



MEETING MINUTES

PROJECT:	West Corridor Light Rail Transit
PURPOSE:	Coffee with Dennis
DATE HELD:	April 19, 2007
LOCATION:	Clement Community Center, 1580 Yarrow Street, Columbine Room
ATTENDING:	Rob Ball, RTD Brenda Tierney, RTD

Meeting Discussion:

Q & A session with eight community members plus Dave Baskett (Lakewood) and Kate Newman (Jeffco).

Q & A SHERIDAN

Q: If light rail is built over the top of Sheridan you will stop the continuity of the park. There needs to be pedestrian and bicycle access through there. We support the old plan. A: *A: RTD understands this but our hands are tied. We are facing very tight budget constraints – not just on the West Corridor – but throughout the whole FasTracks program. If we can save \$7.7 million dollars and still provide the same transit service with the VE Sheridan plan, we have a hard time justifying spending the additional money. RTD is working with CDOT, Denver and Lakewood to see what additional funds can be found.*

Q: Why not move the Sheridan parking structure to the east side of Sheridan? It is open land on the east, and there wouldn't be relocation costs. A: *That was looked at in the EIS a few years ago, but rejected for the west side. We can check into that further for you.*

Q: Why is the budget so tight? A: *The FasTracks program, along with all other construction projects in the nation, are facing unprecedented rises in costs of materials like concrete, copper and steel. In addition, RTD's sales tax revenue projections aren't rising as fast as forecast.*

Q: When will the final decision be made on Sheridan? A: *We are hoping that the decision will be made by the May 15 RTD board meeting, the latest this decision can happen is by the June 19 board meeting.*

Q: When will the EA be finished? A: *Once the VE items are all settled, the Environmental Assessment can be completed. We hope to have a draft EA by early August, formal public hearing in late August and the document finalized by October.*



UTILITIES

Q: When does Xcel start moving utility lines? *A: Their current schedule is to begin in early July between Quail and Kipling and move east from there.*

Q: Are they moving all lines underground? *A: No, some lines will go from overhead to underground. Most lines that run to individual homes will stay above ground. Some lines will move as far as 2-3 blocks away from where they are now. Each case is different.*

NOISE STUDY

Q: When will the noise study be done? We want to see where walls are planned. *A: The noise study will be completed with wall locations determined by the end of May. RTD and Lakewood will then meet to discuss wall locations. RTD will be setting up small group meetings to discuss noise impacts and Lakewood will set up meetings to coordinate neighbors and possible opt out options*

Q: How many parking spaces are there at Oak Street? *A: There are 200 spaces on opening day, with room for an additional 500 spaces as the need warrants.*

FEDERAL BRIDGE

Q: What's happening with the Federal Bridge? *A: RTD, through the Value Engineering process, was looking at a Con Span bridge, basically three large tunnels under Federal Blvd. Upon further analysis it was determined that this type of bridge was not constructible in this area. We have dropped this item from the Value Engineering list and are looking at other alternatives.*

Q: When will you have the alternatives? *A: By the end of April we should have some new concepts. There are a lot of issues with this bridge location that need to be considered, including a number of utilities in this area that will need to be relocated.*

OTHER

The start of construction event is planned for Wednesday, May 16 at 1:00 pm at 13th & Quail. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Action Items:

1. Check on reasons for location of Sheridan parking garage
2. Give Diane Dodge's Oak Street Plan to Dennis
3. Let Darcy Wilson know if she can get copy of aerial