

# Transportation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Record

December 4, 2017

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## **Members Present**

Irene Fortune  
Bruce Croissant  
Mark Taylor  
Robert Massaro  
Jim Paulmeno  
Sal Gomez  
Councilor Kathi Wright

## **City Staff Present**

Brenda Browning  
Jodi Lessman  
Jeff Bailey  
Katie Guthrie  
Jason Licon  
David Eisenbraun

## **Members Absent**

Dave Martinez

## **Citizens Present**

Dean Warren

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

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## **Citizens Report**

Dean Warren introduces himself and explains he has started a cycling group here in Loveland. He is interested in learning more how the city works.

## **Regular Agenda Items**

### **Loveland/Fort Collins Airport Virtual Tower Presentation-Jason Licon, City of Loveland**

Presentation attached. Offered additional comments: There are currently 200 hangars at the airport and 100% are occupied. There is a four-year waiting list as well. Staff recognizes the need for an updated terminal and there are plans to do that in the future. Jason also clarified that the Airport does not receive CEFs. Jason explains there will be redundancies built into the new virtual tower system. The cameras used will be high tech and should continue to operate as expected through severe weather. The system will operate 12 hours a day during peak daylight hours. The operational schedule is currently two quarters behind the projected timeline shown in the presentation. The tower will be operational in one year, with a two-year testing period. After this two-year testing period, the FAA will certify the tower and turn it over to the City at no cost. The Air Traffic Controllers Union is now on board with this new tower, so the project continues to move forward.

### **HIP Streets Addendum-David Eisenbraun, City of Loveland**

Presentation attached. Additional details: The project will be completed in blocks, so the loss of parking spaces will not happen all at once. Eleven-foot travel lanes were suggested in order to help keep speeds slower through the area. There will be a four-foot flex space in between the travel lanes. Parking will be eliminated on 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Lincoln and Cleveland. Site furnishings will be consistent with those found in The Foundry. Infrastructure assessments will be conducted in order to prioritize blocks scheduled for improvement. Jeff Bailey adds that discussions are underway with the DDA for snow removal and other maintenance issues.

### **Review TAB Objectives for 2018 (Attached)**

Jeff Bailey asks members for comments on current objectives. Irene asks about objective #6 (Public Transit system). Jeff states he thinks this still applies and with the Paratransit and Fort Collins transition, issues will be brought before the Board before moving forward. Fixed line proposals will also

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be brought to TAB as well. Mark Taylor asks if we always must use the lowest responsible bidder on a project. Jeff explains that it is a requirement; however, there will be added provisions so only those contractors who are fully able to complete a project will be chosen in the future. Jeff re-states in reference to #7, the Master Transportation and Bike and Pedestrian Plan are being updated and will be combined in 2018. Kathi Wright mentions she has heard complaints about not having enough east-west connections. Jeff reports we are looking for every opportunity to create more access. The 37<sup>th</sup> Street project will provide connections on 37<sup>th</sup> over Dry Creek and will include a roundabout at Monroe and County Road 30. Access is so limited due to lakes and ditches.

### Upcoming Council Items: Reviewed.

- Traffic Optimization Grant - Amount is \$380,000 with no matching requirement. This will be used on the 34 corridor.
- PVH System Foundation Grant - Will be for a "Fix it" stand at Bill Reed Middle School. This will be a place for bicycles to have minor repairs done. It will be the first of its kind in Loveland.
- Railroad Ave CDBG-DR Grant - Amount is \$500,000
- W 4<sup>th</sup> Street Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Improvements Grant - Is just under \$300,000
- North Front Range Regional Wasteshed Coalition Update – This group includes representatives from Loveland, Fort Collins, Larimer County and other surrounding communities who currently use the Larimer County Landfill. The landfill is fast approaching capacity and this group is addressing future alternatives.

### Council Report:

Because this is her first meeting, Councilor Wright shares information about herself. She moved to Loveland 40 years ago and mentions that Loveland is twice the size as it was then. She previously worked for the City of Loveland for 13 years and then for the Boys and Girls Club for 18 years most recently as the Executive Director. She loves rail and is looking forward to learning a lot about Transportation.

### Staff Report:

Jeff Bailey:

- Streets CEF update –Jeff explains that Streets CEFs (Capital Expansion Fees) are calculated on a different formula than all other CEFs. The previous four quarters of CDOT's construction costs are used in the formula. Money is paid by a developer to pay for growth. It is not used for maintenance. The fee is also referred to as an impact fee due to the "impact" the developer's project has on the City as a whole. The City can use these funds as needed.
- Garfield Avenue Update-Paving continues and striping will follow. Should be re-opened to traffic in two weeks. This project is holding up the Highway 287 Curves project and is 1 month behind the set deadline.
- YAC Update-Katie Guthrie reports the YAC (Youth Advisory Commission) is prepping for their upcoming Washington DC trip. They are pursuing the Transit Platform and will attend their first Poster Session at that time. In preparation, they will have a survey on Open City Hall in a couple of weeks. Everyone will be able to respond.
- Jeff adds that the Boards and Commissions appreciation event will be held March 8, 2018 from 6-8 p.m. at the Police and Courts building. Further, Steve Adams will be visiting the Transportation Advisory Board and will share information about the Boards and Commissions survey. More information will follow.

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### Board Member Reports:

Sal Gomez:

Nothing to report

Bob Massaro:

Nothing to report

Bruce Croissant:

Noticed on Cleveland Avenue south of Eisenhower Blvd. (Bus Route 300), there are two bus stops approximately 30 feet apart from one another. Neither are being maintained very well. Only needs to be one stop rather than two. The alley between Cleveland/Lincoln at 15<sup>th</sup> has had concrete poured and looks very nice. The alley just north of Sprouts has been spruced up as well. Curb and gutter work has been completed and it looks good as well. Jeff Bailey adds the curb and gutter work is part of the ADA standards upgrade. The alley behind Taco Johns has also been updated and unfortunately is now a speedway. Staff is currently looking to address that concern. Bruce reports he presented at the US 34 PEL meeting. He would also like to mention that the bike path between Loveland and Fort Collins has not been constructed well. Jeff explains that is a Larimer County project. Bruce asks about the Transit Center. Jeff reports that Great West is interested in working with Loveland on the depot building. The foundation is rotted and cannot be moved, however, there is hope parts and pieces can be used. Design is to start in the coming weeks. There is a grant opportunity for the Transit Center that is being looked into as well. Sal Gomez reports large piles of rock have been left along the road up the Buckhorn. Feels this is unsafe, especially for motorcyclists. Jeff suggests Larimer County be contacted since that is in the county.

Mark Taylor:

Would like to see light rail along the Front Range, especially between Fort Collins and Loveland. What would be the cost? Jeff suggests Dave Klockeman or other informed speakers be invited to present on the rail system at a future meeting.

Jim Paulmeno:

Reports he attended the US34 PEL meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended and different stations were set up where information could be found. He did not view a formal presentation however. Jeff shares that the formal presentations were at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. These were short in length and could have been seen as simple introductions to the meeting.

Irene Fortune:

Would like to see trash cans at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Street bus stops, especially by the recreation trail. Inquires if anything has been done to stop engine brakes from being used on 50<sup>th</sup> between Taft and Wilson. Jeff reports this was forwarded to Traffic and will follow up. Irene would like signs posted in both directions.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.