



# MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 12, 2007

Time: 10:30 AM

Re: West Corridor Stakeholder Meeting

Location: RTD FasTracks Offices – 1560 Broadway, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Express Room

In Attendance:

Rob Ball, RTD-FasTracks	Gideon Berger RTD-FasTracks
Brenda Tierney, RTD-FasTracks	Kate Maloney, RTD-FasTracks
Bob Kochevar, CCD	Catherine Cox-Blair, CCD
David Ridenour, CCD	Keith French, CCD
Bill DeGroot, UDFCD	Andy Leong, DEA
Lisa Morpurgo, GSA	Gary Gonzales, CDOT
Gary Huber, CDOT	Dave Baskett, Lakewood
Rob Smetana, Lakewood	Roger Wadnal, Lakewood
Kevin Flynn, RM News	Kate Newman, Jeffco
Steve Glueck, Golden	Tim Sullivan, FTA
John West, DTCG	David Abbink, West Metro Fire
Sara Farrar-Nagy, Lakewood Collaborative	

Minutes

## 1. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

No action items were recorded from the June 14<sup>th</sup> stakeholder meeting. Any new action items assigned in meeting today are noted in the attachment.

## 2. STATUS ON OUTSTANDING VE PROPOSALS

RTD updated the stakeholders on the remaining VE proposals, of which one was approved at the June RTD board meeting and one is pending approval by the RTD board at its July meeting.

### Single Track to Jeffco

Recent discussion has been focused on ridership model results and responding to comments from Jeffco's consultant as well as ridership triggers that would necessitate changes in operational parameters. RTD has also send to Jeffco a breakdown of how the \$33 million

cost savings was estimated. RTD believes that the majority of single tracking issues have been resolved, and both parties are close to agreement which is being worked out in an IGA.

Changes to Drainage Criteria – Drainage redesign west of Decatur was approved by the RTD Board at its June meeting. While not a VE proposal any change in drainage design between Decatur and S. Platte River is dependent on the station location at Decatur. CCD and RTD staffs both support the 65 % Matrix drainage channel design.

3. OTHER CITY- PROPOSED CHANGES – UPDATE ON WADSWORTH STATION AND FEDERAL /DECATUR STATION

Wadsworth – An updated IGA was provided to COL who reported that the IGA was taken to City Council on June 25 for authorization to execute, and is in the process of being signed. RTD will continue with its baseline design at least to the 90 percent submittal to get accurate pricing from its CM/GC contractor on both station alternatives.

Federal/Decatur Station – CCD has requested RTD to consider shifting the station from its present 65% design location to the east side of Decatur. CCD did express reservations that this is not moving forward as quickly as possible and asked that RTD quickly arrange a workshop to consider pros and cons of the station location alternatives. RTD agreed to schedule a three hour workshop early next week to be held at DEA's office. Attendees for RTD will include service planning and operations staff.

RTD is concerned though about impacting the completion of EA and potential impacts on the Risk Assessment and FFGA application, and the additional cost impacts that are expected if the station was shifted.

4. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS (IGAs)

Updated IGAs have been issued to Jeffco, Golden and Lakewood. Meetings are scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup> with all three parties to discuss the changes in the IGA from the last versions issued in November/December. The updated IGAs include an increase in local agency contributions to reflect the increased cost for the West Corridor project. Items eligible to make up the local agency contributions will be discussed with stakeholders. RTD will update IGAs following these meetings as quickly as possible in order to reach concurrence in August.

CCD is the lead on their IGA and has committed to have an updated draft to RTD by the end of July.

5. UPDATE ON EA PROCESS

EA documentation is continuing; a lead agency review by FTA and CDOT is planned later this month. A Public Meeting is scheduled for July 18 at Jefferson County Fairgrounds to update public on VE design changes and any changed impacts. Proposed noise barriers and locations will be presented. A tentative public hearing is September 19<sup>th</sup> with a 30-day public review period starting 15 days prior to hearing is being scheduled. Approval and signoff of a FONSI is anticipated in early November.

6. 404 PERMIT PROCESS

Identification of wetlands and mitigation is in Process; a field review with the Corps of Engineers is scheduled for August 13. The permit application will be submitted August 17 with approval anticipated in February 2008.

