

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (CTAB)
May 3, 2016

Transit Administration Building located at 1015 Transit Drive, Large Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM: Meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m.

Members Present: Brian Risley, Jim Egbert, Rick Hoover, Kyle Blakely, Scott Barnhart, Steve Murray

Staff Present: Tim Roberts, Traffic Engineering; Kate Brady, Traffic Engineering; Kelli Patrick, Public Works; Brian Vitulli, City Transit

Others Present: Becky Fuller, ONEN; Jane Morgan; Melody Griffin; Bob Loevy, ONEN; Richard Sullivan; Bill Escovitz; Mike Anderson; Pat Doyle, ONEN; Scott Philips, PPACG; Aubrey Day, YMCA

Changes to Agenda: Item 5B moved to follow Consent Items

II. CITIZEN COMMENT: None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Mr. Blakely motions to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2016 meeting, Mr. Egbert seconds; motion passes unanimously.**

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Public Works Dashboard

- Mr. Hoover asked a question regarding the location of the bridge on Platte.
- There was clarification on the chart for fund status.

There were no comments on the following Consent Items.

B. Transit Report

C. PPRTA CAC Monthly Report

D. ATAC Report

E. Airport Advisory Commission Report

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2016-2019 Bike Program Priority Project List

This item was heard following item V.B.

- Tim Roberts updated the Board on changes to the Bike Program Priority Project List.
- This was presented to ATAC last month.
- ATAC requested the 30th/31st project be included to 2016 to tie in with the W. Colorado project.
- A public meeting is scheduled for May 19th regarding Research.
- Not all of 2015 projects have been done.

Mr. Murray motions to approve the ATAC recommended Bike Priority List; Mr. Blakely seconds; motion passes unanimously.

B. Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Plan for the Old North End

This item was heard following Consent Items

- A public information meeting will be held later this evening from 5:00-7:00pm at the City Auditorium.
- Tim Roberts gave a brief presentation.
- There are four arterial streets that run through the Old North End neighborhood.
- Approximately 33,700 vehicles per day on all four north/south roadways.
- Capacity for all four roadways is 120,000 vehicles per day.
- This project will right size these roads
- Will repurpose lanes on Cascade, Weber, Wahsatch, Fontanero and Nevada.
- Further analysis will be done for Uintah.
- Implementation will be done over two years.
- Cascade, Weber and Fontanero will be implemented the summer of 2016.
- Nevada and Wahsatch will be implemented in 2017.
- Included is a one year data collection period with a report back to City Council.
- On Cascade, two lanes will be extended to Willamette from Jackson.
- Colorado College pedestrian crossings will be reduced from 4 to 2 and the flashing beacons will be removed.
- There will be a median treatment to force pedestrians to use the pedestrian crossings.
- Weber will have two lanes from Willamette to Jackson, repurposing other lanes to bike lanes, and restriping at intersections.
- Fontanero from El Paso to Cascade will go from 4 lanes to 2.
- In the summer of 2017 Nevada will go from 4 lanes to 2 north of San Miguel.
- There will be a public process to determine what to do with the other lanes.
- Wahsatch will go to 2 lanes from Jackson Street to Willamette Street.
- There will be a speed reduction on Cascade to 30 mph.
- There was discussion regarding speed limits on each street.
- Further discussion ensued regarding what data will be collected during the year-long assessment.
- It was mentioned that the Master Plan recommends an “all or nothing” approach.
- General sentiment and traffic counts will be the main determination whether the project stays as is, or is taken out.
- The Board discussed whether traffic will divert to another street, and whether Transit will create diversion.

Public Comment

- Becky Fuller stated she does not agree with the City’s implementation plan, there are metrics missing, the bus stops on Nevada are not appropriate, and more time is needed-this doesn’t need to be done this quickly.
- Melody Griffith stated there was no notification about bus lines being put on Nevada, now there is a bus every 15 minutes, Nevada is taking that burden.
- Jane Morgan mention 2008 roundabouts, the ONEN board is not elected but does great work, and asked about parallel parking and traffic calming. Mr. Roberts replied that anything on that

takes space on the road calms traffic, and possible visibility is why some parallel parking was removed.

