



# MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 13, 2006

Time: 10:30 AM

Re: West Corridor Stakeholder Meeting

Location: FasTracks Office – Express Conference Room

In Attendance:

Henry Stoppolecamp, RTD - FasTracks

Ashland Vaughn, RTD-FasTracks	Rob Ball, RTD-FasTracks
Gideon Berger, RTD-FasTracks	Carol Duecker, RTD-FasTracks
Brenda Tierney, RTD-FasTracks	Dave Baskett, City of Lakewood
Gail Spencer, City of Lakewood	Roger Wadnal, City of Lakewood
Anne Heine, City of Lakewood	Steve Glueck, City of Golden
Kate Newman, Jeffco	Bill DeGroot, UDFCD
Dave Ridenour, CCoD	Bob Kochevar, CCoD
Keith French, CCoD	David Abbink, West Metro Fire
Andy Leong, DEA	Steve Long, DEA
Ed Pouttu, STV	Peter Zurawel, IBI

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Minutes

## 1. REVIEW OF MARCH 9, 2006 ACTION ITEMS

- Local jurisdictions to meet to discuss local match methodology and advise RTD on progress. – Ongoing Discussions
- Local jurisdictions to review the list of potential deal points and provide comments back to RTD. – Comments received from Lakewood; discussion with other agencies on IGA points pending.
- CCD, Lakewood, and UDFCD to review draft scopes of work for Lakewood Gulch and Richey Park. – Completed
- Distribute final TOD report – Completed
- CCD to confirm the legal street right-of-way of Myrtle Place at I-25. – Completed ( 70 ft. street ROW)

- RTD to confirm ownership of the Siegel Oil spur and whether the railroad will operate with less than 23'-6" vertical clearance under the LRT structure at Umatilla. – Ongoing, RTD to contact property owner directly.
- Stakeholders to provide review comments on the West Corridor PMP – Comments received from CDOT, Jeffco and Lakewood.

## 2. FEEDBACK ON ELECTED OFFICIALS BRIEFING

A couple of the stakeholders reported positive feedback on the last elected officials briefing held April 7<sup>th</sup>. Staff will bring progress updates to these briefings as the West Corridor team achieves additional design progress. RTD reported that two officials had requested the briefings be held monthly; the next meeting is set for May 12<sup>th</sup> with the frequency of follow-on meetings to be evaluated.

## 3. PUBIC INPUT AND URBAN DESIGN COMMMITTEE UPDATE

The second series of UDC meetings is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the College View Recreation Center, 2525 S. Decatur Street, Denver 80219 from 6 PM to 8 PM and will cover Federal/Decatur, Knox, Perry and Sheridan/Wadsworth stations. The April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the Jefferson County Govt. Center building from 6 PM to 8 PM and will cover Lamar, Garrison, Oaks and Red Rocks/Jeffco.

Jeffco and Golden requested meetings to review the "Kit of Parts" as soon as possible following the UDC meetings.

The design team will be bringing back a typical station concept with a kit of parts along with individual station concepts that address the comments and feedback expressed by the UDC participants at the last series of meetings in March. The UDC meetings are scheduled to be complete in July so it is important for the design team to get positive feedback from the community at completion as time and budget is limited for additional meetings.

## 4. PROGRESS UPDATE BY JURISDICTIONS ON ALLOCATION OF LOCAL MATCH

Stakeholders held their first discussion as group on March 13 with a recent follow-up earlier this month. It was reported that progress is being made and local match contributions by jurisdiction are generally agreed to be within the range suggested by RTD. RTD is again only interested in seeing the jurisdictions move this process forward and reach agreement so this can be addressed in the IGAs.

RTD did knowledge receipt of Bill Vidal's letter of March 28, 2006 which is being reviewed by staff.

## 5. MAJOR WEST CORRIDOR CHALLENGES

A brief overview of the following challenges was given to stakeholders.

- Jefferson /County End of the Line – RTD and Jeffco/Golden have been meeting since January to evaluate alignment, station and parking alternatives. The alignment and station shifted to the east side of the Govt. Center building has been refined and agreed to. RTD and Jeffco are currently looking at a phased approach for parking.

RTD is looking to reach agreement in principle at an April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting after which Jeffco staff will brief its commissioners and provide a recommendation.

- GSA Federal Center – RTD and Lakewood have been meeting with GSA to pursue progress on the land appraisal and reconveyance process for transfer of the 65 acres that includes 15 acres for RTD's station, bus turnaround and parking facility. Compensation for the land reconveyance is being negotiated in infrastructure improvements in lieu of cash. The guideway will be handled separately as a permanent easement. RTD gave a presentation of the West Corridor project to GSA on April 4<sup>th</sup> as it affects the Denver Federal Center site. This was to give GSA an understanding of the scale of the construction that will occur on the Federal Center site.
- Bridge Structures/Walls/Tunnels – The West Corridor has a challenge in the large number of bridges, walls and tunnels on the project. RTD/DEA is looking at ways to standardize the bridges and reduce the extensive wall construction through track re-profiling as appropriate. Tunnels are a major challenge particularly with US-6/Union, traffic control concerns and mining techniques that are being evaluated.
- IGAs – RTD has drafted an IGA for its agreement with City of Lakewood. It is being reviewed internally and should be ready to issue to COL by May 2006. It is planned to use this agreement format which is a condensed version of the RTD/CCoD 1993 agreement with Jeffco and Golden as well. CCoD's IGA is expected to be an amendment to the 1993 agreement. RTD re-iterated that all major IGAs and Utility Agreements need to be executed by September/October 2006 timeframe.
- Budget – RTD's major challenge is to build the project within budget and on schedule. With the escalation on materials and labor since 2002, RTD is performing a careful review and budget scrub of the PE Costs.
- Property Acquisitions – RTD has identified 90 parcels that will require either full or partial take. RTD will review in the field all noted parcels primarily with respect to access. RTD/DEA will look to finalize as many takes as possible by the 65% submittal so property certifications and appraisals can be done. It is RTD's policy not to actually buy property until a FFGA has been signed. There may be exceptions but the current West Corridor schedule does not require property acquisition to occur before the FFGA.
- Bike Overpasses – Lakewood noted that bike overpasses are a challenge. Lakewood is receiving funding from DRCOG to design and build two bike overpasses at Kipling and Wadsworth either as separate structures (preferred by RTD) or as part of the LRT structures. The immediate challenge to Lakewood is how to provide funds to RTD so its design consultant can start design of the bike structures.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Harlan to Oak – Lakewood also noted that 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue is a challenge due to the number of utilities to be relocated and the change in roadway cross section on 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Lakewood commented that it does not accept the change from two way operation to a one-way street with a roadway cross section as narrow as 19 ft. and would like to see the road wider by 3' to a minimum of 22' to allow for two way traffic. RTD/DEA commented that they are proceeding on the basis of the PE plans and Record of Decision. RTD does not

