Meeting Summary

Wednesday, April 9, 2014 - 7:00 AM

Jefferson County Courts/Administrative Facility – Lookout Mountain Dining Room

Regular Agenda Items

Convene/Introductions/Agenda Review and Approval of Meeting Summary

Jefferson County Commissioner, Casey Tighe, called the meeting to order at 7:05 AM.
The meeting summary for March 12, 2014 was approved with no changes.
The meeting agenda for April 9, 2014 was approved with no changes.

Attendees:

Ben Waldman, City of Lakewood, Traffic Engineering Manager
Casey Tighe, Jefferson County, District 2 Commissioner
Bruce Daly, RTD, Board of Directors
Bob Fifer, Arvada, City Council
Dave Baskett, City of Lakewood, Traffic Engineer
Dave Evans, Bike Jeffco, Chair
Dave Ruchman, Aging Well Jeffco
David Woolfall, Tsiouvaras Simmons Holderness Engineering, Senior Transportation Engineer
Derek Schuler, Jefferson County Transportation and Engineering, Traffic/Transportation Engineer
Doug Rex, DRCOG, Transportation Planning and Operations Director
Ed Peterson, CDOT, Transportation Commissioner
Edie Bryan, Colorado Rail Association, Board Member
George Pond, City of Wheat Ridge, City Council
Jake Kononov, DiExSys, LLC.
Jeanie Rossillon, Jefferson County Development and Transportation, Director
Jen Babbington, Parsons, Traffic Engineer
Kevin French, Jefferson County Transportation and Engineering, Director
Laura Weinberg, City of Golden, City Mayor
Lindsay Townsend, Jefferson County Transportation and Engineering, Administrative Assistant
Lorraine Anderson, RTD, Board of Directors
Michael Raber, Bike Jeffco
Patrick Dougherty, City of Arvada, City Engineer
Scott Brink, City of Wheat Ridge, Public Works Director
Steve Glueck, City of Golden, Planning Director
Steve Harelson, CDOT, West Program Engineer
Steve Nguyen, City of Wheat Ridge, Engineering Manager
Ted Heyd, Bicycle Colorado, Regional Policy Director
Terry Campbell, Lombard and Clayton, Inc. Legislative Consultant
Tracy Volkman, Jefferson County Public Health

CDOT Updates

Steve Harelson: CDOT, West Program Engineer

- Interchange at 19th Avenue and US-6 is under design. Construction expected to begin in 2015.
- Jefferson County came up with $120,000 for the Genesee bike trail. CDOT is trying to draft an IGA and plans to advertise the project early July, 2014.
- CDOT is working with Jefferson County to create a coalition for the C470 PEL study.

Kevin French: Jefferson County, Transportation and Engineering, Director

- A WestConnect study was completed recently. It can be viewed online at westconnectjeffco.com.
- Based on a recent survey, the general public still does not see transportation as a top priority, but the County feels that it is still important to discuss improvements to the western corridor now rather than later.
- The hope is to continue to plan for projects along the "Western Beltway."
- A draft coalition will be formed by local agencies that are directly impacted by the corridor and then other entities will be invited to be a part of the process.
- The first action of the coalition will be to support the PEL study.

Steve Harelson: CDOT, West Program Engineer

- The guardrail project on US-40 and Mt. Vernon Canyon is near completion.
- Design for an auxiliary lane on Wadsworth near the Arvada Center is underway. CDOT hopes to begin construction next fall.
- CDOT will advertise for a safety improvement project on US-285 on April 24, 2014. The plan is to extend the median from Shaffers Crossing up the hill and around the corner to prevent motorists from entering the highway at the exit ramp.
- CDOT will meet with the Federal Highways and Flood Incident Command center in Greeley to negotiate the scope of repairs on SH-72. The plan is to add shoulders.
- CDOT will meet with the City of Wheat Ridge to discuss environmental assessment for the I-70 and SH-58.
- CDOT awarded the capacity project on Wadsworth Boulevard (10th Ave. – 14th Ave.). Bids came in higher than anticipated and the City of Lakewood came up with additional funds. Construction will begin April 21, 2014.
- US-6 over Garrison Bridge is under design. The project has been switched to modified design build. CDOT hopes to begin construction on the project next fall.
- Guardrail and slope pavement repairs for SH-58 (US-6 to I-70) will go to ad January 2015.
- CDOT is negotiating with Federal Highways to fund emergency project McIntyre Street over Van Bibber Creek.
- Traffic on I-70 is now detoured for construction on the Twin Tunnels. CDOT has started blasting and rock scaling.

