

# NATA Board Meeting Agenda

August 25, 2022

7:30-9:00am

Virtual Only

Meeting Recording Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YETdu6sqbAI>

## NATA Members (who signed in)

Lynn Baca	Adams Cnty Commissioner	Tim Williams	Federal Heights Staff
Chris Chovan	Adams County Staff	Ben Ortiz	Longmont Staff
Brian Staley	Adams County Staff	Sara Dusenberry	Northglenn Staff
Greg Mills	Brighton Mayor	Carson Priest	SCMN
Chris Montoya	Brighton Staff	Tammy Herreid	SCMN
Austin Ward	Broomfield Staff	Jessica Sandgren	Thornton Mayor ProTem
Sarah Grant	Broomfield Staff	Julia Marvin	Thornton Council
Michael McGoldrick	Commerce City Staff	Kent Moorman	Thornton Staff
Emily Baer	Erie Board	Nancy McNally	Westminster Mayor
Malcolm Fleming	Erie Staff	Debra Baskett	Westminster Staff
Todd Fessenden	Erie Staff		

## SC Members (who signed in)

Carla Perez	HDR		
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## Agency Partners (who signed in)

Jan Rowe	CDOT	Stephen Henry	CDOT
Jamie Grim	CDOT	Kalie Fallon	DRCOG
Tom Magenis	CDOT	Debra Johnson	RTD General Manager
Jordan Rudel	CDOT	Troy Whitmore	RTD Board
Jessica Myklebust	CDOT	Dave Jensen	RTD
Danny Hermann	CDOT	Michael Davies	RTD
Jeff Sudmeier	CDOT		

## Guests (who signed in)

Meghan MacKillop	CML	Jerry Mugg	HG Consultants
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### 1. Welcome and introductions – Chair Lynn Baca

Chair Lynn Baca welcomed participants and attendees to sign into the Chat function on Zoom

### 2. Approval of May Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mayor Nancy McNally seconded by Mayor Greg Mills and approved unanimously.

### 3. Planned Return to In-Person Meetings – Carson Priest

Carson Priest - We are trying to get back to our previous regular schedule of in-person meetings. We have secured the Adams County Health & Human Services Center which is where the NATA meeting was

in last month. Thank you to Chris Chovan for helping to organize this effort. The dates for the rest of the 2022 NATA meetings will be here on September 22, October 27, and December 15. We do not have a NATA meeting in November as it overlaps with Thanksgiving Break and in December, we move it forward to avoid the holidays. Please watch your inbox for calendar invites for the rest of the year. Then I will follow up about a week ahead with a reminder and the meeting materials.

*Chair Lynn Baca* – This is the same area we had last month’s meeting at, and the conference rooms A & B are right next to each other on the lower level.

*Mayor Greg Mills* – I just want to say I am excited to be back in person and we always seem to have better collaboration when we get together in person.

#### **4. Smart Commute update – Carson Priest**

*Carson Priest* – I wanted to come back to you with a Phase 1 report on our Bike Gap Analysis. We were able to include this Gap Analysis project in with our rebranding effort under the CDOT TMO Support \$60,000 grant we received. We started our analysis with “DRCOG Active Transportation Plan” prepared in 2019. Our staff worked to identify and isolate trails that have regional connectivity (meaning trails that traverse multiple jurisdictions) and interconnectivity (meaning trails connect to other regional trails). Then, with these two goals in mind, staff rode 100+ miles capturing video for gap and connectivity analysis. Eight major “regional connectors” were identified through this which represent about 80 miles of trails. The identified trails are not perfect but represent regional connectivity and interconnectivity as best as possible. These regional trails include Big Dry Creek Trail, Broomfield Trail, Farmer’s Highline Canal Trail, Grange Hall Creek Trail, Lee Lateral Ditch Trail, Niver Creek Trail, Southeast Broomfield Community Trail, and South Platte River Trail. Our resulting work product from Phase 1 of this project (1) identification of ‘regional connectors’ in preparation for promoting these connectors to be hierarchically emphasized (2) capturing video footage while “ground truthing,” allowing staff to review segments as part of project and promoting trail corridors to the public via YouTube; and (3) creation of individual “Google My Maps” which can be shared for navigation purposes using Google Maps apps.

*Mayor ProTem Jessica Sandgren* – Did you notice a lack of signage? What is Google MyMaps?

*Carson Priest* – Yes, there is a mix of wayfinding and some are new trails. Google MyMaps allows you to do a custom map with forced connections, and we created one for each of these regional routes. We will be sharing these maps once we have them cleaned up some more.

#### **5. CDOT Commissioner Update – Jessica Myklebust**

*Jessica Mykelbust* – I am happy to be here and fill in for Commissioner Stuart while she is on vacation. If you had a chance to watch the Transportation Commission (TC) last week, we presented our 10-year plan and how we are proposing to move ahead in the years 2022 – 2026. We anticipate that the TC will adopt the plan and ask any clarifying questions in September. Then this will be our guide as we move ahead to prioritize projects in Region 1. We have been focusing on our Maintenance Staffing in relation to the increase in homeless encampments in the CDOT right-of-way. We rely on the Colorado Correctional Institutions for residents to assist in the clean up of these areas and roadways. They were most recently in lockdown for 3-4 months, which contributed to the increase in the trash and encampments. They are out of lockdown now and able to resume assisting us in these clean up efforts. CDOT has not contracted with 3-4 new firms (in addition to CDOT) to help us with the homeless camp cleanup which will enable CDOT staff to focus on more roadway maintenance in preparation for winter.

Lastly, I wanted to briefly highlight the Call 3 letters are due to CDOT by September 2<sup>nd</sup> with CDOT responses out by September 30<sup>th</sup>. I am really looking forward to meeting you in person next month.