- Richard Sullivan stated the proposed plan is almost universally discouraged, that this is a Colorado College problem. He also asked if there is enough bicycle traffic to add this many new bicycle lanes, buses block traffic getting back into traffic lanes, backups will cause traffic to move to other streets, and most don't understand why the problem has to hit all this area.
- Scott Goldstein asked about ADA upgrades, and Mr. Roberts advised this is striping only.
- Mike Anderson questioned using the repurposed lanes on Nevada as bus lanes, Nevada doesn't meet ASHTO standards, and adding buses creates an unsafe road.
- Bill Escovitz urged the Board to oppose the proposal, as it is already difficult to go east/west and if all cars are in one lane it will create a longer barrier. Further this will push cars to other streets. He also stated from 2006-2012 there were no serious accidents.
- Bob Loevy stated the ONEN Pedestrian and Bike Safety Committee are not traffic engineers, that implementation should be left to traffic engineering. The Board has decided they would like the plan to go to City Council with the implementation plan to be adopted.
- Aubrey Day stated ATAC supports the safety sizing of streets and making streets safer for all users. Ms Day also clarified the ATAC supported an "all at once" implementation plan.
- Becky Fuller stated the implementation plan is the City's, the ONEN Board has no opinion and the written plan is the only one from ONEN.
- Mr. Risley asked if Nevada is right sized would the citizens support the plan.
- Becky Fuller stated there isn't enough information, there are trust issues, information to the public is insufficient, and this is a significant change. She further stated she's not comfortable making a recommendation for her neighbors and it feels sketchy. Asks for more public input.
- Bill Escovitz asked about the impact to parking spaces. Mr. Roberts advised no parking would be removed.
- Melody Griffin noted residents have already lost parking in front of their house due to the bus stops.
- Jane Morgan voiced concern that this would move traffic to Nevada where there's an elementary school. She stated the problem at Colorado College should be fixed, and the flashing lights are a problem. She suggested using Weber as a test. When Boulder tried right sizing it was reversed in 3 months.
- Pat Doyle stated the ONEN Board voted on a plan that has nothing within it that has to do with Colorado College. The plan was turned over to the City. The plan has concurrency, and City staff has taken a look at that. The concurrency is now there. She asked if there is a way to revisit the bus lines throughout this process. Mr. Robert stated that could be part of the north Nevada discussions. She can understand why the rest of the neighborhood wants to look at traffic calming.
- Mike Anderson stated he does support the ONEN plan. He stated it needs to be done all at once, as there is significant risk that the roads in the second year won't be done. City staff has changed the ONEN plan a little by possibly using the freed up lane as Transit lanes. If the speed limits are the same it would be preferable. He believes this is a window of opportunity to get something done, however the buses are causing a lot of issues on Nevada and they would like fair consideration.
- Discussion returned to the Board.
- Mr. Blakely asked about cost implications. Mr. Roberts stated there is staffing issues, timing, and the discussion regarding the use for traffic lanes.
- Mr. Egbert voiced concern about getting public input, and feels it is premature to take this to Council, and would like two separate proposals to go to Council. If Council wants to act fast, the plan is good. If Council can wait, he would like to see something that deals with the whole area, including the buses.

- Kate Brady stated the main driver of the plan is traffic calming and the bicycle piece is secondary.
- There was discussion about the upcoming public meeting which is city-wide. There has been 2 ONEN meetings and this was presented at the ATAC too.
- Further discussion ensued about the implementation, public process, the bus lines, and safety.
- Mr. Hoover suggested CTAB could hold a special meeting in order to bring this back soon enough it needs to go to Council in June.

Mr. Egbert motions to table this until information is collected at the Public Meeting, with the possibility of a special meeting for CTAB to act on this issue, Mr. Murray seconds; motion passes unanimously.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS COMMUNICATIONS:

- Brian Vitulli advised Craig Blewitt presented to City Council the plan to assess service to north hospitals. He asked for support for looking into partnerships. Transit will assess the need.
- Mr. Egbert stated the issue of services there that are not available any other place should not be a factor.
- Brian also stated there was over 7 months of work to roll out the service changes to Nevada bus lines. There are limited stops and they are in City ROW.
- Kate Brady advised that June is Colorado Bike Month. There is a local bike summit on the 3rd, and Bike to Work day is on the 22nd. She is going to Council later this month for a Bike Month resolution. Kate will email flyers to the Board.

VIII. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE AND TOPICS

- If there is a special meeting it will be on the plan for the Old North End.
- PPACG 2040 Plan.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.