



# MINUTES

Friday, April 19, 2013

## **RAQC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Andy Spielman, *Chairman, Hogan Lovells*  
Steve Hogan, *City of Aurora*  
Darryl Jones, *Coventry Development*  
Elise Jones, *Boulder County*  
Bob Murphy, *City of Lakewood*  
Paul Natale, *Citizen*  
John Putnam, *Kaplan, Kirsch, & Rockwell, LLP*  
Jennifer Schaufele, *Denver Regional Council of Governments*  
Joyce Thomas, *City of Federal Heights*  
Tracy Winfree, *City of Boulder*

## **RAQC MEMEBERS NOT PRESENT**

Melissa Chalona, *CTL\Thompson Inc*  
Reeves Brown, *Colorado Department of Local Affairs*  
Eric Doering, *Citizen*  
Rick Garcia, *Department of Urban Housing and Development (advisory)*  
Don Hunt, *Colorado Department of Transportation*  
Doug Linkhart, *Denver Department of Environmental Health*  
Jackie Millet, *City of Lone Tree*  
Jep Semen, *Corporate Advocates*  
Skip Spensley, *Environmental Consultant*  
David Stewart, *EnCana Oil & Gas (USA)*  
Will Toor, *Southwest Energy Efficiency Project*  
Chris Urbina, *Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment*  
Phil Washington, *Regional Transportation District*  
Elena Wilken, *Colorado Association of Transit Agencies*

## **RAQC ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Debra Perkins-Smith, *Colorado Department of Transportation*  
Martha Rudolph, *Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment*

## **RAQC STAFF PRESENT**

Ken Lloyd, Meg Alderton, Lauren Beliles, Kate Cooke, Jerry Dilley, Misty Howell, Steve McCannon, Kate Ruygrok and Anne Ritter.

## **OTHERS PRESENT**

Stan Elmquist, North Front Range MPO; Karen Hancock, City of Aurora; Randy Harrison, and Margy Christiansen, RAQC.

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Chairman Spielman. A quorum was present.

### **Approval of Agenda**

**Paul Natale moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Elise Jones. Motion passed without objection.**

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Elise Jones moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by John Putnam . Motion passed without objection.**

### **Informational Items**

#### *Chair*

None.

#### *Executive Director*

None.

#### *Members*

None.

### **Public Comment**

Randy Harrison, Buechner Institute for Government invited Council to a workshop on May 22, 2013. The topic is public/private partnerships. He indicated that Mayor Steve Hogan, Aurora, is a scheduled speaker at the event. He will get information out to Council.

### **City of Lakewood's Planning Efforts to Prepare for the Opening of the West Light-Rail Line**

Mayor Bob Murphy provided Council with an overview of Lakewood's planning efforts to prepare for the West Light-Rail line. He outlined the timeline for the planning and construction which included: the Major Investment Study in 1995; the 1997 recommendation for 13<sup>th</sup> avenue; West Corridor fully funded through the FasTracks Ballot Measure in 2004; Construction begins in 2009; and Line opening on April 26, 2013.

Mayor Murphy said for Lakewood it was important to involve citizens in the process from the start. Once sites were selected, Lakewood initiated a public involvement process to develop the station area plans. He noted that all stations have their own zoning plans. Mayor Murphy shared the plan designs for each station. He said there are three types of stations: transformational, neighborhood infill and intensification.

Mayor Murphy provided an overview of the Sheridan catalytic site, which is "the 20 minute neighborhood". The goal was to create a neighborhood where one can walk safely and

conveniently to essential services, amenities, and transit within 20 minutes. He indicated that Denver and Lakewood each has separate plans for this station and then brought the plans together for the final plan.

He also shared the existing and upcoming station investments. He said housing has to lead the way for growth around stations. He shared that an art district has sprung up around the Lamar station site.

