**NATA Board Meeting Minutes**

**June 25, 2020**

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

**Zoom Virtual Meeting**

**Meeting Recording: (starts at end of Smart Commute update):** [**https://youtu.be/XM1z-ifMXLw**](https://youtu.be/XM1z-ifMXLw)

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

**NATA Members (who signed in)**

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| **Deb Durand** | ACREP | **Tim Williams** | Federal Heights Staff |
| **Steve O’Dorisio** | Adams County Comm. | **Phil Greenwald** | Longmont |
| **Kristin Sullivan** | Adams County Staff | **Joan Peck** | Longmont Council |
| **Chris Chovan** | Adams County | **Julie Mullica** | Northglenn Council |
| **Adam Cushing** | Brighton Council | **Sara Dusenberry** | Northglenn Staff |
| **Greg Mills** | Brighton Mayor | **Brook Svoboda** | Northglenn Staff |
| **Pat Quinn** | Broomfield Mayor | **Catherine Sanders** | SCMN |
| **Sarah Grant** | Broomfield Staff | **Karen Stuart** | SCMN |
| **Liz Law Evans** | Broomfield Council | **Tammy Herreid** | SCMN |
| **Pat Monacelli** | Broomfield Chamber | **Julia Marvin** | Thornton |
| **Nicole Frank** | Commerce City Mayor Pro tem | **Kent Moorman** | Thornton Staff |
| **Joe Wilson** | Commerce City Staff | **Anita Seitz** | Westminster Mayor Pro tem |
| **Brent Soderlin** | Commerce City Staff | **Debra Baskett** | Westminster Staff |
| **Todd Fessenden** | Erie Staff | **Herb Atchison** | Westminster Mayor |
| **Celeste Arner** | Federal Heights Council | **John Voelz** | Westminster Staff |

**SCMN Members (who signed in)**

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| **Tim Stewart** | E-470 | **Michelle Martin** | RS&H |
| **Kevin Maddox** | FHU | **Myron Hora** | WSP |
| **Joyce Downing** | Northglenn Council | **Jennifer Carpenter** | Michael Baker Int. |

**Agency Partners (who signed in)**

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| **Andy Stratton** | CDOT | **Sherry Ellebracht** | RTD |
| **Sophie Shulman** | CDOT | **Lynn Guissinger** | RTD Board |
| **Katrina Kloberdanz** | CDOT | **Judy Lubow** | RTD Board |
| **Doug Rex** | DRCOG | **Troy Whitmore** | RTD Board |
| **Henry Stopplekamp** | RTD | **Vince Buzek** | RTD Board |
| **Paul DesRocher** | RTD |  |  |
| **Lisa Trujillo** | RTD |

**Guests (who signed in)**

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| **Jeremy Rodriguez** | Congressman Perlmutter | **Randy Grauberger** | FRPP |

* **Approval of May 28, 2020 NATA Meeting Minutes**

***Approval of May 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes:*** *Motion to approve minutes made by Mayor Pro Tem Seitz, seconded by Council Member Peck and approved unanimously.*

* **Discussion of Proposed 2021 NATA Dues**

**Karen Stuart**: We discussed raising our dues at the NATA retreat in January. We haven’t raised since the original dues structure was implemented in 2009, and jurisdiction population categories haven’t been adjusted since then either (population category assignments were reassigned using 2018 population figures). Adams County moved into Category 4 as a result reflecting updated population figures. ACED and MMCC were consolidated into ACREP in category 5. The dues increase is a 20% increase.

***Approval of NATA Dues Increase and Revised Population Category Assignments:*** *Motion to approve dues increase/population category assignments made by Council Member Peck, seconded by Council Member Law-Evans and approved unanimously.*

* **Smart Commute update: Karen Stuart, Tammy Herreid**
* Update on Three Employers (post-COVID)

**Karen Stuart**: At the May 24 Smart Commute Board Meeting, St. Anthony North, McWhinney and MAXAR all provided updates on how COVID has affected their business.

SAN-Emily Atencio: The hospital reached their peak caseload on April 14th with a 91% capacity. They had 14 of their 19 ventilators in use. The hospital completed several construction projects like converting ICU units to negative air flow rooms and designated COVID only units. They consolidated patients that were COVID positive, and tested over 1500 including staff for COVID- 90% of tests were negative. Centura celebrated their 500th COVID discharge in June. Centura also lead the field in using convalescent plasma for treatment of COVID in patients.

McWhinney- Kyle Harris: McWhinney property development has hospitality, residential and commercial properties. Their 15 hotels went from 88% occupancy to 5% overnight due to the pandemic. All but one of their hotels are now closed permanently. All their commercial tenants are looking for rent relief. Their residential properties and master-planned communities have not been hit as hard because construction has been deemed an essential activity. Most McWhinney staff are still working from home- this is a massive mind shift and the company is creating a new flex policy for employees company-wide. The master-planned communities product will have a greater bike/ped focus and more space inside residences for home offices and student learning areas. There will be less height in commercial buildings as potential users will need less space for workforce. Residential sales are mostly on-line and developments will require a better overall fiber network to support the new normal.

MAXAR- Rhiannan Price: MAXAR’s business is comprised of two parts to their satellite business; all around space infrastructure robotics, NASA support, etc., and the operation of earth satellites. More than 6000 employees globally have been working from home since mid-march. Their contracts with the US government and international governments require secure environments for really BIG data. Once COVID hit globally, MAXAE+R shifted some of their other business focus to supporting COVID response and containment efforts; assisting with crises response, policy decisions support, and helping low to middle income governments with “data philanthropy” – gathering data to improve health surveillance for vulnerable populations in 3rd world countries experiencing social distancing, and sanitary conditions challenges. MAXAR deploys remote sensing satellites.