## 7. EARLY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

RTD is planning early procurement and construction activities in the areas outlined below:

- Owner-furnished rail, ties, special trackwork and rail fasteners
- Early structural steel procurement and fabrication by CM/GC for CML, S. Platte, Wadsworth, US6 crossing at Federal Center and Indiana.
- Early construction activities including Kipling Flyover, West and East Dry Gulch bridges, West and East Oxbow bridges, and pedestrian bridges in the Denver open space/park area.

A letter of No Prejudice has been submitted to FTA for approval. RTD is in the process of providing additional justification.

## 8. FEDERAL BRIDGE

Current bridge cross section is three - 11 ft lanes – each direction, one 11 ft. center median, two 10 ft right turn lanes and two - 10 ft. sidewalks. CDOT has enquired whether the two right turn lanes are necessary or the bridge cross section could be narrowed. RTD pointed out these lanes are necessary for staging if four through lanes are to be open during construction. Joint approval by CDOT/CCD would be needed if any changes are made. A separate meeting will be arranged by CDOT and will include RTD, CCD and UDFCD.

## 9. MRTYLE PLACE

CDOT is considering whether to advance the deck replacement work on the existing I 25 bridge to be done either before or concurrently with RTD's construction work. It was noted that Xcel also has two major electrical network ductbanks that will be relocated next year to a bench cut into the slope paving areas under the bridge. RTD did provide an email to CDOT that had some parameters provided by Service Planning that outlined some options for staging construction work around an operating LRT system.

## 10. UPDATE ON OTHER PUBLIC INVOLVMENT ACTIVITIES

- Elected Officials Briefing on July 13 at St. Anthony's Hospital
- Public meeting on July 18 from 6 PM to 8 PM at Jefferson County Fair Grounds for EA and VE decisions
- Final Urban Design Committee meetings: August 22, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Rude Recreation Center (2855 W. Holden Pl., Denver); Aug. 23, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Clements Community Center (1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood)

CCD requested that Sheridan and Decatur be added to the UDC meeting agenda for August 22<sup>nd</sup>

It was also reported that the five noise meetings went well; total attendance was approximately 160 people. Additional meetings may be scheduled if there is a need.

## 11. TOD UPDATE

RTD is putting together a RFQ for the Federal Center pnr ad bus facility excluding the station that would include TOD opportunities as well. RTD did receive an unsolicited proposal but FTA requires a competitive procurement. RTD will not release the RFQ prior to congressional action on the land conveyance expected in September. RTD is planning to solicit stakeholder comments as well as an industry review.

GSA did express some concerns about the RFQ as to whether it would be issued after closing or congressional approval. GSA did request to be included in the RFQ process.

## 12. 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* – Reiterated the need for a station workshop on the Decatur station alternatives.

*CDOT* – Reiterated the need to schedule a meeting to discuss and agreed on a final cross section for Federal Bridge.

*CITY OF LAKEWOOD* – COL commented on recent permitting discussions and the increased local agency contributions; parties will discuss further on July 16<sup>th</sup>. COL mentioned that there is a follow-up meeting with RTD to discuss the Oak Street station on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

*CITY OF GOLDEN* – Requested that the design workshops following the issuance of the updated 65% submittal and agendas be issued soon. They would like to have the project elements clarified and what may not be fully detailed on the plans yet.

*JEFFERSON COUNTY* – Expects to see final resolution on single tracking soon.

*GSA* – Requested plans for Routt Street to incorporate into their master plan by July 16<sup>th</sup>; RTD and the DEA design team agreed to provide. GSA's main concern is how far does Routt Street need to be east of the alignment? GSA further commented that annexation and zoning was approved by their City Council this week. This starts the referendum period; although the hospital developer can start to mobilize.

GSA also requested what would be RTD's involvement in fencing of the site and removal of prairie dogs. RTD relied they do not expect to have any involvement that this time as this is not part of their contractor's scope of work and would require a contractor amendment. It was assumed that the hospital developer may have to install some temporary fencing that may have to be moved at a later date.

*UDFCD* – Requested to see the final Federal Bridge opening as it relates to the channel, and to discuss impacts on drainage channel design due to the Decatur Station alternative which shifts the station to the east side of Decatur Street.

*WEST METRO FIRE* – Mentioned that permit fees are required for permits issued by West Metro Fire.

*FTA* – Emphasized the need to resolve issues for the upcoming Risk Assessment.

MEETING ENDED AT 11:45 AM.