believe that negative comments were formally received during the EIS that therefore become part of the ROD. Lakewood asked RTD to present a cross section for 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue that shows the street width and the relocation of utilities. RTD agreed to arrange a meeting as soon as possible to show progress.

6. CDOT/RTD IGA - STATUS

RTD advised the group that the CDOT/RTD IGA has been executed by both parties. A copy of the fully signed IGA was requested by stakeholders. RTD will send out to CCoD, Lakewood, Jeffco and Golden, as well as DEA.

7. FEDERAL BOULEVARD BRIDGE – UPDATE FROM MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

RTD advised the group that FHWA/CDOT have tentatively approved the clearance of the Federal Blvd. Bridge replacement as a CATEGORIAL EXCLUSION based on none or minimal impacts to CCoD's baseball field and delineation of wetlands in the park area. RTD has been looking at two and three span bridge options; the two span option is preferred and RTD has provided preliminary plans to DEA as the basis for final design. Drainage way concepts have also been addressed and will be presented to UDFCD at the standing coordination meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

8. MYRTLE PLACE – UPDATE FROM APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

The challenge at Myrtle Place under I-25 is having to fit two LRT tracks, an access roadway/fire lane and a railroad spur. RTD's concept is based on cutting the slope paving back between the pier and the north abutment to provide space for a realigned Siegel Oil spur. The 54 ft. wide opening between the two piers would be used for two LRT tracks and the roadway. RTD/DEA will look at its design criteria to maximize the width of the roadway. A 22 ft. wide road is considered doable but it is understood that CCoD will have to approve a variance on the roadway width.

9. LAKEWOOD GULCH AND RICHEY PARK DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

RTD has directed its design consultant to proceed on the basis of the scopes of work that were emailed out by Carol Duecker and comments received from CCD and Lakewood. For design, the scopes should be adequate with follow-up discussion on other issues including construction interface with the West Corridor project.

10. WEST CORRIDOR MONTHLY REPORT

RTD advised the group that the project will be preparing a monthly report that will be distributed to FTA/PMOC and stakeholders starting in May. It is planned to issue the report by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month.

11. WEST CORRIDOR FINAL DESIGN PMP

Review comments have been received from Jefferson County, Lakewood and CDOT. RTD advised that it will not formally send out a final updated version until after its CM/GC contractor is on board. RTD did request those stakeholders who have not submitted comments to do so in order that they can be addressed in the next formal version.

## 12. DESIGN REVIEW PROCESS

RTD reminded those stakeholders who have not yet submitted the names of their lead assessor (reviewer) assessors to please do so as soon as possible. Please send lists to R. Ball who will forward to appropriate RTD/Del Can staff. Training will be conducted on how to enter review comments into the data base. The DUS 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue tunnel is being used as the test case for the design review process. CCoD commented the process appears to be working well for the test case.

## 13. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF TRANSIT TECHNOLOGIES PRESENTATION

A brief overview of the different transit technologies that are being evaluated by RTD on the FasTracks corridors was given by Brenda Tierney as information to stakeholders. A fact sheet was distributed to all stakeholders.

## 14. OTHER

CDoD expressed thanks to Gideon Berger and Roger Wadnal for their participation in the ITE Spring Transportation symposium held last April 7<sup>th</sup>.

CCoD commented that Major Hickenlooper has scheduled a TOD kickoff workshop between elected officials and staff, and other participants from RTD and the local jurisdictions are welcome.

UDFCD requested that the minutes be noted that they met the schedule for providing the high water level for the S. Platte River. This was acknowledged by RTD.

Lakewood requested that RTD make sure that nothing in the Utility Master Agreement supersedes the franchise agreements for utility relocations that many cities already have in place with utilities, and may be able to exercise.

## 15. ACTION ITEMS

1. RTD to provide a signed copy of the executed CDOT IGA for West Corridor to stakeholders and DEA. – Due date ASAP
2. RTD to complete internal review of draft IGA with Lakewood and distribute for review – Due May 2006
3. Stakeholders to provide review comments on the West Corridor PMP – Due ASAP
4. City of Lakewood to look at how to provide funding to RTD to allow a change order to be issued to DEA to start design of bike structures at Kipling and Wadsworth.
5. RTD will schedule a meeting with Lakewood to show progress on 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Harlan and Oak.
6. Schedule meeting with Jeffco and Golden to review Kit of Parts from UDC meeting.

Meeting ended at 11:30 AM.