**NATA Board Meeting Minutes**

**July 23, 2020**

**7:30-9:00am**

**Zoom Virtual Meeting**

**Meeting Recording:** [**https://youtu.be/qnD1Y4pH2Eo?t=1206**](https://youtu.be/qnD1Y4pH2Eo?t=1206)

**Welcome and introductions by Chair Julie Mullica. Instructions to sign-in via the Chat function.**

**NATA Members (who signed in)**

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| **Bo Martinez** | ACREP | **Joan Peck** | Longmont Council |
| **Deb Durand** | ACREP | **Phil Greenwald** | Longmont Staff |
| **Steve O’Dorisio** | Adams County Comm. | **Julie Mullica** | Northglenn Council |
| **Chris Chovan** | Adams County Staff | **Brook Svoboda** | Northglenn Staff |
| **Kristin Sullivan** | Adams County Staff | **Sara Dusenberry** | Northglenn Staff |
| **Greg Mills** | Brighton Mayor | **Carson Priest** | SCMN |
| **Tim Williams** | Federal Heights Staff | **Catherine Sanders** | SCMN |
| **Liz Law Evans** | Broomfield Council | **Karen Stuart** | SCMN |
| **Kevin Standbridge** | Broomfield Staff | **Tammy Herreid** | SCMN |
| **Nicole Frank** | Comm. City Mayor Pro tem | **Jessica Sandgren** | Thornton Council |
| **Brent Soderlin** | Commerce City Staff | **Kent Moorman** | Thornton Staff |
| **Joe Wilson** | Commerce City Staff | **Anita Seitz** | Westminster Mayor Pro tem |
| **Todd Fessenden** | Erie Staff | **Debra Baskett** | Westminster Staff |
| **Malcolm Fleming** | Erie Staff | **John Voelz** | Westminster Staff |
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**SCMN Members (who signed in)**

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| **Michelle Martin** | RS&H | **Myron Hora** | WSP |
| **Joyce Downing** | Northglenn Council |

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| **Pat Monacelli** | Broomfield Chamber |

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| **Tim Stewart** | E-470 | **Jennifer Carpenter** | Michael Baker Int’l |
| **Mark Shotkoski** | NWP |  |  |

**Agency Partners (who signed in)**

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| **Andy Stratton** | CDOT | **Paul DesRocher** | RTD |
| **Jordan Rudel** | CDOT | **Pauline Haberman** | RTD |
| **Julie George** | CDOT | **Sherry Ellebracht** | RTD |
| **Dan Marcucci** | CDOT | **Judy Lubow** | RTD Board |
| **Don Stanton** | CDOT TC | **Shelley Cook** | RTD Board |
| **Doug Rex** | DRCOG | **Troy Whitmore** | RTD Board |
| **Alex Gordon** | NFRMPO | **Vince Buzek** | RTD Board |
| **Henry Stopplecamp** | RTD | **Paul Ballard** | RTD GM |
| **Danny Herrman** | CDOT |  |  |
| **Lisa Trujillo** | RTD |

 **Guests (who signed in)**

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| **Jeremy Rodriguez** | Cong. Perlmutter  |  |  |
| **Celeste Stragand** | Ford Mobility |  |  |
| **Kevin Maddoux**  | FHU |  |  |

* **Approval of June 25, 2020 NATA Meeting Minutes**

*Two corrections:*

*(Regarding McWhinney in Smart Commute Update):* All but one of their hotels are now closed ~~permanently~~ *temporarily*.

*(Regarding MAXAR in Smart Commute Update):* Once COVID hit globally, MAXA~~E+~~R shifted some of their other business focus to supporting COVID response and containment efforts;

***Approval of June 25, 2020 Meeting Minutes:*** *Motion to approve minutes as amended made by Mayor Pro Tem Seitz, seconded by Council Member Law-Evans and approved unanimously.*

* **Smart Commute update: Karen Stuart, Carson Priest, Tammy Herreid**

*(Full presentation available on meeting recording starting here:* [*https://youtu.be/qnD1Y4pH2Eo?t=1384*](https://youtu.be/qnD1Y4pH2Eo?t=1384)*).*

* **Losing long time Smart Commute office space**

**Karen Stuart:** We have been fortunate to have been housed with ACED/ACREP for the past 6 years in an Adams County facility. Adams County is renovating the space we’ve had at the Adams County Western Service Center, and Smart Commute must move. The City of Northglenn has offered space in their former police department offices at City Hall. Smart Commute’s staff will continue to telework until next year. Smart Commute’s official mailing address will be the same as ACREP once they move into the Community Reach Center space this fall.

* **N-Line station parties protocol update**

**Karen Stuart:** The official opening for the N-Line is September 21. Current planning has the opening ceremonies starting at 8am with ribbon cuttings, starting at Denver Union Station, moving north, culminating at Eastlake Station at 10am. Gatherings will be very limited to 15-20 people per stop. Smart Commute has commemorative water bottles, and will offer these to each community to have available at their stations for give away to the attendees. Station parties may have to be virtual. It seems very unlikely that we will have any large gatherings. Stay tuned for updates from RTD.

* **Virtual ACT Conference August 3-5**

**Carson Priest:** Smart Commute is excited to attend this virtual event, which was scheduled pre-COVID to be hosted by Denver this year. Smart Commute encourages anyone interested to attend, as cost is very low compared to other years.

