



MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 14, 2007

Time: 10:30 AM

Re: West Corridor Stakeholder Meeting

Location: RTD FasTracks Offices – 1560 Broadway, 7th Floor Express Room

In Attendance:

Dennis Cole, RTD-FasTracks

Rob Ball, RTD-FasTracks

Bill Sirois, RTD-FasTracks

Brenda Tierney, RTD-FasTracks

Jim Clarke, RTD-FasTracks

Kate Maloney, RTD-FasTracks

Bob Kochevar, CCD

Catherine Cox-Blair, CCD

Keith French, CCD

Tony Ogboli, CCD

Steve Long, DEA

Andy Leong, DEA

Kim Podobnik, Praco

David Lloyd, UDFCD

Gary Gonzales, CDOT

Gary Huber, CDOT

Dave Baskett, Lakewood

Anne Heine, Lakewood

Roger Wadnal, Lakewood

Kevin Flynn, RM News

Kate Newman, Jeffco

Terry Rosapep, FTA

John Sutton, PMOC

John West, DTCG

Jim Cunningham, DTCG

David Abbink, West Metro Fire

Minutes:

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Brief introductions around the table

2. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

Action item list is generally up to-date. Status on outstanding action items included in Stakeholder Meeting Action items attachment.

Any new action items assigned in meeting today are noted in the attachment.

3. STATUS ON OUTSTANDING VE PROPOSALS

RTD updated the stakeholders on the remaining four VE proposals that are pending approval by the RTD board. These include:

- Single Track to Jeffco
- Changes to Drainage Criteria
- Sheridan Station/Bridge
- Auraria Station Realignment

Current Status of Significant VE Proposals

Single Track to Jeffco

Recent discussion continues with Jeffco has focused on review of ridership model results. Jeffco has asked RTD to demonstrate that the results are supportive of single tracking and the threshold based on ridership when an additional passing track or change to more frequent headway is warranted. Model results were provided to Jeffco on June 12. Ridership forecasts that trigger changes in operational parameters will be covered in the master IGA with Jeffco. RTD will also send to Jeffco how the \$33 million cost savings was estimated.

Changes to Drainage Criteria – RTD proposed a change in its drainage design criteria from a 100 year event to a reduced storm event where practical and that does not flood and degrade the track structure affecting train operations for an extended period, or impact adjacent property (more so than existing conditions). In the Denver segment of the corridor, the emphasis is on the lower Lakewood Gulch drainage improvements between Decatur and the S. Platte River. RTD has developed a drainage proposal that is believed to be equivalent to the City's original drainage proposal and does not require relocation of the City's Maintenance Facility. RTD's proposal is under review by CCD and UDFCD, and will be discussed at next Tuesday's working group drainage meeting.

In the Lakewood segment, RTD will go back to the 65% design at Richey Park and from Carr to Zephyr, and will have a simpler drainage approach east of Harlan that should maintain approximately \$9 million of the \$10.1 million in VE cost savings. RTD has requested the City to prioritize the WC drainage improvements as city projects and apply for UDFCD matching funds to help make up the shortfall.

Sheridan Station/Bridge – Original plan was to raise Sheridan Blvd. over the LRT tracks and Gulch area; a modified VE proposal was to leave Sheridan at-grade and take the LRT tracks over with the station on the west side of Sheridan with sufficient clearance over the roadway to allow CDOT to improve the substandard vertical sag condition in the Gulch. CDOT and CCD have proposed to reduce the maintenance of traffic requirements during construction from 4 to 2 lanes to eliminate the costly detour between 10th and 13th Avenues. The cost was approximately \$4 million for building this detour as a part of the 65% design with the roadway over the LRT tracks. On this basis, RTD and the stakeholders have agreed to go back to the EIS alternative with the roadway over the LRT tracks. RTD was also looking at moving the parking facilities to the east side of Sheridan as an additional cost savings on reduced relocation. This has been dropped due to community concerns and schedule delays.

Auraria Station – RTD's VE proposal was changing from a 3 track, four platform station to 2 tracks and side platforms, with the station location shifted from Lawrence to Larimer Street. RTD has developed a 2 track, three platform proposal that has a similar alignment and station location as the 65% design submittal. Street network is unchanged. RTD's proposal is based on not having to replace lost parking on the campus and swapping right-of-way at no cost. This should keep the majority of the cost savings intact.

4. OTHER CITY- PROPOSED CHANGES – UPDATE ON WADSWORTH STATION AND FEDERAL /DECATUR STATION

Wadsworth – COL reported they are taking the IGA between RTD and COL to city council on June 25. RTD is reviewing the escrow requirement and may propose an alternative to the City. Coordination cost for DEA to coordinate with the City's design consultant will be added to the IGA. RTD will continue with its baseline design; both station options may be carried to bidding. RTD requested when the final EDAW report would be issued; City said in approximately two weeks.

