

Transportation and Mobility Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 13, 2017

Time: 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Location: 201 West Colfax Avenue, 1.B.6

Attendees

Committee Members:

1. Stewart Tucker Lundy
2. Stuart Anderson
3. John Desmond
4. Jill Lacontore
5. K.C. Matthews
6. Katie McKenna
7. Joel Noble
8. Rosemary Stoffel
9. Piep van Heuven
10. Marshall Vanderburg
11. Jeff Walker
12. Tangier Barnes Wright
13. Renee Martinez-Stone
14. Monique Lovato
15. Councilwoman Mary Beth Susman
16. Steve Kaplan
17. Nicole Portee

City Staff:

1. Cindy Patton
2. Steve Nalley
3. Crissy Fanganello

Members of the Public (speakers):

1. Kate Williams
2. Krystin Trustman
3. Heather Noyes
4. Dennis McFerrin
5. Santiago Jaramillo
6. Anne Kuchenmeister
7. Jamie Harris
8. Barbara McFarland
9. Sean O'Connell
10. John Riecke
11. Barbara Metzger
12. Barb Weiske
13. Gertia Grant

- 14. Jerry Guida
- 15. Chad King and Leslie Twarogowski
- 16. Lynne Brown
- 17. David Griggs

Meeting Notes

Public Comment

- Seventeen members of the public had signed up for public comment. The committee agreed to take 30 minutes of public comment and limit each speaker to two minutes. Members of the public in attendance who had not signed up were invited to sign up to speak at next Thursday's committee meeting.
- Seventeen members of the public spoke.
 - o Four recommended funding improvements to Colfax Avenue
 - o Three recommended funding improvements to Morrison Road
 - o Two recommended funding \$42 million worth of citywide sidewalk gaps
 - o Two recommended funding the Alameda underpass reconstruction
 - o One each recommended funding
 - Transit projects generally
 - Intersection improvements on University
 - Auraria connectivity improvements
 - multimodal improvements on Alameda between Steele and Colorado
 - Mobility improvements to Federal
 - Santa Fe walkability improvements

Agency Presentation of Public Projects

City staff addressed questions that had arisen last week related to the City's annual capital maintenance program. It was noted that there is only \$13M on average in discretionary funding available each year compared to our deferred maintenance needs. The bond provides the City an opportunity to catch up on those deferred maintenance projects every 10 or so years. A recent analysis of city-owned assets identified nearly \$800 million in deferred maintenance, of which about \$543 million is associated with transportation assets.

City staff summarized the project development process. A significant amount of time ranging from about six to twenty-four months is required for each of the following project phases: neighborhood planning, transportation network planning, corridor plan, concept, conceptual design, final design, and construction. Rarely are projects funded from concept to construction, instead relying on incremental infusions of resources to move them from phase to phase.

City staff presented on 23 projects/project categories submitted by the public and members of City Council during the general obligation bond public engagement process in November and December 2016. Projects were divided into various categories and cost estimates were provided to the extent possible. The cost estimates have not been validated by city engineers. The project categories included the following:

- **Already in Development:** these projects are already in progress to one degree or another but additional suggestions were made during public engagement. These include:
 - o 23rd Avenue Bridge: CDOT just completed \$3 million worth of repairs on bridge, proposal is for additional multimodal lanes (estimated cost: \$12 million)

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- Blake Street Connections: two-way conversion from Broadway to Downing (estimated cost: \$4 million)
- High Line Canal Connection: underpass at Yale remains unfunded (estimated cost: \$3.7 million)
- **Corridor Projects:** project characteristics include additional lanes, medians, and intersection improvements.
- **Streetscape Projects:** project characteristics include sidewalk widening, crossing improvements, street trees, landscaping, lighting, benches, and public art. City staff presented on the following projects:
 - East Colfax Upgrades: between East Montclair/East Colfax Neighborhood Plan (estimated cost: undetermined)
 - Morrison Road Improvements: between Sheridan to Alameda (estimated cost: \$20 million)
 - Santa Fe Corridor Improvements: between 6th and 13th (estimated cost: \$20.5 million)
 - Federal Streetscape Improvements: from Federal Business Improvement District (estimated cost: \$3 million based on comparable projects)
- **Station Area Connections:** project characteristics include improved crossings of major arterials and ped/bike trail connections. City staff presented on the following projects:
 - Buchtel and Colorado Intersection Improvements (estimated cost: \$8 million)
 - Colorado Station Ped/Bike Access: improvements to various streets around station (estimated cost: \$400,000)
 - Southmoor Station Pedestrian Access: land acquisition would be necessary (estimated cost: undetermined)
 - Yale Station Pedestrian Safety: suite of traffic safety measures and signal installation (estimated cost: \$1.2 million)
- **Pedestrian Improvements:** general requests for intersections. City staff presented on the following projects:
 - Central Streets Improvements (estimated cost: undetermined)
 - Citywide Crosswalk Improvements (estimated cost: \$50,000 to \$80,000 per intersection assuming this is bond eligible)
 - Green Valley Ranch Pedestrian Improvements (estimated cost: undetermined)
 - Park Hill Pedestrian Improvements (estimated cost: undetermined)
 - Safe Routes to Schools: physical infrastructure only (estimated cost: undetermined)
 - Pedestrian Safety Improvements: improvements in city infrastructure at intersections and mid-block locations citywide (estimated cost: \$6.4 million)
 - Tennyson Street Pedestrian Improvements: between Sloans Lake and Berkeley Park (estimated cost: \$11.3 million)
 - Connecting Auraria: Auraria/Downtown Connection Vision Plan (estimated cost \$17.5M)
- Members of the committee discussed undetermined project costs and the possibility of partial funding for projects.

Wrap-up

- At the April 20 meeting, city staff will address questions committee members have about all projects. If committee members can send questions to city staff by Monday, April 24, staff will ensure the right people are in the room to answer them.