

# Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

## North I-25 PEL

Thursday May 31, 2012

1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

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**LOCATION:** Thornton Police Department Training Center  
9551 Civic Center Drive  
Thornton, CO 80229

**PREPARED BY:** Holly Buck, FHU

**ATTENDEES:** See Attached Sign-in Sheet

### I. Introductions

Andy Stratton, CDOT Project Manager, provided an introduction to the meeting and stated that the goal of the meeting was to update the committee on the status of the project, provide a summary of comments received to date, and get concurrence from the committee on the Purpose and Need. He reminded the group that the Executive Committee's role is to provide policy-level feedback at key milestones.

### II. TIGER IV Update

Andy provided an update on the TIGER IV grant application and said that a decision is expected by the end of May or early June.

### III. Project Status

Andy provided the group a summary of the project activities to date. This includes conducting the stakeholder interviews, holding the visioning workshop, and the public open house. The project remains on schedule. Over the next few months the team will develop and evaluate near-term and long-term alternatives to address the Purpose and Need.

Lyle Devries provided the group a summary of the materials compiled to date. The first is a Visioning and Issues report describing what was heard from at the stakeholder interviews and during the Visioning workshop. The second report is the Corridor Conditions report which documents analysis and data on the corridor conditions. Both reports are available for review by the committees.

### IV. Comment Summary

Chris Primus provided a summary of the comments received to date on the project. Most of these comments were received at the public meeting held May 9<sup>th</sup> or via the web site during the week of the public meeting. Comments included questions about the TIGER project and other planned improvements for the corridor, support for transit improvements, disappointment on the timing of the North metro rail line, implicit support for the Purpose and Needs Statement. Holly Buck asked the committee if they would like a list of the comments verbatim or if a summary would be sufficient. The group felt that a summary was sufficient at this point.

Gene Putman stated that Thornton had recently requested that RTD consider a park-n-Ride at SH 7 and I-25. RTD has responded with a letter stating that more information about parking demand, demand for service and land use will need to be considered.

Gene also reminded the group that both the SH 7 and I-25 PELs had information at Thorntonfest on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The most commonly asked question was about the status of RTD's work on the North Metro corridor. The team will add comments received at Thorntonfest to the overall comment summary.

### V. Purpose and Need

Jon Chesser, CDOT Environmental, provided information about purpose and need statements. PN statements

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identify the problem to be addressed and the purpose of a project. They are not mode specific and can't be defined as a lack of a mode. Holly reviewed the three "need" statements. The three needs address the mobility problem, safety problem and multimodal capacity problem along the corridor. Holly then asked the group for questions and comments on the purpose statement as well as the three needs.

Jeanne Shreve stated that multimodal should be defined in the last need statement. General purpose lanes may be the ultimate solution along the corridor and it is important that the term multimodal is defined as all modes not just bus. It should include general purpose lanes too.

Steve Rudy expressed concern about this PEL versus the outcome of the EIS Phase 1. The team responded that the North I-EIS identified transportation improvements for long-distance travelers. More localized issues in the metro area were not examined by the EIS. Therefore this PEL was initiated to study these specific needs.

Myron Hora asked about how a PEL would address the long-term vision because this is typically established before prioritizing near-term improvements. The team answered that a PEL is a flexible study process that can examine the feasibility of options in the corridor within a framework of reasonable long-term solutions. This study will look at a number of long-term options without identifying a preferred long-term solution. Near-term alternatives will be evaluated on their compatibility with long-term options. It was noted that the long-term vision is established by the metro vision template of 202 feet which all recent bridge structures meet. The ultimate long-term vision is formalizing that template but no more will be done during this PEL.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the group was asked if they support the purpose and need. All those present raised their hand in support of the statement.

Jon reviewed the draft goals stating that these are not technically needs but will be used to evaluate and differentiate between the alternatives.

Stephanie Salazar asked if there was any sign of environmental issues that could impact cost. Jon responded that noise and needed noise walls could have a substantial impact on the cost.

Gene commented that light rail on I-25 was thoroughly examined as part of the North Metro EIS. This study should reference that effort to eliminate that as an option for this study.

Nancy McNally expressed the need for the region to look at the tolling facilities in a comprehensive fashion. US 36, I-25, I-76 and I-270 could all potentially have tolling. It seems that the convergence of these facilities needs to be bidirectional. It was suggested that CDOT study buildout of the managed lane system.