Federal/Decatur Station – CCD has requested RTD to consider shifting the station from its present 65% design location to the east side of Decatur. RTD has submitted a design cost proposal to CCD for approval. RTD did a preliminary evaluation of the new station concept and cost impacts for shifting the station. RTD is concerned about impacting the completion of EA and potential impacts on the Risk Assessment and FFGA application. FTA has expressed similar concerns to RTD relative to any further delays in completing the EA and negative impacts on the Risk Assessment due to uncertainty in project scope. A meeting is scheduled next week between RTD and CCD to reach resolution.

Denver requested RTD to provide details of the cost estimate that was prepared for the Decatur alternative. Denver also requested a meeting with requisite FTA representative to discuss the proposed shift. Denver in no way wants to hold up the EA, Risk Assessment or the FFGA. Denver is concerned about not getting the shift into the current EA evaluation for the West Corridor.

5. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS (IGAs)

With Value Engineering now nearly finalized, RTD has started to update any changes to the IGAs. RTD expects to have Jeffco, Golden and Lakewood updated and re-issued for review by the stakeholders at the end of June. RTD enquired from CCD on the status of their IGA. CCD replied they do not expect to submit an updated IGA until after the updated 65% design submittal in late July. Stakeholders have indicated that finalizing CCD's IGA is required in order to finalize all master IGAs. RTD stated that all master IGAs are a requirement of the FFGA, and needs to be signed or written confirmation from each stakeholder that they are acceptable and are awaiting city council or commission approval. The timeline for this is by the end of July prior to the start of the Risk Assessment. RTD will discuss the IGA schedule further with CCD. One common issue for all stakeholders is having two numbers in the IGAs. This was added by RTD in the event the S. Platte River improvements are not completed. Stakeholders have indicated they cannot sign an IGA with two numbers.

6. UPDATE ON EA PROCESS AND TIMELINE

The current schedule (handout to attendees) for completing the Environmental Assessment is as follows:

- Draft EA on July 3
- Public meeting on July 18
- Decision on Federal /Decatur station – this will impact the current EA schedule
- Section 404 permit application – Submit in August 2007

- Public hearing on September 19 (tentative date)

7. UPDATE ON SOUND WALLS

All sound wall locations have been delineated based on RTD's moderate noise policy.

The following meeting schedule has been established:

- Thursday, June 14 @ 6:00 PM – Lakewood will hold a public meeting to discuss visual impacts. RTD requested the City to make a statement that this is the City's plan and does not necessarily represent RTD's design or location of the walls. The City agreed.

Meetings to Discuss Sound Wall locations and Parameters

- Saturday, June 16 – 8:30 AM @ Montaire Church – 14th /Benton, (Two Creeks Neighborhood Association meeting)
- Tuesday, June 19 – 5:30 PM @Lakewood City Hall, Cabinet Room (13th Place Neighbors)
- Tuesday, June 26 – 5:30 PM @ Rude Rec Center, 2855 West Holden Place
- Wednesday, June 27 – Noon @ Lakewood's Clements Center, 1580 Yarrow Street
- Thursday, June 28 – 5:30 PM @ Lakewood's Clements Center, 1580 Yarrow Street

8. UPDATE ON OTHER PUBLIC INVOLVMENT ACTIVITIES

- Elected Officials Briefing on July 13 at the St. Anthony's Hospital
- Public meeting on July 18 form 6 PM to 8 PM at Jeffco Fair Grounds for EA and VE decisions
- Final Urban Design Committee meetings in mid August – dates to be finalized
- Handover of public involvement to CM/GC in October

9. REVIEW COMMENTS FROM 65% DESIGN SUBMITTAL – NOVEMBER 2006

RTD requested stakeholders to reply if a comments resolution meeting is needed for their comments provided on the Nonmember 2006 design submittal. RTD would like to close out the comments in the data base. CCD commented that comments and responses should be held open until after review of the updated 65% submittal in July. This was accepted by RTD and all stakeholders.

10. QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, ISSUES BY STAKEHOLDERS

Each agency stakeholder was requested to list any questions, concerns or issues for the record. Agency responses are as noted:

CCD – Challenges already discussed in meeting today

CDOT – Commented that Kipling is scheduled to be overlaid next April; also commented on the need to have a construction IGA – timeline is 6 to 8 weeks for approval

CITY OF LAKEWOOD – COL commented that its rezoning has been approved around stations – referendum period is the end of July. City Council is also moving forward with the GSA land deal – first reading is on June 25; final reading is on July 5.

CITY OF GOLDEN – Not present in meeting today

JEFFERSON COUNTY – Concerns already discussed in meeting today

GSA – Not present in meeting today

UDFCD – Latest drainage proposal by RTD between Decatur and S. Platte River

WEST METRO FIRE – Requested agenda for next week's Fire, Life/Safety meeting; Commented that the Federal Center property is presently served by contract and this will change once the land is conveyed to the City of Lakewood; Need discussion on cost sharing of water improvements – RTD believed this was to be shared 1/3 each by RTD, West Metro and Consolidated Mutual

FTA/PMOC – No issues raised.

MEETING ENDED AT 11:45 AM.