

**ACTION MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
January 12, 2009**

The meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board was called to order by Nick Wolfrum at 6:05 p.m. in the Twin Sister's Conference Room in the Development Services Center.

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nick Wolfrum called the meeting to order and called roll. Board members present were: Veronica Sommers, Gary Hodges, Buzz Feldman, Baldwin Ranson, and Casey Jones.

City staff present were: Bob Ball, Phil Greenwald, and Nick Wolfrum. Council Liaison, Gabe Santos, was also present.

Gary Hodges made a motion to nominate Veronica Sommers for TAB Chairperson. Buzz Feldman seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Gary Hodges made a motion to nominate Buzz Feldman for Vice-Chairperson. Veronica Sommers seconded the motion. Passed unanimously

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING (:35) – Buzz Feldman had one change to the minutes. #7. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS – Buzz believes that it should be "Transportation Engineering" instead of "Traffic Engineering". **Gary Hodges made a motion to approve the November 10, 2008 TAB Minutes with the noted change.** Buzz Feldman seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

3. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF (1:07)

Live Well Longmont Community Task Force – Live Well is a movement designed to ensure that healthy lifestyle choices are always available and convenient for all who work, live, play in our community. This group is doing a lot of work on bicycling and walking. Phil Greenwald asked for a volunteer from the TAB to sit on this task force. Buzz Feldman volunteered. Thanks, Buzz.

Citizens Advisory Committee for FasTracks – Phil also asked for a TAB member as a volunteer to serve as a City of Longmont representative for this committee. These meeting are held in Denver. Veronica Sommers volunteered. Thanks, Veronica.

4. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

No public was present.

5. NEW BUSINESS

2009 TAB Work Program (10:19) – Staff presented the following suggestions for the 2009 TAB Work Program:

1. Transit Planning
 - a. FasTracks
 - b. North I-25 D/FEIS
 - c. Local Ridership
 - d. Regional Ridership
2. Pedestrian/Bicycle
 - a. City-wide Pedestrian Crossing Treatment Guidelines
 - b. City-wide School Crossing Guard and School Speed Zone Guidelines

- c. Downtown Pedestrian issues
- d. Missing Sidewalk Links
- e. Missing Bicycle Connections for Recreation and Utility Use
- f. Bicycle Friendly Community Update
3. Regional Transportation Planning
 - a. Highway 119 Corridor
 - b. Highway 66 Corridor
 - c. DRCOG Transportation Improvement Program projects
4. Transportation Funding
 - a. Street Fund Sales Tax Extension
 - i. How Much?
 - ii. For How Long?
 - iii. What does it Fund?
 - b. Public Education and Involvement
 - i. Survey
5. Longmont Area Comprehensive Plan
 - a. Annexation Requests
 - b. Land Use Amendments
 - c. Multi-Modal Plan Amendments
6. 2009 Transportation Program Update
 - a. Specific Projects
 - i. Martin Street Extension
 - ii. County Line Road, Phase 1
 - iii. Hover / SH 66 intersection Improvements
 - iv. 2009 TSM Program
 - v. 2009 Street Rehabilitation Program
 - vi. Main Street – Options for changes to Main Street in Downtown Longmont
7. 2010 – 2014 Capital Improvement Program Review
8. Neighborhood Traffic Mitigation Program Projects
 - a. Overall Review
 - b. Review of Candidate Projects
9. Review of Traffic Accident Data
10. Congestion Benchmark and Discussion of Possible Revisions
11. Railroad Crossing Quiet Zone Planning

Chairperson Sommers would like to include Bicycle Safety Education under #2.

Gary would like to see something in the development planning that would require developers to try to use existing intersections for projects instead of looking at a new signalized intersection first with the goal being to minimize traffic signals. Per Nick, the development of an Access Control Plan is the best way to control signal requests. Veronica suggested adding in alternatives to traffic signals education under section #5.

Gary would like to include opportunities to talk about issues that are important to the individual board members.

Casey Jones noted that parking structures/parking supply is important to the transportation system and should be included in the Work Program. Nick will bring information to the Board on the proposed parking structure/commercial development at 3rd & Kimbark.

2009 Street Fund Budget (1:16) – The 2009 Sales and use tax projections are lower than what was projected at the time the City's 2009 budget was being prepared in 2008. Since the primary funding source

for the Street Fund is the ¾ cent Street Fund Sales and Use Tax, this is projected to have an impact on the revenues anticipated for the 2009 Street Fund Budget. Nick Wolfrum made a presentation on the proposed changes to the Street Fund Budget for 2009 based on the worst-case scenario. No TAB feedback was required.

Pedestrian Issues (1:35) - In 2008, at the July and August meetings, the TAB discussed the broad topic of pedestrian issues in Longmont, with a focus on how to improve pedestrian access in Longmont. Bob Ball has been researching and working on new guidelines for pedestrian crossing treatments, as well as crossing guards and speed zones near schools. Staff is looking for input from the TAB as the guidelines are developed. Staff anticipates discussions on this topic at upcoming TAB meetings with the ultimate goal of taking this item to City Council for review, consideration and adoption.

Bob Ball made the Pedestrian Issues presentation.

It would be helpful to look at some of our pedestrian crossings and apply Boulder's standards to them to determine associated costs, etc.

Staff will look at the criteria, compare it to criteria from other cities, fine tune it, and adopt an official policy. That way people will know what to expect City-wide. Draft a policy that will be reviewed by the TAB and then sent onto City Council for official adoption. The focus has been on long streets where there aren't logical breaks in traffic (i.e. Hover Road, 9th Avenue).

6. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

7. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

TAB Recommendations to Council – Gary Hodges asked that when the TAB makes a recommendation, the outcome is brought back to the TAB. Nick agreed that this should be done and will make it a priority.

Learn About Staff and Other TAB Members - Casey Jones requested more information about staff members and TAB members.

Thanks to Staff – Buzz Feldman great packet this month with interesting items. Good job!

8. COMMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

There was none.

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Short Introductions
Pedestrian Issues Update
Council Retreat Feedback
TAB Work Program

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.