* New “5 Tips” videos: Tips for Riding Transit video: <https://youtu.be/IJioHoZMAqQ>

Tips to Improve Air Quality video: <https://youtu.be/ZJnrQeAEvQQ>

* Way to Go Summer Bike Challenge

**Tammy Herreid**: DRCOG’s Way to Go Program has organized a Summer Bike Challenge, running now through September leading up to Bike to Work Day on September 22. As part of the challenge, there is a “Pedal Pursuit Scavenger Hunt” where people can log trips visiting at least 5 locations and be entered to win prizes. URL for challenge: <https://www.biketoworkday.us/summerbikechallenge>

* RTD Directors Comments- Director Vince Buzek, Director Troy Whitmore, Director Lynn Guissinger

*(Full presentation available on meeting recording starting here:* [*https://youtu.be/XM1z-ifMXLw?t=182*](https://youtu.be/XM1z-ifMXLw?t=182)*).*

* **N Line Update**

**Director Buzek**: Opening date announced: September 21. It will be in “revenue service.” Free days, celebrations, etc. are to be determined.Testing is going very well, no anticipated problems.

**Adam Cushing**: There are service changes when the N Line opens (RX, new 520 Route). Will these routes still launch?

**Troy Whitmore**: I’ve been in contact with Jessie Carter. One of us will be back to you today. The bus service change will happen Sunday, September 20. I don’t believe there have been radical changes proposed to routes in the north area.

* **FISA Letter response from Paul Ballard –** <https://youtu.be/XM1z-ifMXLw?t=508>

**Director Buzek:** FasTracks Internal Savings Account – using savings from other projects to save toward completion of uncompleted corridors. There has always been discussion about using FISA. No discussion is currently happening to use FISA, although board is divided.

**Council Member Law Evans:** I highly encourage the board to preserve this fund, to preserve the long-term commitment. We send a lot of money to RTD and to FasTracks as a community, and we would like to have our promises realized.

**Council Member Peck:** I second Council Member Law Evans’ position. Using FISA to cover shortfalls is “easy” for RTD. We need to do a better job looking at other funding options.

**Director Lubow:** Thank you for these comments, they help us to stay strong.

* **RTD Accountability Committee update –** <https://youtu.be/XM1z-ifMXLw?t=866>

**Director Guissinger** (provided a detailed overview of current RTD Accountability, including it’s history working through legislation with state legislature).

**Director Lubow:** Quite a few board members are excited about this committee, I look at it as a great opportunity.

**Council Member Law Evans:** Will this committee actually make meaningful changes, or will recommendations just sit on a shelve afterward? And, can we as a group submit names as a recommendation to this committee, rather than just telling anyone to apply?

**Director Guissinger:** There is a trigger condition in the agreement that, when the committee makes a recommendation, RTD has 45 days to evaluate and implement the recommendation, or prepare a response as to why they will not be following a recommendation.

* **Discussion of RTD Accountability Committee Local Government Representative NATA nomination**

*(Full presentation available on the meeting recording starting here:* <https://youtu.be/XM1z-ifMXLw?t=1500>*)*

*Five interested individuals made brief statements about their interest in being the NATA-nominated representative for the RTD Accountability Committee Local Government Representative:*

***Council Member Peck:***[*https://youtu.be/XM1z-ifMXLw?t=1772*](https://youtu.be/XM1z-ifMXLw?t=1772)

***Mayor Atchison:***[*https://youtu.be/XM1z-ifMXLw?t=1966*](https://youtu.be/XM1z-ifMXLw?t=1966)

***Mayor Quinn****:* [*https://youtu.be/XM1z-ifMXLw?t=2227*](https://youtu.be/XM1z-ifMXLw?t=2227)

***Mayor Pro Tem Seitz****:* [*https://youtu.be/XM1z-ifMXLw?t=2432*](https://youtu.be/XM1z-ifMXLw?t=2432)

***Council Member Mullica****:* [*https://youtu.be/XM1z-ifMXLw?t=2759*](https://youtu.be/XM1z-ifMXLw?t=2759)

***Approval of Mayor Pro Tem Seitz and Council Member Mullica’s joint NATA-nomination to the RTD Accountability Committee as a Local Government Representative:*** *Motion to nominate Mayor Pro Tem Seitz and Council Member Mullica jointly to the RTD Accountability Committee made by Commissioner O’Dorisio, seconded by Council Member Downing and approved unanimously.*

* **Discussion: Amendments to Master Priority Projects List**

*(Full presentation available on the meeting recording starting here:* <https://youtu.be/XM1z-ifMXLw?t=3809>*)*

**Karen Stuart**: (Presented submitted revisions to the Priority, Endorsed, and Horizon Projects lists).

*Discussion included light corrections to presented project list.*

***Approval of revised Master Priority Projects List:*** *Motion to approve revised Project List made by Mayor Pro Tem Seitz, seconded by Council Member Downing and approved unanimously.*

* ***Presentation on Can Do Colorado Community Challenge grant opportunities, and overview of the Safer Main Streets Initiative* by Sophie Shulman, CDOT Office of Innovative Mobility**

*(Full presentation available on the meeting recording starting here:* <https://youtu.be/XM1z-ifMXLw?t=4169>*)*

*Sophie Shulman presented on the new Can Do Colorado Community Challenge grant program, including opportunities in the Revitalizing Main Streets program, the Safe and Flexible Community microgrants, and the Safe Main Streets Initiative.*

**Meeting adjourned at 9:06 am.**