Mayor Murphy shared the lessons that were learned through this process, including:

- It's never too early to start planning
- RTD should acquire property early
- Get Inter-Government Agreements (IGAs) done early
- Get involved early in RTD design process
- Design first, then seek funding (bike bridges)
- Research: bring in experts (3ULI Tap panels)
- The Corridor must be viewed holistically
- Public involvement is vital – cultivate champions
- Differentiate stations
- Leverage Resources: DRCOG TIP, EPA Grants, CDOT funds
- Public Investments are essential
- Infrastructure challenges will require PPPs (Public-Private Partnerships)

Joyce Thomas said she attended a meeting where RTD explained the coordination between cities, schools and neighborhoods. She indicated that others should use this effort as an example as other projects move forward.

Council discussed whether there would be shuttles used to access the West line. Mayor Murphy indicated that Lakewood had discussions early in the process with RTD and there will be shuttles and other transit connections. Red Rocks Community College will have shuttles and Belmar will have shuttles during store hours to the Wadsworth station. Lakewood has had discussions with employers in the area to encourage shuttle use for employees.

Debra Perkins-Smith pointed out that communities need a vision and sometimes it takes time to accomplish the vision. This is a great example of working towards and accomplishing a vision.

In response to a question regarding what can be learned from Lakewood's investment in bike connections as part of this process, Mayor Murphy replied that it is important to get it right the first time. He said Lakewood did the planning first and then sought funding to make it happen.

#### *Public Comment*

Randy Harrison, Buechner Institute for Government, said land assembly is key and asked about Lakewood's planning process moving forward. Mayor Murphy indicated Lakewood is working with the Federal Center and it looking at large parcels on Oak Street as a potential investment.

Ken Lloyd expressed that Lakewood had a phenomenal planning process and integrated many of the things the RAQC has discussed previously regarding the interaction of transportation, land use and air quality.

### **Overview of CDOT's Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnerships (RAMP) Program**

Debra Perkins-Smith, CDOT, provided Council with information on CDOT's Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance and Partnerships (RAMP) program. She distributed handouts provided the evaluation criteria and application deadlines. She said for potential projects need to meet the following criteria:

- Project can be constructed/implemented within five years (December 2017).
- Project is consistent with Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan and CDOT Policies.
- On-system improvement projects only or integrated state highway systems (not applicable to Asset Categories: Facilities and Roadway Improvement).
- Must be able to provide sufficient information on additional eligibility and evaluation criteria.

Ms. Perkins-Smith provided Council with an overview of the categories and evaluation criteria specific to the Program 1: Asset Management and Operational Improvements (\$175 million) and the Program 2: Transportation Partnership Fund (\$125 million).

She indicated that transit is eligible for this funding.

Council discussion included what criteria would help with selection of multimodal managed lanes projects. Ms. Perkins-Smith said she expects to see Public-Private Partnerships propose managed lane projects. She said mobility is a primary criteria and that air quality can be approached through mobility.

Ms. Perkins-Smith also indicated that CDOT will be flexible as it looks at the varying needs of each corridor. She noted that US36 is a good model of how partnerships can work.

Tracy Winfree said that social equity was a concern that was heard from the public during the US36 managed lane project. She suggested that more outlined criteria would help citizens to understand the approach.

Ms. Perkins-Smith said that lessons learned through the RAMP process will be used in the State-Wide plan.

### **Discussion of Legislation of Interest**

Ken Lloyd summarized the bill status of legislation of interest for Council. A quorum was no longer present so no actions could be taken.

### **House Bill 13-1071**

This bill creates a means whereby collector vehicles 32 years or older could obtain collector plates in the future. As amended in committee, collector vehicles would still be required to pass

an emissions test every five years upon registration. A further amendment on the House floor added a 4,500-mile annual mileage limit to collector vehicles.

Ken indicated this bill passed the House of Representatives and Senate committees and is awaiting action on the Senate floor.

#### **House Bill 13-1091**

This bill would allow the AQCC to establish an alternative method for operators of heavy-duty vehicles to demonstrate compliance with opacity testing standards by following and submitting proof of exemplary maintenance practices. The bill also increases the model year exemption for new heavy-duty diesel vehicles in the fleet inspection program from two to four years.

