



# MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 22, 2007  
Time: 10:30 AM  
Re: West Corridor Stakeholder Meeting  
Location: Carter-Burgess Offices – 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Mount Evans Room

## In Attendance:

Dennis Cole, RTD-FasTracks	Rob Ball, RTD-FasTracks
Gideon Berger, RTD-FasTracks	Brenda Tierney - FasTracks
Jim Clarke, FasTracks – FERG	Bob Kochevar, CCD
Catherine Cox-Blair, CCD	Keith French, CCD
David Ridenour, CCD	David Rothenburger, Eiber, TLC
David Abbink, West Metro Fire	Andy Leong, DEA
Steve Long, DEA	Kim Podobnik, Praco
Gary Gonzales, CDOT	Ron Acevedo, DTCCG
Dave Baskett, Lakewood	Anne Heine, Lakewood
Rob Smetana, Lakewood	Roger Wadnal, Lakewood
Gail Spencer, Lakewood	Jennifer Newcomer, GSA
Lisa Morpurgo, GSA	Jeff Leib, Denver Post
Kevin Flynn, RM News	Steve Glueck, Golden
Kate Newman, Jeffco	Tim Sullivan, FTA
Ed Pouttu, PMOC	Bill DeGroot, UDFCD
Sara Farrar-Nagy, Lakewood Citizen's Collaborative	

## Minutes:

### 1. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

Action item list is generally up to-date. Comment from UDFCD on SM-08 to expedite the scheduling of a meeting with UDFCD and CCD to discuss the Federal Bridge alternatives. CDOT should attend this meeting as well.

New action items assigned in meeting today are noted in the Stakeholder Meeting Action Item attachment.

## 2. VALUE ENGINEERING

Comments received to-date: more than 400 from public and 175 from stakeholders; all comments are compiled on the West Corridor website.

RTD presented a brief outline of its VE process, evaluation criteria, proposed changes and initial acceptance, rejection or table of VE items for further study. The next steps were outlined to stakeholders as shown below:

February 26, 2007 – Denver City Council FasTracks Committee

March 2, 2007 – West Corridor Elected Officials Briefing

March 5, 2007 – VE recommendations taken to RTD P&D Committee

March 20, 2007 – RTD Board to take action on recommended VE items

April/May 2007 – EA remains open to address potential VE impacts

March – June 2007 – Design team evaluates and updates design to include VE items

June 2007 – EA finalized

August 2007 – New project cost estimate

### List of Value Engineering Recommendations

RTD handed out a table of VE recommendations that will be presented at the March 2, 2007 elected officials briefing and sent to the RTD board for approval on March 20, 2007.

These minutes will only address the VE items that raised comments from the stakeholders in the meeting.

P01-022 – Park Pedestrian Bridges – CCD has agreed to share the cost of the three pedestrian bridges in the park/open space area but would have preferred to use the budget allocation for other enhancements that also benefit the project.

P01-003 – Single Track from Federal Center to Jeffco EOL – CCD and Lakewood supported this VE proposal as a way to cut cost. Jeffco requests an analysis of the single track configuration and an explanation on what headways are achievable before they are able to fully support this concept.

P02-025 – Change proposed structure type from post-tensioned arch to Con span arches – CCD commented the VE item has changed, and both UDFCD and CCD need to have a better understanding of the structure alternative as does CDOT. RTD reiterated its commitment to meet once it receives further details from its CM/GC contractor. The Federal Bridge is being pursued as a design-build option.

P01-068 – Build privacy fences on property lines in lieu of nose walls along guideway limits – This VE proposal occurs primarily in Lakewood segment of the corridor, and will require property owners to agree. An opt out policy is scheduled to go to the RTD Board for approval in March.

P04-005 – Reduce bike path section, defer or change from concrete to asphalt – RTD will keep the bike paths with concrete surfaces. CCD has agreed to cover the incremental cost in materials in Denver from the budget allocation to Parks in the West Corridor budget. RTD appreciates and thanks CCD for this commitment.

P01-033 and Staff Recommendation #17 – The VE proposal was stated as deferring the communications system elements including CCTV, VMS, ETS and SCADA. Stakeholders expressed concern that safety should not be compromised on the project. Following discussion in the meeting, RTD clarified that they will install CCTV infrastructure at the station platforms but will reduce the number of cameras to be more in line with the TREX project.

P01-013 – Move Jeffco interlocking from the tail track to the front of the station – This VE proposal eliminates the two tail tracks behind the station and eliminates any impacts to the Memorial Garden area.

Staff Recommendation #1 – Leave Sheridan at-grade and build LRT over roadway – CCD believes this is a significant deviation in scope from the original project and questions the EA impact labeled as minor. RTD commented this was an early determination by the FasTracks Environmental Resources Group (FERG) and all impacts will be fully addressed. RTD is also committed to a public meeting that is specifically about Sheridan and does not include other stations as part of the Urban Design Committee process. Lakewood commented the \$500,000 shown in the table to address access and safety issues was to be \$1 million per their understanding with John Shonsey. RTD believes \$500,000 is appropriate.

