



MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 11, 20067
Time: 10:30 AM
Re: West Corridor Stakeholder Meeting
Location: RTD-FasTracks Offices – 7th floor, Express Room

In Attendance:

Dennis Cole, RTD-FasTracks	Rob Ball, RTD-FasTracks
Bill Sirois, RTD- FasTracks	Jim Clarke, FasTracks - FERG
Catherine Cox-Blair, CCD	Keith French, CCD
David Rothenburger, Eiber, TLC	David Abbink, West Metro Fire
Andy Leong, DEA	Steve Long, DEA
Kim Podobnik, Praco	Beth Ordonez, OVLLC
Gary Gonzales, CDOT	John Rinard, DCTG
Dave Baskett, Lakewood	Anne Heine, Lakewood
Rob Smetana, Lakewood	Roger Wadnal, Lakewood
Lisa Morpurgo, GSA	Jeff Leib, Denver Post
Kevin Flynn, RM News	Steve Glueck, Golden
Kate Newman, Jeffco	Tim Sullivan, FTA
David Beckhouse, FTA	John Sutton, PMOC
Eric Chang, PMOC	Sara Farrar-Nagy, Lakewood Citizen's Collaborative

Minutes:

1. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

Current status on previous action items and any new actions assigned in meeting today are noted in the Stakeholder Meeting Action Item attachment.

2. VALUE ENGINEERING

RTD made a brief presentation via power point of the 65% design status, cost estimate status and value engineering.

65% Design Status:

- Design submittal submitted on schedule – Nov. 6th
- 3,000 comments received from stakeholders and RTD internal reviewers.

- Responses to comments out in February 2007.
- 90% design submittal due November 2007.

Cost Estimate Status

- Cost estimates prepared based on the 65% submittal.
- Independent cost estimates received from DEA/FRSC, CM/GC and PMC.
- Reconciliation of cost containing and will include VE proposals – expect reconciliation by mid to late February.
- Ongoing challenges with materials price escalation.

Value Engineering

- Formal VE process conducted week of December 11 by a nine member team from Colorado, Utah, California, Texas, Arizona and Washington.
- VE is a required process on federally funded project and helps RTD meet challenges caused by material price escalation, which is a continuing challenge for RTD.
- All aspects of the project looked at: Civil Construction, Systems Elements and Operations.
- Disposition of the VE proposals can be handled in four ways: Accept; Accept with Modifications; Table for Further Study or Reject.
- Over 61 VE proposals identified by VE team: 14 accepted as is or with modifications; 25 tabled for further study; 22 rejected.
- 15 additional RTD staff recommendations added to VE list.
- Preliminary disposition of the VE proposals was identified and will be emailed out to all stakeholders with a request to review and provide any comments by the next stakeholder meeting on February 8.
- Intent by RTD is not to change the overall goals of the West Corridor project.
- Environmental Assessment will remain open until RTD's environmental resources group has evaluated potential impacts and documented in the EA. Initial discussions on the VE proposals labeled as "Accepted, Accepted with Modifications or Tabled for Further Study" do not appear to impact the EIS/ROD and can be addressed as part of the EA process.

3. FFGA APPLICATION PROCESS

RTD is continuing with its preparation and submittal of approximately 42 separate documents to FTA but with ongoing refinement of costs and evaluation of VE proposals, RTD is contemplating delaying its submission of an FFGA application from May 2007 to November 2007. This will in turn delay the execution of an FFGA from September 2007 to March 2008. A main reason for postponement is the Risk Assessment originally scheduled to start in February 2007 but now rescheduled to start in August 2007 to allow more time for RTD to refine their cost estimate and reduce risk in the assessment.

RTD will meet with FTA/PMOC later today to discuss a new FFGA schedule.

4. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS (IGAs)

Status of IGAs is as follows:

- CCD – Still awaiting updated draft from CCD for review by RTD; it was subsequently determined after the meeting that hard copies had been delivered today.
- Lakewood – Negotiations completed; document finalized and ready to be signed pending receipt and review of final IGA with CCD.
- Jefferson County – Final agreement on transit parking numbers at the End-of-Line station is pending and final disposition of ROW needed for project
- Golden – Somewhat dependent on completion of IGA with Jeffco; separate item pending with Golden is how to fund the cost of a pedestrian bridge across US 6 at the End-of-Line station.
- UDFCD – Memorandum of Understanding completed and executed between RTD and UDFCD.
- GSA – No separate IGA is required but land conveyance agreement needs to be finalized by April 2007.

