

C-470 Corridor Coalition
Policy Committee Meeting #25
Thursday, June 5, 2014
Meeting Minutes
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Held at the Highlands Ranch Mansion
9900 South Ranch Road, Highlands Ranch
10:00 am to 11:00 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 regarding the recent defeat of Colorado Senate Bill 14-197.

- **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 April 3, 2014 Policy Committee Meeting notes. There were no comments and the meeting minutes were accepted by the Policy Committee.

- **TIGER Grant Application / Project Selection Process Update**

Jerome Estes provided an update to the recent TIGER VI Grant application. The application requested \$15 Million to support the \$230 Million RAMP project. There is \$600M in federal TIGER VI grant funding available, and there have been approximately \$9.5 Billion in requests. CDOT remains optimistic - the project team had a great application that

highlighted the great local support that has been provided by the Coalition. Jerome thanked the Coalition for their support. The grant selection results are anticipated in September. The completed TIGER VI Grant Application is located on CDOT's website for review.

- **DRCOG Board Adopts RAMP Projects into Fiscally Constrained RTP on May 21st**

Art Griffith thanked all the elected officials that participated in a unanimous decision to incorporate all RAMP projects into the fiscally constrained Regional Transportation Plan. Art noted that the next step will be to prepare some minor amendments, as the most recent project modeling shows there is a demand / benefit for extending two westbound managed lanes as part of the Interim Ramp Project between I-25 and University or even further west.

- **Traffic Modeling Update**

Jerome and Art provided an update on the traffic modeling studies. The Level 2 Traffic & Revenue study is expected to be finalized by July and then the Level 3 Traffic & Revenue study can begin - which will be used to determine the loan amount that can be supported by this project. The notice to proceed for the Level 3 T&R is anticipated in July.

- **P3 / Value for Money Decision Making Process**

Jerome informed the Coalition that at next month's August 7th Policy Committee meeting, the HPTE will be presenting information regarding major projects and the use of Public-Private-Partnerships (P3's). CDOT is currently performing a Value for Money (VFM) analysis for C-470 which is a comparison between a traditional procurement process and P3 procurement. The VFM helps decide if it is beneficial for the project to proceed as a P3.

Earlier this year, CDOT prepared a Project Delivery Selection Matrix which evaluates three delivery methods: Design-Bid-Build, Design-Build, and Construction Manager/General Contractor. CDOT went through this project selection process to review risks, project schedule, and goals; and CDOT determined that a Design-Build will be the best delivery method for the C-470 project. This decision is different from the decision to use P3. The VFM will provide insight on whether P3 is a viable option. However, preliminary analysis seems to suggest that P3 is unlikely for C-470. The HPTE will present more information at the August PC Meeting, and the VFM is expected to be completed in mid September. Art noted that the Telephone Town Hall meetings and public open house meetings have been scheduled around that timeframe so that the findings of the VFM can likely be shared at that time. State legislators will also be invited to the August 7th PC Meeting so that they can hear the HPTE presentation.

- **Goal Setting for Design/Build Procurement Update**

Jerome provided an update on the recent design-build goal setting meeting that was held on May 15th. The goal setting is a pivotal moment for design-build projects as it sets the direction of the project at a high level. Jerome presented a graphic showing the C-470 Procurement Organizational Chart and noted that the Coalition has representation on both the Executive Oversight Committee (EOC) and the Project Management Team (PMT). The goal setting meeting facilitated a list of un-prioritized project goals which were reviewed by the PMT on May 22nd. The next step will be for the EOC to review and adopt the goals tentatively sometime in July. Eventually the goals will be re-evaluated and prioritized after additional

information is obtained from the Level 3 T&R study.

- **C-470 Corridor / RAMP Interim Project Schedule Discussion**

Jerome presented an update project schedule and noted that the schedule's critical path is currently the TIFIA loan process. As a result of feedback received from the industry, the design-build procurement is now shown starting in the fall to streamline the proposal process with the timing of the TIFIA loan. The schedule also shows separate Notices to Proceed for design and construction that will allow the final design to progress so that construction can begin in the spring of 2016.

- Establishing Dates for Public Outreach Discussion

Art provided an update on the proposed public outreach program. As part of the Environmental Assessment (EA), the project team anticipates several neighborhood meeting related to the changed criteria for noise walls which may occur as early as July or August. The noise criteria has changed such that noise mitigation may no longer be needed in some locations (compared with the previous EA findings).

In September we are planning Telephone Town Hall meetings for each County and their agencies on three consecutive days, with live broadcasts from 7 to 8 pm. Later on in the meeting, the telephone town hall schedule was finalized and is as follows:

- Sept 9th for CDOT / Jefferson County/Lakewood
- Sept 10th for CDOT / Arapahoe County / Centennial / Littleton
- Sept 11th for CDOT / Douglas County / Lone Tree / Highlands Ranch

Ed Peterson agreed to attend all three meetings as the CDOT representative. Both elected officials and their and the project consultant are asked to participate in the broadcasts.

Additionally, Art mentioned that there will be a public hearing, related to the revised environmental assessment, which will be held at a central location in February 2015.

Melanie Worley asked about the format the public open house and if a formal presentation would be made. Art replied that the open houses will have presentation boards highlighting updates that have occurred from the last public meetings, but that a formal presentation is not planned. Art noted the project team is also available to make specific presentations if needed. Melanie expressed concerns about being able to reach the public and legislators regarding issues related to tolling and P3. CDOT representatives responded by noting that they are rolling out a public outreach education campaign to inform the public about toll lanes and P3's.

Art noted that there will also be a station at the public open houses explaining tolling and P3's, at which time it will be known if C-470 will be a P3, and that CDOT can follow-up with specific communities with additional outreach. Mayor Noon suggested utilizing a press release to touch base regarding the information related to the Transportation Enterprise Transparency Act, to announce the upcoming public meetings, and direct people to the project website for additional information. Art stated that CRL will be under contract in July and can start coordinating with all of the agencies public information officers for public outreach and public meeting announcements. In October, following the public open

houses, we can also do separate presentations to councils and agencies, as needed. Mayor Gunning suggested that we reach out to South Metro Denver Chamber and the South Metro Denver Realtor Association to help distribute information to as many people as possible.

Jerome stated that he wanted to dispel several rumors that may have been heard regarding CDOT funding. Jerome stated RAMP funding is not in jeopardy and the I-25 lane balance funding is not in jeopardy.

- **Closing Remarks**

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Mayor Noon asked if there were any additional questions or concerns. Kent Bagley asked how critical the TIGER grant was to the project. Jerome stated that the available funding shown in the TIGER application did not include another potential revenue source related to the direct connect ramps, namely that there is potentially approximately \$6 Million available in Highway Safety Improvement funds (HSIP) that could be used to fund a portion of the proposed I-25 direct connect ramps. As part of an exercise, the team looked at other means to cover the \$15 Million TIGER grant ask, which include a potential TIFIA loan.

- **Next Policy Committee Meeting**

August 7, 2014, at 10 am — (*Highlands Ranch Mansion*)