Staff Recommendation #11 – Change Drainage Criteria from 100-year Storm Event to 5-year event – CCD, UDFCD and Lakewood commented this is the first time they have seen this VE proposal as it was originally to change from a 100 Year to 50 Year event. RTD commented the design was basically unchanged for a 50 Year event and to reduce cost, they needed to consider designing to only a 5 year event. CCD expressed concern that this change in drainage criteria may impact not just the West Corridor but other FasTracks corridors as well. RTD will not make local drainage issues worst but believe it is not responsible to correct them either. RTD will consider operational issues with this VE proposal, and will schedule a meeting with stakeholders once additional information is available.

Staff Recommendation #19 – Change in Track and Station Configuration @ Auraria - Denver expressed concern about the proposed change in the wye at Auraria and impact on the station planning, student housing project and Auraria Master Plan. RTD indicated they met with Auraria, AR7 and Urban Ventures this week and will schedule a follow-up meeting.

### 3. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS (IGAs)

IGAs are on hold until the VE process is concluded. RTD does expect some impacts to the IGAs as currently drafted but does not see any major changes. The IGAs are primarily funding IGAs. Lakewood commented that it is likely to reduce a part of its match that will need to be made up some other way. This will be discussed with Lakewood following the RTD Board approval of the VE items.

### 4. UTILITY RELOCATION AGREEMENTS (URAs)

Status of URAs is as follows:

- 24 utility agreements required for West Corridor project – 21 agreements signed to-date.

- Open URAs include Denver Wastewater, Lakewood Water, Lakewood Wastewater, and Qwest. RTD would prefer to see the remaining URAs signed – Stakeholders have indicated these URAs cannot be signed until the master IGA is signed (CCD) or the land IGA signed (Lakewood). RTD continues to work with Qwest on its URA.

## 5. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

### Update on PI Activities:

- Coffees with Dennis resumed this month: Four sessions held – low overall turnout
- Monthly newsletter sent out – good feedback received on newsletter
- New West Corridor website ready to be launched on Monday, February 26.

### Upcoming Meetings:

- March 2 – Elected Officials briefing on VE recommendations
- March 16 – Elected Officials briefing cancelled
- March 21 – Urban Design Committee @ Rude Rec Center, 2855 West Holden Place, Denver (Multipurpose room). This meeting will be only about Sheridan. Brenda to work with Catherine to confirm details.
- March 22 – Urban Design Committee @ Clements Center 1580 Yarrow Street, Lakewood

## 6. CM/GC

### Status of Conduct of Construction Plan

DTCG has had discussions with CDOT and CCD to-date to solicit their input on construction of the project. DTCG will schedule meeting with the remaining jurisdictions. The CM/GC is expected to have a draft conduct of construction plan in the April/May timeframe. Stakeholders will have an opportunity to review and comment on the plan.

### Early Construction Activities

Some early pre-construction activities in 2007 will include 3rd party utilities, stakeholder projects and the taking up of the existing railroad track. Early work opportunities in 2007 for the CM/GC could include fabrication for the steel bridges and some foundation work for bridges such as an early start on the Kipling Bridge.

## 7. 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 – Denver made the comment that we feel your pain relative to the need to have Value Engineering and Cost Containment on the project. They stated that a lot of prior expectations are now changing and the parties need time to digest and prepare for the

changes. Expressed concern on the changing IGAs and the extra staff time expected to keep up with RTD's schedule.

*CDOT* – Requested a time table for preparation of the ROW plan that was originally discussed to occur in March 2007.

*CITY OF LAKEWOOD* – Requested status on the fund transfer for the bike bridges at Kipling and Wadsworth. RTD indicated they are working with CDOT and have done this on other projects.

The City expressed concern on the IGA and the likely changes that they expect will be needed for the VE proposals.

RTD requested the City to provide the scope and estimate for their design consultant, Klipp Architects for the enhanced station design at Wadsworth, and Wilson's scope of work at Oak Street Station. The City agreed to provide.

*CITY OF GOLDEN* – No specific comments but did echo Jeffco's comments.

*JEFFERSON COUNTY* – Requested RTD to change the wording in the VE item on single tracks ...“from Jeffco accepts the proposal to Jeffco will support it”.... once an analysis is presented that shows the impacts to the headways.

*GSA* – Raised a concern on the VE item for using the Federal Center as a deposit site. GSA accepts the proposal but will need a mechanism to control what fill comes on the site.

*GSA* questioned the status of the legals for the easements. RTD stated they are now being finalized. *GSA* also inquired on the RTD Board meeting this week and progress on the offer to purchase. Lastly, *GSA* wants to meet with RTD to discuss security clearance needs.

*UDFCD* – Stressed the need to meet with UDFCD on the new proposed alternative for Federal Bridge; also raised concern on the proposed VE change in drainage design criteria.

*WEST METRO FIRE* – Had positive comments on the FLSC meeting and RTD's willingness to work with the fire departments.

8. NEXT MEETING

9. The March stakeholder meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> will be canceled; the next meeting will be April 12<sup>th</sup>.

MEETING ENDED AT 12:00 PM.