## **6. RTD Directors Reports – Director Troy Whitmore**

*Director Troy Whitmore* – We have a new Chief of Police for RTD, Dr. Joel Fitzgerald. Many decades of law enforcement and years of valuable experience and education. He was sworn in the same day we had metal wire theft on the A Line, which caused a major problem by halting travels on the A Line. We are wrapping up retooling our internal audit function, which was desperately needed. It is now a much more robust and transparent program. I will pass this to our GM Debra Johnson and Michael Davies to give any additional updates.

*Debra Johnson* – I would like to touch on our progress on the Fare & Equity Study. We kicked this off a little under 1 year ago, keeping our goals of Equity, Affordability, and Simplicity at the forefront throughout the process. Through our various outreach methods, we have honed in on the need to simplify and lower the fare structure, meaning possibly having flat fares, rider discounts for frequent riders, leveraging technology, and creating a simpler pass programs. In the fall we are looking to finalize the fare structures to be ready for public meeting, surveys and pop-up events. This will then go to the Board of Directors for final input and decisions before going to FTA for final approval early 2023. “Zero Fare for Better Air August” we plan to continue for next year. We will be conducting on-board interviews with riders and front-line employees to gather additional hands-on experience. We will then compile a report with all this information to present to the Colorado Energy Office. We will also offer Zero Fare on the General Election Day and Early Vote Day on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **7. SB260 Enterprise Update – Jeff Sudmeier, CDOT**

*Jeff Sudmeier* – SB260 passed a little over a year ago and there have several updates to the revenue streams which I will highlight today. Overall, there is \$3.68 billion in New Fee Revenue streams over the course of 10 years with four new State Enterprises. About \$1.17 billion will be transferred from the State General Fund and about \$343 million will come for the American Rescue Plan Act.

Road Usage Fee - Assessed per gallon of gasoline or diesel and starts at about 2 cents per gallon in FY 22-23, increasing to 8 cents per gallon by FY 29, then indexed to inflation going forward. This is distributed 60/40 to the HUTF. Incremental HUTF revenue above baseline funding needs (MLOS; administration and operations; federal match requirements; debt service) will be allocated to 10-Year Plan. HB 22-1351 delays implementation of the Road Usage Fee until April 2023 and backfills with General Fund.

Bridge and Tunnel Impact Fee – This fee is assessed per gallon of diesel and starts at about 2 cents per gallon in FY 22-23, increasing to 8 cents per gallon by FY 29, then indexed to inflation going forward. It is distributed to the Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise and then allocated to eligible bridge and tunnel repair and replacement projects with focus on 10-Year Plan projects.

Road Usage Equalization Fee – This is the annual vehicle registration fee assessed on all electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles. It is assessed in addition to existing \$50 registration fee for electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles beginning at \$4 per year in FY 22-23, increasing to \$96 by FY 31-32 for BEV\*, then indexed to inflation going forward. This is distributed 60/40 to the HUTF (CDOT/Locals) with incremental HUTF revenue above baseline funding needs (MLOS; administration and operations; federal match requirements; debt service) allocated to 10-Year Plan. Implementation started on July 1, 2022

Existing Electric Vehicle Fee – The pre-existing \$50 annual vehicle registration fee assessed on all electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles was indexed to inflation. It is distributed at 60% to Colorado Energy Office

for EV Grant Fund, 40% to HUTF. Incremental HUTF revenue above baseline funding needs (MLOS; administration and operations; federal match requirements; debt service) allocated to 10-Year Plan and was implemented on July 1, 2022.

Retail Delivery Fee – You may have noticed this fee on some of your orders you placed after July 1<sup>st</sup>. It is assessed on all retail deliveries subject to the state sales tax, with a total fee of 27 cents in FY 22-23, then indexed to inflation. Distribution formula goes to the HUTF, MMOF, and multiple Enterprises including Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise, Clean Transit Enterprise, and Non-Attainment Enterprise. Incremental HUTF revenue above baseline funding needs (MLOS; administration and operations; federal match requirements; debt service) allocated to 10-Year Plan and was implemented starting July 1, 2022.

Passenger Ride Fee – This fee is assessed on rides provided by Transportation Network Companies (i.e. Uber/Lyft) with a total of 30 cents in FY 22-23, then indexed to inflation going forward. There is a reduced rate for shared rides. This is distributed to the Non-Attainment Enterprise and Clean Fleet Enterprise and was implemented on July 1, 2022.

A variety of upfront funding was provided for FY 2022-2023 and is it has already been allocated by the TC.

Ongoing fund transfers established starting in 2025 help CDOT with the debt that was incurred to start their 10-year plan includes: \$100 million annually to SHF FY25–FY32\*; \$82.5 M annually to SHF FY30–FY32\*; \$10.5 M annually to MMOF FY25–FY32; and \$7 M annually to Revitalizing Main Streets FY25 – FY32.

*Chair Baca* – A lot of discussion around the air quality and the GHG requirements and how those will be overlaid on proposed construction projects. Can you speak to that?

*Jeff Sudemier* – I would suggest having Rebecca White come and talk to NATA about this in detail.

## **8. Other – Carson Priest**

*Jessica Sandgren* - I was wondering if anyone attended the I-25 panel forum. I wasn't able to, but I know there is another one next week with the Colorado Sun Forum. I do want to make sure we stay engaged and make sure that we don't get passed by and all the money go past us to way up North.

*Chair Baca* – Yes, there are concerns with I-25 all the way from I-70 to the Wyoming boarder. Some of these projects are in CDOT's 10-year plan and some aren't, which is CDOT's priorities. I think we need to form a coalition, as each county has different needs and priorities. There is a lot of work to be done.

*Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 a.m.*