

**ACTION MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
September 28, 2009**

The September 28, 2009 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, Gary Hodges, and Baldwin Ranson.

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

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING (:35) – Gary Hodges made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2009 TAB meeting. Baldwin Ranson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

3. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF (1:30)

TAB Vacancies – Veronica Sommers' term expires in December, 2009 and there is a current vacancy with Casey Jones' resignation. Any vacancy will be filled during Longmont's annual recruitment process. Staff will check on the specifics of the newly instated City of Longmont board term limit and will email the information to the board members.

Planters at 6th & Main Blocking Site Distance – Bob Ball researched this issue that Gary Hodges raised at the August meeting. It is a signalized intersection and if you go up to the curb you can see around. In the downtown area, many intersections have items like planters and benches that cause site distance problems.

4. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

No public was present.

5. NEW BUSINESS

RTD Update (5:00) – Jeff Dunning and Jeff Beckman were present to report on the bus service portion of RTD (call-n-Ride, Longmontster buses, BOLT, J and L routes). RTD also discussed upcoming efforts to provide more effective bus service in Longmont in the coming years.

RTD provided the following ridership information to the TAB:

Average Weekday Longmont Ridership
2009 Update (all data are Calendar Year except 2009, which is a floating month period)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>Bolt</u>	<u>J</u>	<u>L</u>
2009	700	1,403	271	1,198
2008	781	1,462	288	1,178
2007	821	1,323	223	1,054
2006	800	1,242	241	906
2005	803	1,065	210	805
2004	649	803	134	799

Route 325 was discontinued in May 2008 which may have affected ridership. Routes 326 and 327 were also restructured, which also may have affected ridership. In all cases, ridership is up by approximately 50% in the past five years. The regional ridership numbers have stayed high due to gas prices.

The cities of Fort Collins and Loveland have applied for and received a CMAQ grant to expand the existing routes to Berthoud and Longmont. It is hoped that the routes will be in service as early as March 2010. Larimer County is not part of the RTD service; they have their own bus service. The service will run every hour from approximately 6 a.m. – 7 p.m. weekdays and Saturday. Fort Collins buses and maintenance facility will be utilized.

RTD is in preliminary discussions with Boulder County regarding the Transit and Trails Tax. Boulder County has started collecting this money and they have money to spend on improved transit service. Money has been spent on Lafayette, Erie, and Louisville but nothing as of yet in Longmont. RTD is in discussions with Boulder County about paying for some additional RTD services that would benefit Longmont such as returning the BOLT to a 30 minute frequency instead of hourly, and changing Route L to every hour instead of every two hours and adding a late night Route L, as well as a few others improvements. Whatever improvements are decided upon may be implemented in January 2010.

On Demand Task Force – This group is charged with coordinating and improving RTD on demand services (i.e. Call n Ride and Special Transit). New technology to automate scheduling is now in place. Once a customer is set up, they can go online to request services. The system will send a text message/email to the customer to notify them that their ride will arrive soon. Staff requested that the TAB members support this valuable endeavor.

Sustainability Task Force – Chairperson Sommers asked for a volunteer from the TAB to attend three meetings – October 7, November 12, and December 16 from 4-6. Baldy Ranson volunteered.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Street Fund Sales Tax – November Ballot Issue - As previously discussed, City Council has placed a five-year extension of the existing ¾ cent Street Fund Sales Tax on the November ballot. Staff has been making educational presentations on this ballot issue to various civic groups. Staff is allowed to make educational presentations but cannot speak out in support or opposition to this ballot issue.

Presentations are currently scheduled for the following:

- Twin Peaks Rotary – Thursday, October 1, 2009 at noon
- Chamber of Commerce – Friday, October 2, 2009 at 8:00 am

In addition, there is an opportunity for someone to speak at the Times Call Election Forum on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 6:00 pm at Silver Creek High School. Chairperson Sommers volunteered to participate in this event. This event is taped and replayed on Channel 3. Nick will email out the details for upcoming events. Letters to the Editor are very valuable if someone is so inclined to write in.

2010 – 2014 Capital Improvement Program - At the July 2009 meeting, staff presented the TAB with the project information being submitted as part of the City's five-year Capital Improvement Program for 2010–2014. City Council will be acting on that in October, and it would be appropriate for the Board to make recommendations to City Council on Transportation related projects.

The TAB members were given the five-year Fund Statements for the Street Fund and Transportation Community Investment Fee Fund. These are the funding sources for Transportation and Street related

projects. The Street Fund Statement only shows funding through 2011 because of the expiration of the ¾ cent Street Fund Sales Tax. Options for the Board were:

1. Recommend that City Council adopt the Street Fund and Transportation Community Investment Fee Funds as submitted.
2. Recommend that City Council adopt the Street Fund and Transportation Community Investment Fee Funds with specific changes identified by the Transportation Advisory Board.

Chairperson Sommers made a motion to recommend that City Council adopt the Street Fund and Transportation Community Investment Fee Funds as submitted. Gary Hodges seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

2009 TAB Work Plan Status – Bob Ball briefly described the 2009 TAB Work Plan summary table, and answered questions about their status.

7. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

There was none.

8. COMMENTS FROM CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m