

**DRAFT ACTION MINUTES  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
June 22, 2009**

The June 22, 2009 meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board was called to order by Board Vice-Chair Feldman at 6:00 p.m. in the Twin Sister's Conference Room in the Development Services Center.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Board members present were: Gary Hodges, Buzz Feldman, Casey Jones, and Baldwin Ranson. Veronica Sommers was absent.

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

**2. APPROVE MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING (:35) – Baldy Ranson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2009 TAB meeting.** Buzz Feldman seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

**3. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF (1:07)**

**4. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

No public was present.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

Update on 2009 Capital Improvement Projects (7:30) – Work is underway on the following projects which are focused on maintaining and improving the City's Street and Transportation System:

Street Rehabilitation and Concrete Repair Programs  
County Line Improvements Project  
Martin Street Improvements Project  
Hover Street Bridge over Lefthand Creek  
SH66 and Hover Street Intersection Improvement Project  
Airport Road from Nelson Road to 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Chipseal Project  
Colorado Department of Transportation's SH 66 Whitetopping Project (CDOT Managed Project)

The City projects are funded through the City's ¾ cent Street Fund Sale and Use Tax.

Tom Street, Sr. Civil Engineer, and Nick Wolfrum explained each project in detail. No action from TAB was requested.

2010-2014 Capital Improvement Program (54:18) - The process of creating the City's Annual Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) has begun and will continue for the next several months, concluding with adoption of the City's 2010 Budget. The first year of the 2010 to 2014 CIP is reflected in the 2010 Operating Budget, while the remaining four years are longer range planning tool.

As the TAB is aware, the primary funding source for maintenance and improvements to the City's street and transportation system is the existing ¾ cent Street Fund Sales Tax. Revenue projections for the 2009 Street Fund Budget project the ¾ cent Street Fund Sales tax as approximately 64% of the total Street Fund Revenues. With the current five-year extension of the Street Fund Sales Tax ending December 31, 2011, the final three years of this projected five-year CIP does not include the ¾ cent Sales Tax revenues, which of course significantly impacts both operation and maintenance operation funding and the funding of capital projects.

Nick Wolfrum went over the various projects and the projected funding capacity of the Street Fund. TAB recommendations to Council will need to be finalized at either the July or August TAB meeting.

No action from TAB was requested. However, staff anticipates asking TAB in a few months to recommend projects for future funding.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

Update on Street Fund Sales Tax Election (1:53) – While there is uniform support for the extension of the Street Fund Sales Tax, there has been some discussion at Council level about the appropriate timing and whether this issue should go to the 2009 ballot based on concerns about the poor condition of the economy.

While waiting to see the results of the 2009 Customer Satisfaction Survey which are due out in mid to late July, the majority of Council seemed interested in moving forward with a 2009 ballot question. Council directed staff to move forward with preparation of educational information to be sent to the public.

Nick Wolfrum gave a brief update on the Street Fund Sales Tax election and current survey questions on the City website. Results from that survey may be available sometime in July. The City must decide by August whether to hold this Street Fund Sales Tax ballot measure in 2009.

## **7. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

TAB Member Emails - Gary Hodges asked whether there were any issues with TAB member emails needing to be made available to the public. Nick Wolfrum responded that as long as TAB members use Council Member Santos' public email address when he's included in the email, those emails are automatically made available for adequate public review.

Signal Timing- Gary Hodges asked why a traffic light will often almost immediately switch to a side street late at night, causing cars on the major street to stop. City staff responded that signals operate "free" late at night so that side street traffic doesn't have to wait a long time for a green light when there is little or no traffic on the major street. Some signals also have advance detectors that keep the light green for the major street until there is a break in traffic during "free" operation.

Missing End School Zone Sign - Casey Jones asked whether a missing "End School Zone" sign has been installed along 17<sup>th</sup> Ave / Hygiene Rd; staff responded that we thought it had been installed.

Federal Authorization Act of 2009 - Casey Jones mentioned that information about the upcoming Federal Authorization Act of 2009 is being made available.

## **8. ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA**

Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment designating Boston Avenue as a collector from future Martin Street to Price Road

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.