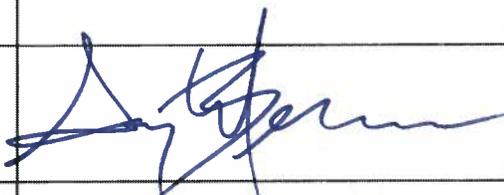
### **VI. Schedule and Next Steps**

Holly provided the group information on project activities that would be occurring over the next few months. These include identification of long-term options, development and evaluation of near-term alternatives, and confirmation of compatibility of the two. EC members were asked to keep in touch with their Technical Advisory representative as the team will be working closely with them over the summer. The next Executive meeting is anticipated to be in September. The final public meeting is tentatively planned for October.

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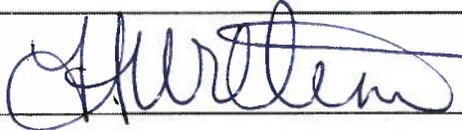


## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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<b>Brighton</b>	Dick McLean Mayor		Wayne Scott Councilmember	
<b>Broomfield</b>	Pat Quinn Mayor		Kevin Standbridge Deputy CM	
<b>Commerce City</b>	Sean Ford Mayor		Jason McEldowney Councilmember	
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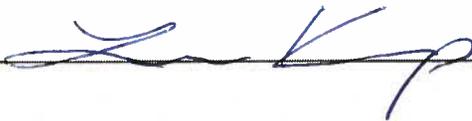
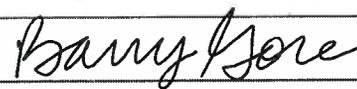
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Northglenn	Joyce Downing Mayor		Brook Svoboda Director of Planning	
Thornton	Heidi Williams Mayor		Joyce Hunt	
Westminster	Nancy McNally Mayor		Aric Otzelberger Senior Mngmt. Analyst	
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Metro North Chamber	Jonathan Perlmutter (J Perlmutter & Co) Howard Gelt (Polsinelli Shughart PC)		Deb Obermeyer Executive Director	
CDOT Region 6	Reza Akhavan, RTD		<del>STEVE OLSON</del> Kevin Radet, North Program Engineer	
CDOT Region 4	Myron Hora, Planning and Environmental Manager		Johnny Olson RTD	
FHWA	Shaun Cutting, Program Delivery		Monica Pavlik, Senior	

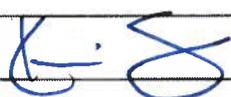
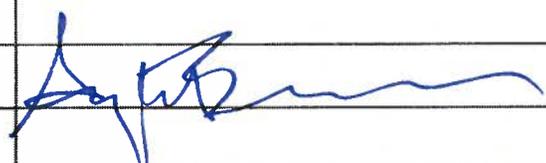
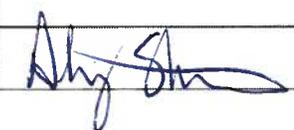
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	Engineer		Operations Engineer	
RTD	Lee Kemp			
City and County of Denver	Brian Mitchell		Michael Finocchio	
Federal Transit Administration	David Beckhouse, Sr. Transportation Program Specialist		Larry Squires, Community Planner	
DRCOG	Steve Rudy Director, Transportation Planning and Operations		Steve Cook Planning Manager	
Broomfield EDC	Interim Rep: Stephanie Salazar, President and CEO			
Broomfield Chamber	Interim Rep: Jennifer Kerr President and CEO			
ADAMS COUNTY ECONOMIC DVPT	BARRY GORE PRESIDENT/CEO			



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Erie	Gary Behlen	
Firestone	Dave Lindsay	
Frederick	Richard Leffler	
Longmont	Phil Greenwald	
Northglenn	Brook Svoboda	
Thornton	Gene Putman	
Westminster	Dave Downing	
Adams County	Jeanne Shreve	
Federal Transit Administration	Larry Squires	
CDOT Region 6	Andy Stratton	

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CDOT Region 6	Lizzie Kemp	<i>LK</i>
CDOT Region 6	Jay Hendrickson	<i>JH</i>
CDOT Region 6	Steve Hersey	<i>SH</i>
CDOT Region 6	Leela Rajasekar	
CDOT Region 6	Steve Olson	<i>S. Olson</i>
CDOT Region 4	Carol Parr	
CDOT Region 4	Karen Schneiders	
CDOT Region 4	Long Nguyen	
FHWA	Monica Pavlik	<i>MP</i>
RTD	Lee Cryer	<i>L. Cryer</i>
DRCOG	Fred Sandal	<i>F. Sandal</i>
City and County of Denver	Emily Silverman	
Metro North Chamber	Interim Rep: Deb Obermeyer	
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