RTD Updates

- The opening date for Union Station and underground bus parking is on May 9, 2014. There will be a ceremony.
- Market Street Station will close on May 11, 2014.
- RTD will begin operating the new Metro Ride shuttle on May 12, 2014.
- RTD will have ambassadors at Union Station to help people understand the new setup.

DRCOG Updates

Doug Rex: DRCOG

- DRCOG sent out a call for capacity projects for the long-range transportation plan. The deadline is April 16, 2014.

- DRCOG anticipates sending out a call for short-range 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects around mid-July.
- DRCOG is planning a bicycle summit with the Travel Demand Management (TDM) summit on May 1, 2014.

The JEFFTAAG group discussed Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's) and the complexity of the transportation planning process.

Around the Horn

Dave Basket: City of Lakewood, Traffic Engineer

- CDOT projects on Wadsworth begin next week.

Dave Evans: Bike Jeffco, Chair

- Bike Jeffco is close to an agreement with Jefferson County Open Space regarding the rest area in Phillipsburg.
- Bike Jeffco is working with CDOT on a strategic safety highway plan. The idea is to make bikes more visible.

Bob Fifer: City of Arvada, City Council

- The City of Arvada is currently working through land issues to build the Gold Line garage in Olde Town Arvada. Construction is expected to begin in June 2014.

Steve Nguyen: City of Wheat Ridge, Engineering Manager

- The City of Wheat Ridge will hold its first public meeting for the Wadsworth PEL on April 23, 2014.

Steve Glueck: City of Golden, Planning Director

- The City of Golden is having a pre-scoping open house at Fossil Trace Golf Club clubhouse. The open house will begin at 5:30 p.m. on April 14, 2014.

Bruce Daly: RTD, Board of Directors

- Amtrak is has returned to Union Station. The station and hotel are expected to open in August 2014.

Lorraine Anderson: RTD, Board of Directors

- RTD was able to complete rail projects through innovative means such as partnerships with private entities. Ms. Anderson expressed her concern that state legislature is making moves to stop such activities.

Patrick Dougherty: City of Arvada, City Engineer

- There are road closures and detours around the City of Arvada due to construction of the Gold Line.

Terry Campbell: Lombard and Clayton, Inc., Legislative Consultant

- There are 28 days left in session, including weekends. 37 late bills were introduced last week. A couple Jefferson County bills pertaining to transportation were passed and signed. One bill increases the advertised bid limit from $5,000 to $50,000. A second bill allows local agencies to sell fuel to other local agencies. On Friday, the appropriations committee will hear a bill that transfers general funds to HUTF.

Edie Bryan: Colorado Rail Association, Board Member

- May 10 is National Train Day. The Colorado Rail Association was planning an event at Union Station, but May 10 overlaps opening day for Union Station. Ms. Bryan will coordinate with RTD.

The JEFFTAAG Group discussed updates on funding for the Southwest Chief.

Kevin French: Jefferson County, Transportation and Engineering, Director

- Quincy (Kipling to Wadsworth) is under construction. Quincy will be widened to five lanes, and bike lanes will be extended from Kipling to Wadsworth. Sidewalk will be installed on the south side of the street.
- Chatfield (Ken Caryl to Garrison) includes widening the sidewalk from four to eight feet. No bike lanes will be installed.
- Wadsworth at Waterton Intersection project will include shoulders.
- The first phase of Lena Gulch on Golden Road is complete. The next phase is to extend improvements to Quaker and construct a roundabout. The plan also includes bike lanes from Quaker to Moss.

West Rail Traffic Study: Dave Baskett and Ben Waldman, City of Lakewood

Please see the attached presentation.

Data Driven Safety Management: Derek Schuler, Jefferson County and Jake Kononov, DiExSys, LLC.

Please see attached presentation.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 AM
Summary submitted by: Lindsay Townsend, Administrative Assistant
Transportation and Engineering Division, Jefferson County