroutes presented and described the role of the HPTE to pursue innovative means of efficiently financing important transportation projects, including P3s, operating concession agreements, and toll funded bonds. HPTE analyzes each corridor to examine costs and risk and how those risks can be best managed. Part of that process involves a Value for Money (VFM) report that evaluates the available funding sources and makes recommendations for financing a specific project. Mike reviewed the project funding sources specifically for C-470, noting that preliminary results indicate that the project should generate enough revenue to support bonds. Initial assessments of the VFM also indicate that a P3 is not likely for C-470. The final decision has not been made, but CDOT/HPTE would like to hear from people on this issue and will be further discussing the VFM for C-470 at the upcoming August 19<sup>th</sup> HPTE Public Outreach meeting, to be held at the Highlands Ranch Metro District Office.

- **Closing Remarks**

Mayor Noon expressed her appreciation for Mike and Peter presenting today and encouraged everyone to attend the August 19<sup>th</sup> HPTE meeting; and she thanked those who agreed to participate in the upcoming Telephone Town Hall broadcasts and the upcoming Public Open Houses meetings for C-470.

- **Next Policy Committee Meeting**

October 2, 2014, at 10 am — *(note this meeting was subsequently cancelled)*