

I-25 Funding Subcommittee Meeting

December 8, 2017

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Perkins Crossroads

6020 Stallion Drive, Loveland

1. Introductions

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| Dave Clark | Gerry Horak | Medora Kealy |
| Barbara Koelzer | David May | Tom Norton |
| Heather Paddock | Keith Shaeffer | Sandra Solin |
| Steve Tool | | |

2. I-25 construction update for Crossroads projects – Heather Paddock

The project is expected to be fully complete in April, with the southbound traffic shift to the completed southbound bridge expected in the first week of February.

3. Update on I-25 Project Segments 7 & 8 – Heather Paddock

The preferred selected bidder is Kraemer. Negotiations are underway and the meeting held yesterday was promising. Kraemer presented a strong list of options for reducing the project budget. Negotiations will conclude in December and CDOT staff will go to the Transportation Commission in January with the additional ask.

Shaeffer provided an update on I-25 segments 5 & 6. Mueller is the project consultant and the 20-30 percent plan is complete. CDOT is working with FHWA on a Project Delivery Selection Matrix (PDSM). The currently available funding cannot build all of segments 5 and 6, only segment 6 with the SH 56 interchange.

May explained the rationale for hiring a federal lobbyist. Discussion ensued on how to best collaborate with CDOT efforts. NCLA would manage the process for hiring the lobbyist and potentially managing the lobbyist, but cannot pay for the lobbyist on their own.

4. Fort Collins Spreadsheet – Gerry Horak

Horak will convene a smaller group to review the NCLA spreadsheet on funding options. The smaller group will report back to the subcommittee.

5. NFRMPO North I-25 Funding Brochure – Medora Kealy

Kealy provided the I-25 Funding Brochure. The brochure was last updated in April 2016, and could be updated again for the subcommittee. The brochure will be discussed along with the NCLA spreadsheet by the small group to be convened.

6. NCLA Polling/Media Campaign – David May/Sandra Solin

May stated polling indicates neither a sales tax nor a single gas tax increase is feasible. However, polling is positive if the gas tax is indexed to inflation. Solin stated two polls are being conducted this week. One poll is on messaging for an ownership tax and is funded by Colorado Concern. The other poll is funded by NCLA and assesses wording and messaging on gas tax, Road Usage Charge (RUC) for electric vehicles, and a tactical question on the relationship between growth

and transportation investment. Preliminary polling looks positive for the gas tax and electric vehicle RUC.

7. NCLA Strategy for 2019 Legislative Session – Sandra Solin/David May

May stated they are in discussions with Denver Metro on transportation funding strategies. Solin stated the gas tax generates around \$27M per year and the electric vehicle RUC would generate around \$16M in the first year and has a good growth curve up to around \$40M in 2030. These two sources are not enough on their own, but could be combined with other options. Jon Caldara's initiative is still in the mix. May stated Solin assembled a funding options paper and will be discussing it with Denver Metro next week. Discussion ensued on whether the proposal would fare better if citizen-initiated rather than legislatively referred.

8. Next Steps

Next meeting is January 5, 2018 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm