

**C-470 Corridor Coalition**  
**Policy Committee Meeting #22**  
**Thursday, November 7, 2013**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**DRAFT**

Held at the Highlands Ranch Mansion  
9900 South Ranch Road, Highlands Ranch, CO  
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**

Chairman Jack Hilbert welcomed everyone to the Policy Committee meeting and provided opening comments. Chairman Hilbert congratulated City of Centennial Mayor Cathy Noon and City of Littleton Councilman Bruce Beckman on winning their elections.

Chairman Hilbert noted that this will be City of Littleton Councilman Jim Taylor’s last Coalition meeting. Councilman Taylor has been a C-470 Corridor Coalition Policy Committee member from our very first meeting in 2011. Councilman Taylor had the unique distinction of attending all 4 public open house meetings in the fall of 2012. Councilman Taylor has been a strong supporter of transportation for the City of Littleton, DRCOG and the C-470 Corridor. Chairman Hilbert thanked Councilman Taylor for his outstanding service and contributions and welcomed Councilman Bruce Beckman as the new City of Littleton representative on the Policy Committee.

- **Self-Introductions**

Chairman Hilbert asked for self-introductions from the Policy Committee members and guests present at the meeting.

- **Review/Comments on October 3, 2013 Policy Committee Meeting Notes**

Chairman Hilbert asked if anyone had any comments to the draft October 3, 2013 Policy Committee Meeting notes. There were no comments and the meeting minutes were accepted by the Policy Committee.

- **CDOT RAMP Funding Update**

Larry Warner provided a summary of the CDOT RAMP Program, based on a handout that he provided that was on the CDOT website. The CDOT Transportation Commission formally approved the RAMP Program Partnership projects at their October 17, 2013 meeting. There are 44 Partnership projects totaling \$580 million, of which C-470 Segment 1 was one of the approved projects. The RAMP Program also identified \$66 million of operations projects and \$800 million of statewide asset management projects.

Commissioner Ed Peterson provided his comments and recognized CDOT staff for their efforts. He congratulated the C-470 Corridor Coalition for being one of the approved Partnership projects. Commissioner Peterson emphasized that RAMP funding was not new money.

CDOT Region 1 Director Tony DeVito also provided his congratulations to the Coalition team and highlighted the next steps in the process. On Partnership projects, confirmation agreements with local funding entities will be required in early 2014.

Chairman Hilbert also emphasized the need to keep the momentum moving forward to meet the Transportation Commission's goal to have all of the RAMP projects completed by the end of 2017.

- **DRCOG Long Range Plan Amendment Update**

Art Griffith utilized a handout to describe what was submitted to DRCOG for the Regional Transportation Plan Amendment for the C-470 Segment 1 Tolle Express Lanes project. Art reported that supplemental information was submitted to DRCOG last week and the package included a financial memo. Art reviewed the highlights from the financial memo and emphasized that the Interim solution will not preclude the Ultimate solution in the future. Art stated that the limits for the Interim and Ultimate solutions are being refined and that the technical team will keep DRCOG staff informed of any changes that may affect their submittal. Art summarized the current limits of the tolled express lanes as follows:

- Interim RAMP Project – consists of one tolled express lane in each direction. Eastbound direction is currently from Platte Canyon to I-25 and westbound direction is currently from I-25 to Wadsworth.
- 2035 Ultimate Project – the one tolled express lane in each direction is extended to Kipling in both directions. A second tolled express lane is added in the eastbound direction from Broadway to I-25 and westbound direction from I-25 to Wadsworth.
- HOV Update – Larry Warner briefed the Policy Committee concerning a letter that the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEET), an organization led by Will Toor, sent to the CDOT Transportation Commission on October 16, 2013. The letter

expressed their concern over the current direction for the C-470 Segment 1 project moving forward with tolled express lanes and not High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes and asked that the decision be re-opened. In short, the SWEEP group wants carpoolers to be exempt from paying tolls on C-470 Segment 1, which conflicts with the consensus recommendation that was reached by the Policy Committee on June 6, 2013. The Policy Committee consensus was that all vehicles, including HOV's, that benefit from using the tolled express lanes should pay tolls.

Larry commented that the project team prepared a white paper that addresses the issue. *Note – the draft white paper titled “C-470 Corridor Coalition Proposed Managed Tolled Express Lanes and HOV Considerations” dated November 6, 2013 was distributed via email to the Policy Committee on November 11, 2013.*

Art Griffith reviewed the highlights of the white paper and noted that the topic was discussed at the previous evening's DRCOG MVIC meeting. Art provided copies of the white paper to the DRCOG MVIC members. Chairman Hilbert, who attended the DRCOG MVIC meeting along with five other Policy Committee members, stated that no conclusions were reached at the meeting, but said that more discussions will likely occur in the future. Commissioner Rosier provided his support that this issue should be decided on a corridor by corridor basis and should not be a regional or statewide policy.

- **Revised EA Update**

Jim Brady and Jon Chesser provided an update on the Revised EA efforts. The team met with FHWA staff to review the DRCOG submittal. Jon noted that the Revised EA will clear the Ultimate Project scope, as was discussed earlier in the meeting. A public hearing is still anticipated next spring and a decision document completed next summer.

- **Schedule Update**

Larry Warner provided copies of our current C-470 Corridor schedule for Segment 1 and reviewed the highlights of the schedule with the Policy Committee. With CDOT RAMP funding, the focus of the project now shifts toward implementation. CDOT and HPTE will be taking the lead on the implementation phase and next year will be very busy with multiple tasks that will be supporting the procurement process. The overall goal is to begin construction in 2015.

- **Next Policy Committee Meetings**

- **December 5, 2013 – Meeting has been cancelled – Happy Holidays!**
- **January 9, 2014 – Rescheduled due to the Holidays – location to be determined (Note – this meeting was subsequently cancelled)**