5. UTILITY RELOCATION AGREEMENTS (URAs)

Status of URAs is as follows:

- 24 utility agreements required for West Corridor project – 20 agreements signed to-date.
- Open URAs include Denver Wastewater, Lakewood Water, Lakewood Wastewater, and Qwest. RTD requested the liaison representatives from Denver and Lakewood to assist in getting the remaining issues with the URAs resolved with their cities.

6. PUBLIC INVOLVMENT

Update on PI Activities:

- UDC meetings conducted in December
- December Newsletter will be out next week.
- VE – Preparing for public meeting in January – documented comments to be kept separate from the EA comments.

Upcoming Meetings

- Elected Officials briefing on January 19.
- Public meeting on January 31 to present VE proposals.
- Auraria /Decatur public station area planning workshop on February 15 – Conducted by CCD; RTD will attend.
- Next UDC meetings in March.
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7. CM/GC PRE-CONSTRUCTION

The CM/GC has been on board since June 2006 and continues to work on a number of pre-construction tasks including constructability reviews, cost estimates, schedules and a conduct of construction plan.

The CM/GC gave a brief overview of the West Corridor project from the standpoint of how they see the project being built. The CM/GC sees the project as a structures project with over 19 structures and 6 pedestrian bridges that will requires several concurrent headings with some early structure work to allow follow-on sections for trackwork and other work. A handout was provided to stakeholders that show the project divided up into five segments and four cycles. The priorities shown in the handout are flexible as input is received and the conduct of construction plan is developed. Some early pre-construction activities in 2007 would include 3rd party utilities, stakeholder projects and the taking up of the existing railroad track. Early work opportunities in 2007 for the CM/GC could include fabrication for the steel bridges and some foundation work for bridges such as an early start on the Kipling Bridge.

DCTG has had discussions with CDOT and CCD to-date on construction of the project. DCTG will schedule meetings with the other local jurisdictions at the earliest opportunity to solicit their input.

8. 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 – No issues raised. RTD noted there may be major coordination with CCD's relocation of their Decatur maintenance facility west of the S. Platte River; proposed construction work scheduled by the CM/GC in that area particularly the bridges at Decatur and Lakewood Gulch east of Decatur will be deferred until 2010 to allow CCD maximum time for relocation.

CDOT – Requested a time table for preparation of the ROW plan that was originally discussed to occur in March 2007.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD – Expressed concern on the potential significant changes in the project from some the VE proposals notably changing to LRT over Sheridan rather than Sheridan over LRT and the Gulch and LRT under Wadsworth rather than LRT over Wadsworth. COL commented these are pretty major changes, and none of this was discussed before even though there was some major public involvement. COL is interested in knowing what the process is for letting people know about this is and getting their involvement in it. Concerns on City's adopted station area planning in November 2006 and upcoming zoning changes in February.

From an EA standpoint, RTD informed the group that they expect all the VE proposals labeled as Accepted; Accepted with Modifications or Table for Further Study can be addressed as part of the EA.

RTD requested an update on the Dodge family intent at the Oak Street station. Lakewood replied there is no significant progress by the Dodge family and they are currently negotiating an extended lease with Ford Land for storage.

RTD also mentioned concern on the new zoning requirements proposed by the City and for the City to consider the need not to restrict surface parking or an interim use for construction staging. RTD is reviewing the City's letter that was written in response to RTD's concerns.

CITY OF GOLDEN – Mentioned the development opportunity at the EOL station, and that a UIL panel will be convened in late February. RTD was requested to attend.

JEFFERSON COUNTY – Requested further dialogue on the single track operations being considered between the Denver Federal Center and the EOL station, and the Johnson Road alternative where the line would turn up Johnson Road with a station on the east side across from the entrance to the Government Center.

GSA – Raised a concern that the RTD Board has not yet approved the offer to purchase for the 15 acres at the Denver Federal site.

UDFCD – Not present in meeting today.

WEST METRO FIRE – No issues raised.

FTA – Mentioned that a new FFGA schedule including the final disposition of the VE proposals needs to be discussed and agreed between FTA and RTD.

MEETING ENDED AT 11:50 AM.