* **144th FlexRide update**

**Karen Stuart:** This grant-funded service provides access to 144th & I-25 quadrant, running Monday-Saturday, and focuses on workforce transit. Statistically, FlexRide has remained strong during the COVID crises and schedule changes, serving essential workers and vulnerable populations. (Full presentation available on meeting recording).

**Mayor Pro Tem Sandgren:** How does the decrease in FlexRide ridership compare to overall RTD system decrease? Are we up in ridership and others down?

**Karen Stuart:** We’ve had better ridership than the rest of the RTD system’s FLexRide service.

**Mayor Pro Tem Sandgren:** Is the on-demand service being offered during the day?

**Karen Stuart:** It is available now, but it wasn’t during the COVID service reductions. Only the commuter fixed schedule was available then.

**Paul DesRocher:** (re: FlexRide ridership) My understanding is that the FlexRide ridership for this FlexRide is holding steady while other FlexRides have seen ridership losses. Service Planning is watching this and considering new ridership patterns.

**Chair Mullica:** (Looking at ridership data graphic) It appears as though ridership levels now have returned to the same level as the beginning of the year.

* **Upcoming Events/Outreach:**

**Carson Priest:** Reported on the Wagon Road and Thornton Park-n-Ride events in early July in coordination with RTD supporting RTD’s Safe Ridership campaign, giving out hand sanitizers and face masks to riders using the 120X into Denver. We saw very sparse ridership on this previously robust commuter route- only 5-8 riders per bus. Upcoming events: Brighton Chamber event in late August at Barr Lake State Park (wellness event), Bike to Work Day (September 22), and annual TransForum as a virtual event possibly in October.

* RTD Directors Comments- Director Vince Buzek, Director Troy Whitmore, Director Judy Lubow, Director Lynn Guissinger, Director Shelley Cook

*(Full presentation available on meeting recording starting here:* [*https://youtu.be/qnD1Y4pH2Eo?t=3364*](https://youtu.be/qnD1Y4pH2Eo?t=3364)*).*

**Director Buzek:** The N- Line has a few “punch list” items left; testing is going smoothly. For the opening, there will not be same level of celebration as with other lines. A six month Pilot Program will have fares at local level instead of the regional level.

**Director Whitmore:** We are pleased that Chair Mullica was selected to sit on the RTD Accountability Committee. The Accountability Committee should start meeting this month. Two ex-officio members from RTD board will be there: myself, and Lynn Guissinger. RTD is also in the middle of a state audit.

**Doug Rex:** (RE: Accountability Committee) Congratulations to Chair Mullica for her appointment. DRCOG is working to provide a full contact list of all appointed members. A “Doodle Poll” will be sent out to set first meeting date and time.

**Director Cook**: We have had 58 applications for the GM position, then narrowed to 18, and now we are looking to interview seven. We are hoping to be able to announce finalists in August. Our aim is to have the new GM in place sometime this fall. Also wanted to acknowledge Smart Commute’s role with this Uber Rider voucher program – there was a significant administrative effort attached to this program, and Smart Commute did a great job coordinating and enabling this program.

**Director Lubow**: Congratulations to Chair Mullica for the RTD Accountability Committee appointment. I agree there are very strong candidates for the GM position. I wanted to acknowledge Director Cook for providing guiding principles for RTD to use regarding COVID budget.

* **Can Do Colorado Community Challenge Grant –Longmont project- Phil Greenwald**

*(Full presentation available on meeting recording starting here:* [*https://youtu.be/qnD1Y4pH2Eo?t=4022*](https://youtu.be/qnD1Y4pH2Eo?t=4022)*).*

**Phil Greenwald:** Longmont worked to close down one parking lane and one driving lane on Main Street (CO-287). We had jersey barriers on the pedestrian side painted to make the area more attractive. Thank you to Commissioner Stuart and the CDOT Commissioners for making these funds available.

**Council Member Peck:** Phil works hard to make our city a great place. We’ve been working for years to make our Main Street a more welcoming place. We’ve had great feedback from the public. We will monitor this program for 30 days. If it does not benefit our businesses as far as traffic, we will reevaluate.

**Malcom Fleming:** Did you put out a call for artists for the barrier artwork?

**Phil Greenwald:** We worked with the Downtown Authority on that.

**Mayor Pro Tem Seitz:** Are you collecting traffic data to provide a proof in concept, so other communities have these metrics?

**Phil Greenwald:** We are concerned with traffic impacts, so we are counting on every street. Our downtown was built 150 years ago, wonderful gridded street system. We are measuring all impacts, including speeds.

**TC Commissioner Don Stanton:**  There are opportunities during COVID. This is a great example; providing space for people to spread out, including more business, and perhaps even reducing pollution. I strongly suggest you share this example widely.

* **Safer Streets Grant - Westminster project- Debra Baskett**

*(Full presentation available on meeting recording starting here:* [*https://youtu.be/qnD1Y4pH2Eo?t=4802*](https://youtu.be/qnD1Y4pH2Eo?t=4802)*).*

**Debra Baskett**: This is a Street Safety project focused at Sheridan and 105th, to improve pedestrian safety.

**Karen Stuart**: the CDOT pre-application workshop is today, if you are interested in applying for these funds.

* **Reimagine RTD – TAC and Elected Officials Advisory Committee perspective- discussion**

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**Chair Mullica:** We’re looking for a discussion from TAC and Reimagine Perspectives.

*(Detailed discussion about experiences of those sitting on Reimagine Committees, and concerns about regional inequity. See full presentation for detailed discussion and explanations of the many concerns).*

**Meeting adjourned at 9:14 am.**