

2017 General Obligation Bond Meeting Minutes

Transportation and Mobility Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2017

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

Location: 201 West Colfax Avenue, 4.F.6

Attendees

Committee Members:

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

City Staff:

1. Cindy Patton
2. Steve Nalley

Members of the Public (speakers): One member present.

Meeting Notes

Introduction

- A scheduling conflict will prevent the committee from holding its final meeting on May 4. The committee discussed when the final meeting should be and decided on Thursday, May 11 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The next committee meeting will take place Thursday, April 27 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- One member of the public signed up to speak. The speaker shared a handout of projects plotted on the equity map and recommended funding Morrison Road improvements.

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- City staff distributed written public comments that had been submitted over the past week, written answers to questions committee members had submitted, and a map of projects.
- The committee chair shared the update he had received that due to higher assessed property values the overall bond issuance would likely be in the \$800 to \$900 million range rather than the \$500 to \$600 million range. In light of this, he recommended that the committee prioritize \$500 million worth of transportation and mobility projects.

Project Selection: Round One

- The committee chair reminded committee members that they were selected to represent the city. If any committee member felt he or she may have a perceived conflict of interest with a project, the chair encouraged them to disclose it before selecting a project.
- The committee discussed deferred maintenance, specifically arterial and collector repaving, curb and gutter rehabilitation, and major bridge rehabilitation. The committee suggested that deferred maintenance is a structural problem which requires a structural solution. Other members of the committee expressed concern and suggested different percentage maximums to put towards maintenance projects. The committee ultimately decided not to eliminate or set a cap on maintenance projects but agreed that no one would nominate any of the three maintenance projects specified in the first round of selections.

The committee members provided disclosure of any perceived conflicts of interest. The following were projects that committee member disclosed as having a perceived conflict of interest on: West 13th Avenue multimodal improvements project, 1st Avenue complete street project, portion of the 1st and Steele multimodal improvements, Buchtel and the Colorado intersection improvements project including Colorado Station bike/ped access improvements project, Federal and citywide streetscape improvement project, and Festival Streets.

Committee members discussed the following projects selected as priority projects by committee members: 56th Avenue from Havana to Pena, Alameda underpass replacement, Colfax Corridor Improvements, Colfax bus rapid transit, 47th and York, Citywide Sidewalks, Citywide Bike Infrastructure, Broadway Multimodal Improvements from Colfax to I-25, Morrison Road improvements, and 8th Avenue bridge reconstruction. The committee chair and co-chair chose to not select a project for inclusion in the recommended project list.

- After the first round of project selections, the list totaled \$449.2 million for the specified phases of projects. The chair then gave committee members an opportunity to amend the project they had submitted or challenge other committee members to amend the project they had submitted.
- The committee discussed the Colfax Bus Rapid Transit project, the 56th Avenue project and the Peoria Multimodal Improvements Project.
- The final project list after the first round of selections and amendments totaled \$367.4 million.

Project Selection: Round Two

- The committee then decided to do the same exercise again. The chair suggested that this round of projects be described as Tier 4 since the first round of project selections totaled enough to more than fill the first three \$100 million tiers.

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- The following projects were discussed in the round two selection: Santa Fe Corridor Improvements , Alameda Parkway from Madison to Colorado, 16th Street Mall plan implementation, Sheridan Sidewalks, citywide pedestrian safety improvements, Speer/Leetsdale multimodal improvements, Washington Street reconstruction between 47th and 52nd, additional corridor transit implementation, 38th Street underpass capacity improvements at a phased cost of \$17 million to focus on bike improvements, Connecting Auraria at a phased cost of \$8.5 million to focus on the Larimer road diet and rebuilding the Larimer bridge, Jewell/Evans station pedestrian bridge, additional corridor transit implementation, West Colfax transit enhancements, Overland to Ruby Hill pedestrian bridge, 40th and Colorado connectivity, Broadway-Kentucky intersection reconfiguration, and the Sand Creek regional greenway trail Quebec connection.
- The total number of projects identified for Tier 4 totals \$209.2 million. Combined with Tier 1, the projects identified total \$576.6 million.

Wrap-up

- The committee chair said that at the next meeting the committee will need to break out the Tier 1 projects into Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 projects with each tier. They will do so by making and voting on motions to move projects to different tiers in at least \$50 million increments.