Ken indicated this bill passed both houses and was signed into law by the Governor on 4/4/13.

#### **House Bill 13-1110**

This bill, among other things, would impose a decal fee on electric vehicles. As amended in committee, the bill would impose a \$30 annual registration fee that would be credited to the Highway Users Trust Fund for roadway maintenance, and an additional \$20 fee that would be credited to the Electric Vehicle Grant Fund operated by the Colorado Energy Office.

Ken indicated this bill passed the House of Representatives and Senate committees and is awaiting action on the Senate floor.

#### **Senate Bill 13-048**

This bill would allow cities and counties to use HUTF revenues for transit and bike/pedestrian investments. The bill is broadly supported by DRCOG, Metro Mayors Caucus, CML, DMCC, and other organizations.

Ken indicated this bill passed the Senate and House of Representatives. Senate concurred with House amendments.

### **Late Bills**

#### **Senate Bill 13-257**

This bill directs the AQCC to implement extending the model year exemption (MYE) from 4 to 7 years by January 1, 2014. The commission is also directed to adopt rules for the use of on-board diagnostic testing by the same date. In December 2012, the commission adopted regulation revisions extending the MYE to 7 years and implementing OBD testing effective January 1, 2015. The bill essentially accelerates the commission's action by one year.

Ken indicated this bill has been introduced and assigned to Senate Transportation committee on 4/9/13.

### **Summary of Oil and Gas Bills**

**House Bill 13-1267**, concerning increased penalties for violations by oil and gas operators, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

**House Bill 13-1268**, concerning a disclosure of possible separate ownership of the mineral estate in the sale of real property.

**House Bill 13-1269**, concerning the reduction of conflicts of interest within the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

**House Bill 13-1273**, concerning additional financial resources for local governments to address impacts caused by new oil and gas development and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

**House Bill 13-1275**, concerning the collection of human health data regarding oil and gas operations in counties near the front range.

**House Bill 13-1278**, concerning the reporting of oil spills, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

**Senate Bill 13-202**, concerning additional inspection of oil and gas facilities, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

### **Brief Update on RAQC Programs and Other Items of Interest**

#### **Charge Ahead Colorado**

Steve McCannon provided Council with an update on the RAQC's Clean Air Fleets Electric Vehicle/Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EV/EVSE) project. This partnership effort between the RAQC and Colorado Energy Office (CEO) is now called "Charge Ahead Colorado". He indicated the first round of applications have been reviewed and 13 public entities and two not-for-profit organizations have been awarded grant funding to support the purchase of electric vehicles and the expansion of electric vehicle infrastructure. The program provides financial support for the purchase of 10 EV fleet vehicles and the construction of 41 new EV charging stations across the state.

In response to a question, Steve said that the project review team is looking at state penetration as it reviews applications.

There was discussion regarding phone apps and other methods to find station locations and whether CEO has plans to create a statewide network. Steve indicated that the project is part of a four year grant and as the project moves forward there will be more strategic selection of EVSE locations.

#### *Public Comment*

Karen Hancock, City of Aurora, asked if the FEVER Electric Vehicle readiness plan was considered in the selections. Steve indicated the RAQC was part of the FEVER process and the plan is considered in its EV/EVSE granting process.

#### **Mow Down Pollution**

Kate Cooke informed Council that the RAQC has partnered with Suncor and Black and Decker to hold the Mow Down Pollution event again in 2013. The event will be held on May 11, 2013 at Dick's Sporting Goods Park parking lot H. Two models of electric mowers will be available and consumers will receive a deep discount for recycling a gasoline powered mower. Kate indicated the program goal is to sell 350 mowers, which is approximately 30 more than 2012.

**OzoneAware Program**

Meg Alderton provided Council with a brief overview of the new television spots for the 2013 season. She also informed Council of the development of the OzoMeter application which allows citizens to track their personal impact on air quality. The calculator can be accessed from OzoneAware.org.

**Topics for Next Meeting – Friday, May 31, 2013**

Council should send any topic suggestions to Ken Lloyd.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.