

Transportation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Record

June 3, 2019

Members Present

Darin Barrett
Irene Fortune
Greg Netzner (Alt)
Jim Paulmeno
Kimberly Baker
Councilor Kathi Wright
Mayor Jacki Marsh

Members Absent

Dave Martinez
Bruce Croissant
Sal Gomez

Citizens Present

City Staff Present

Mark Jackson
Jeff Bailey
Brenda Browning
Candice Folkers
Katie Guthrie

Meeting called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Co-Chair Irene Fortune

Minutes for the May 6, 2019 Meeting Record – approved

Introductions/Public Comment

Regular Agenda Items

Loveland: Your City; Your Future CIP Update – Mark Jackson

Mark Jackson reports this item was presented at the Council Study Session meeting held on May 28th. The Citizen Task Force stated public outreach and polling efforts do support placing the sales tax package of capital projects on the ballot. The project list was discussed and Council directed staff to place the item on the ballot. Mark reminds members the package includes transportation related items. The Taft Avenue corridor project and US34 improvements are mentioned which also includes bicycle and pedestrian crossings. The item must be complete by August in order to be placed on the ballot. Staff will bring before Council before this deadline.

2019 Summer Road Construction/Major Rehab Projects – Jeff Bailey

Jeff Bailey explains the US 34 widening project will begin mid to late July. Much has been discussed on this project and everyone feels updated. Jeff continues with an overview of the 37th Street/Dry Creek project. There will be an open house on June 13 in the Gertrude Scott Room at the Library. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm. This project will consist of a roundabout installation and extend 37th Street to Dry Creek. There will be a bridge constructed at this location in the future. Bids are expected to be received next year. This project will begin June 17. Additionally, the 8th Street Bridge project will start mid to late July as well. This project is to be completed in October. Jeff also mentions there will be paving on Wilson Avenue from US 34 to 57th Street. This section will start on June 17. Paving operations will then will move to Boise Avenue to continue paving from 1st Street to Mt. Columbia. Coulson will work on the intersection of US 34 and Boise. There will be a new median installed on Boise just north of US 34 as well. Both Wilson and Boise will receive new striping with buffered bike lanes. Jeff concludes with notice that chipseal operations are underway and will continue over the next several weeks as scheduled.

N. Wilson Avenue Sidewalk Update – Mark Jackson

Mark briefly mentions that additional funds have been found to supplement sidewalk gaps for 2020. Mark provides an overview of the North Wilson Sidewalk project. A \$500,000 grant was received and the total project costs are \$970,000. Additional funding options are to be determined by the City's Chief

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Financial Officer. Council has approved for construction to begin on the sidewalk starting in spring 2020. Staff will take this item back to Council in late July/early August.

Summer Field Trip – Katie Guthrie

Katie Guthrie suggests a bus/bike combination for the summer field trip. Suggests a weekday trip to the downtown area for dinner. Dates and times are discussed. Katie will put together information and will distribute to members. Asks that members decide on a restaurant at the next meeting.

Action Items: None

Transit Update – Candice Folkers

Candice Folkers provided COLT monthly update. (Attached)
Announces ridership is up over 23% from last year.

Staff Report

Bike Month and Bike to Work Day Update

Katie provides overview of bike month and mentions the events taking place throughout the month. The Library will be holding the first event this coming Friday. There are over 22 stations for Bike to Work Day this year. Many have two hosts each. There will be morning and afternoon stations as well. Loveland Sports Park, Sunset Park and Mehaffey Park will all have Park-n-Bike areas. Bike to Work Day is Wednesday, June 26.

Boards and Commissions Appreciation Event

Brenda Browning reminds members of the “Save the Date” flyer announcing the Boards and Commissions Appreciation Event to be held on September 9 between 5:30-8:00 pm. Details will be forthcoming and all members are invited to attend this fun event.

Council Report – Councilor Kathi Wright

Councilor Wright reports she attended the first concert held in the new downtown plaza area on Friday night where there was a large turnout. The Brands project was presented at Council a couple of weeks ago and she was excited to learn it was like a “Colorado Disneyland”. It would be a large tourist attraction for Loveland and would have a tent much like DIA. The project would have much less retail that originally proposed. The Big Thompson River Master Plan, “Pulse” Broadband and CBDG/Human Services list will also be discussed at tomorrow night’s Council meeting. Two incentive packages will also be presented at that meeting.

Mayor Marsh adds she attended a public meeting where some felt more signage could be installed where heavy pedestrian traffic is present. Also talked to a resident who asked about audible pedestrian crossings. Jeff Bailey will follow up with this resident to address her specific needs.

Board Member Reports:

Darin Barrett: Spoke of construction on US34 and Wilson Avenue. Specifically, the corners of the intersections. Jeff states this is a CDOT project where they are upgrading sidewalk corner crossings to be ADA compliant. This is an ongoing process.

Kimberly Baker: YAC excited about the new COLT hours. Added Wilson Avenue looks great!

Jim Paulmeno: None

Irene Fortune: Enjoyed the Broadband towers presentation and noticed that there is a new tower in Fort Collins by the mall if anyone is interested in looking at it.

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Greg Netzner inquired about education or signage for drivers when approaching bicyclists. He was riding on Highway 287 recently when a car came closer to him than the three feet permitted by law. Katie Guthrie will investigate educational options.

Adjourn 5:57 p.m.