AGENDA

North Area Transportation Alliance

May 17, 2010
8:00 AM
City of Thornton IMC
12450 North Washington Street
Thornton

- I. Minutes:
 - a. Approval of Minutes from March 24, 2010 (attached)
- II. Presentation:
 - a. Invited guest Phil Washington, RTD Executive Director
- III. New Business:
 - a. 2010 Work Plan DRAFT (hand out)
- IV. 2010 Calendar:
 - a. July 28, 2010
 - b. September 22, 2010
 - c. November 24, 2010

North Area Transportation Alliance Steering Committee Summary Minutes (DRAFT) March 24, 2010

Mayor Hansen welcomed everyone to the March 24, 2010 meeting of the North Area Transportation Alliance held at the Metro North Chamber Office.

Members and alternates attending were: Broomfield – Mayor Pat Quinn, Kevin Standbridge, Deputy City Manager; Commerce City - Tom Acre, Deputy City Manager; Dacono –Bill Efting, City Manager; Erie – Trustee Cheryl Hauger; Longmont – Phil Greenwald, Transportation Planner; Northglenn – Mayor Joyce Downing; Bill Simmons, City Manager; Thornton – Mayor Erik Hansen, Gene Putman, Transportation Planning Manager; Westminster – Mayor Nancy McNally, Matt Lutkus, Deputy City Manager; and Metro North Chamber of Commerce – Howard Gelt and Jonathan Perlmutter. Also attending was: Joyce Hunt, (Thornton) and Deb Obermeyer (Metro North Chamber Exec. Director).

Minutes. The February 23, 2010 minutes were approved unanimously.

Old Business.

- a. <u>Draft resolution regarding consensus process</u>. The group discussed the draft resolution and requested that additional language be included regarding that it was the intent of NATA to reach consensus on matters relative to the priorities of the organization. The suggestion was also made to clarify that if an item relating to a position or statement was sent via e-mail, no response within three business days of sending the e-mail would be deemed approval. With those changes, the members unanimously approved the resolution.
- b. <u>Draft letter regarding New Starts</u>. The group discussed postponing any action on the draft letter until the members had time to meet with Phil Washington, RTD Executive Director to discuss the North Metro Corridor and FasTracks. A request was made to see if Phil Washington could meet with NATA on April 14th and the items they would like Phil to be prepared to discuss were: a) status of the Eagle P3 program; b) the financial implications of the Eagle P3 contract on funds available for the remaining unfunded lines; c) New Starts Guidelines what proposals for changes in the guidelines is RTD planning to propose and/or coordinate with the other local jurisdictions; d) what other steps is RTD taking to secure funding for the remaining lines (i.e. TIFIA, TIGER grants, etc.) besides pursuing a sales tax increase; e) any additional information Phil would be able to share about the survey of RTD constituents on a ballot measure; and f) discuss a draft joint letter (RTD/NATA) regarding New Starts to our legislative delegation. The desire was to try and meet with Phil as soon as schedules allowed.

New Business.

- a. <u>2010 Lobbying Program</u>. Matt Lutkus told the members that senior officials from NATA member organizations had met to discuss putting together a staff group to help distribute the workload related to carrying out NATA priorities. Matt indicated a group consisting of a representative from the senior leadership of each member organization would begin meeting regularly to establish a work program as well as assign over-sight and follow-up tasks. This group will bring back a work program to the next meeting from which a lobbying program could then be developed. The members indicated they were in support of this approach and suggested postponing discussion on a lobbying program until after reviewing the work plan.
- b. <u>Next Meeting.</u> The next meeting of NATA is scheduled for April 14, 2010 subject to Phil Washington being able to attend this meeting.

2010 Calendar.

May 26, 2010 July 28, 2010 September 22, 2010 December 8, 2010