

I-25 Funding Committee Meeting Notes

April 5, 2019

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Candlelight Dinner Playhouse

4747 Marketplace Dr, Johnstown, CO 80534

1. Introductions

Jeff Bailey	Dave Clark	Becky Karasko
Bob Becker	Chad Crager	David May
Dan Betz	Kathy Gilliland	Heather Paddock
Medora Bornhoft	Gerry Horak	Kim Redd

2. North I-25 Updates – Heather Paddock

The Colorado Transportation Commission (TC) will hold a workshop in April to discuss funding allocation for SB267 and SB1 funding. To complete Segments 7 & 8 with the EIS configuration, \$250M is needed in 2021. The project does not need funds immediately.

The INFRA award announcement is expected in August 2019. If the INFRA application is successful and state funds are provided as an advance on grant funding, the state funds could be returned to the state for other needs or they could be retained in the corridor.

3. Local and State Funding – Sandra Solin/David May

In an agreement announced yesterday, Colorado lawmakers will provide \$300M for transportation this year, which is what the ask was at the beginning of the legislative session. There is assurance SB267 will move forward. There is debate on keeping the SB1 transbond ballot question; a decision could be announced next week.

May stated the I-25 Coalition is drafting a letter to the TC on the \$250M ask for N I-25 as is the Fix North I-25 Business Alliance.

Gilliland explained the April TC workshop will discuss how much funding can be committed from both senate bills. She recommended 1-2 people from the Funding Committee attend the workshop and be ready to speak if there is an opportunity for public comment. The TC's final decision on the funding will occur in May.

4. 2019 Work Plan for Committee – David May

May shared the draft work plan he developed to help refocus the efforts of the Committee. The work plan includes researching funding options from around the country and producing a concise report. The Business Alliance can contribute some funding. The Committee agreed the draft work plan would produce valuable information. May, Karasko, Bornhoft, and others, if interested, will refine the research questions and scope prior to the next committee meeting.

Horak noted another important question is how other areas have been successful in receiving federal funding. May stated state funding options that have worked elsewhere might not be directly transferrable, but they could inspire variations that would be successful.

Paddock noted there has been substantial emphasis on the funding need in the State, but not on the benefits, which is the difference between selling the mortgage and selling the home. She encouraged focusing on the story of what additional funding would accomplish.

Betz suggested the Committee develop a document library of funding options. May will reach out to Elizabeth Relford to see if such a library already exists for the I-25 Coalition. If one does not exist, Bornhoft will add documents to the NFRMPO website. In the meantime, Bornhoft will send out the funding resources Betz had emailed to the Committee.

Betz asked how new city council members are briefed on the I-25 Coalition. Horak stated the NFRMPO meets with new members of Planning council.

5. Federal Funding Updates – Congressional Staff

Horak noted summer is a good time to reach out to legislators and educate them on the I-25 corridor.

Redd stated Congressman Neguse is holding town halls this spring, including one in Fort Collins on April 15. The Congressman could attend the I-25 meeting in August as well.

The FAST Act continues through 2020. No news on reauthorization.

6. Next Steps

- a. I-25 Coalition Meeting Updates: The I-25 Coalition appointed Dave Clark as the Chair of the I-25 Funding Committee.
- b. Next meeting: The Committee discussed how it would be beneficial to move the meeting from the first Friday of the month to the middle of the month since there are several other meetings in the first week of the month. Bornhoft will send out a Doodle Poll to determine the next meeting date and new meeting schedule.