

**ACTION MINUTES  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
July 21, 2008**

The July 21, 2008 meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board was called to order by Board Chair Sommers at 6:05 p.m. in the Twin Sister's Conference Room in the Development Services Center.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Board members present were: Veronica Sommers, Buzz Feldman, and Noella Fritz. Gary Hodges and David McCulloch were absent.

City staff present were: Nick Wolfrum, Joni Marsh, Phil Greenwald, and Cindy McIntosh. Council Liaison, Gabe Santos, was also present.

**2. APPROVE MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING (:49) – Veronica Sommers made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2008 TAB meeting.** Noella Fritz seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

**3. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF (2:09)**

RTD Update – In September, Cal Marsales from RTD will be making a presentation on the status of the FasTracks project. A joint TAB/City Council meeting may be held so only one presentation will need to be made.

**4. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD**

No public was present.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

Colorado Materials Annexation (5:17) – Joni Marsh, Principal Planner, presented this project. **Chair Sommers made a motion that the TAB has no issues with the Colorado Materials Annexation as presented.** Buzz Feldman seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Fairgrounds Marketplace Annexation (15:48) – Katie Press, Developer Representative, was present for the Fairgrounds Marketplace discussion. Joni Marsh, Principal Planner, presented this project. **Chair Sommers made a motion that the TAB has no transportation issues with the Fairgrounds Marketplace Annexation except to ensure that there will be good bicycle/pedestrian connections to the south when the intersection is rebuilt.** Noella Fritz seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Review of Pedestrian Issues in Longmont (38:11) – Nick Wolfrum presented this issue looking for TAB input on formalizing an official City of Longmont policy. Nick did not anticipate that this item would be completed in one discussion; it will be brought back before the TAB at a future meeting.

TAB comments/suggestions:

Some citizens are unsafe while riding bicycles by riding double and/or without helmets. Parents don't enforce helmets rules; ideally, it should be state law that kids up to age 15 are required to wear helmets. Is it possible to offer free helmets in conjunction with the Safe Routes to School Program? Per staff, currently helmets are given away at Rhythm on the River and through the Police Department.

With the rising gas prices and more cyclists on the road, bicycle/pedestrian safety education efforts need to be ramped up. One resource is the newspaper. Include information on how to safely use crosswalks. Per Nick, education will be ongoing.

Provide the TAB members with statistics on bicycle accidents without helmets.

Look at unmarked crossings at Columbine Elementary School.

Add the name of the intersecting streets for location markers on greenway paths. Also, directional signs to the greenway would be helpful.

During p.m. peak, 9<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Avenues are barriers for pedestrians due to the signal spacing. Four-lane arterials in residential areas should be part of a future discussion. Per staff, this is a difficult issue because crosswalks can create an unrealistic feeling of safety.

Discussion of this issue will be continued a future TAB meeting.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

There were no Old Business items on the agenda.

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

Status of Emery Street Vacation (1:20) – Chair Sommers asked about for an update. The application has been suspended.

## **8. COMMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL LIAISON**

Term Limits for City of Longmont Board Members (1:22)– City Council voted to limit board members to two consecutive terms on a board. This policy has not yet taken affect and the clock will start ticking once it has been officially adopted.

## **9. NEXT AGENDA (1:30)**

At a future meeting:

Continue conversation regarding pedestrian issues  
Report of Boulder crosswalks

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 (1:28) p.m.