

Notes from April 1, 2016 I-25 Funding Subcommittee

1. Introductions

Steve Tool.	Heather Paddock	Kathy Gilliland
Barbara Koelzer	Dan Weinheimer	Sandra Solin
Aaron Greco	Bill Becker	Terri Blackmore
David May	Jamie Grim	

2. Approval of Notes

3. TIGER Grant Application - Heather Paddock

Discussion of the TIGER and FASTLANE grants including differences between the grant applications to ensure matching each funding program's criteria.

4. FASTLANE Grant Application

5. North I-25 Grant funding match needed

The funding committed was discussed including:
\$5M from Larimer County and its communities
\$5M from Larimer County
\$2M from Fort Collins

Funding still pending:
Contribution from Loveland (\$2M?)
Contribution from McWhinney (\$6-8M)
Contribution from Windsor (\$1M?)

Meetings scheduled:
Johnstown – April 4, 7:30 pm
Weld County – April 6, 1:30 pm
City of Greeley – April 12, 5 pm

6. Letters of Support for grants

The Subcommittee discussed the need for letters of support. The following have been contacted for letters:

All Northern Colorado Chambers of Commerce
The Cheyenne, Wyoming MPO
The City of Cheyenne
NCLA
NCEA
All members of the N I-25 Coalition will be asked on April 6.

7. Traffic and Revenue Studies Update

Heather reported that the due date is April 8 for finishing the phase II report.

8. Legislative

\$158 M for Transportation in budget because 228 funding is unpredictable

The Joint Budget Committee Bill 1416 changes the formula for the 228 distributions for the first two years but leaves the last three year formula unchanged. The Senate JBC can still amend the bill. There is still a need for concurrence vote on house side for 228.

Minority Leader DeGrosso attempted to amend HB 1416 to authorize TRANS but the amendment failed to pass the House of Representatives. Fort Collins representatives Jeni Arndt and Joanne Ginal did not support the amendment.

Hospital Provider fee is not going anywhere without support in the Senate.

Colorado Contractors Associations still moving forward. It is unclear what they will have on the ballot.

There is talk of De-Brucing the State budget with additional revenues allocated to transportation – 35 percent, education – 35 percent and the remaining 30 percent to Mental health.

NCLA polling showed 67% uninformed voters supported bonding and informed voters supported bonding at 77%. There was some discussion of whether the bonding vote should wait until 2017 so the ballot was not so long. It was decided that we can't wait for 2017 for bonding.

TABOR reform, bonding and tax increase all on the ballot for 2016

What needs to get done should be front and center and the voters need to do what is best for Colorado.

The Subcommittee agreed to continue meeting to ensure funding for North I-25 continue.

Next meeting May 13.