



Broomfield City Council Training and Travel Report

Elected Official Name: Greg Stokes Councilmember Ward 4, Mayor Pro Tem

Date of Travel or Training: April 13, 14, 15 2016

Description of Travel or Training: Individual meetings with the elected member of Congress and their transportation support staff. This included Congressman Polis, Congressman Perlmutter, Congressman Buck, Senator Gardner, and Senator Bennet and Congresswoman DeGette's staff. Other meetings focused on local issues with the staff of the US Dept of Transportation as well as congressional transportation legislative staff.

Total Amount Expended: Airfare: \$372.41, Hotel: \$570.22, Meals: \$94.77, Parking and transportation \$84.08 Total: \$1,121.48

(include airfare, hotel, registration, and all other reimbursements)

How this Travel Benefits the Citizens of Broomfield:

This is a trip organized by the Consortium of Mayors and County Commissioners along the US 36 corridor to provide updates to the US Congressional Delegation representing us. This is a regular trip where there is typically a strong "ask" related to funding of highway or transportation needs in the corridor, as well as a development of relationships with our elected representatives. This year was more updates and less "ask." A list of the attendees is attached, including the Mayors and Commissioners and representatives from CDOT, HPTE, RTD and US36 Commuting Solutions.

The consortium prepared briefing material regarding US36 progress including partnership updates, updates on Bus Rapid Transit (BRT -Flatiron Flyer) and requests for more attention to arterial BRT in underserved areas. A request was made for attention to full time bi-directional HOV on I-25 from US36 to Denver. The same presentation was given to each elected member with a local Mayor leading the discussion (These were strategically established at a coordination meeting just prior to first congressional meeting). We acknowledged each member's support of the recent FAST (Funding America's Surface Transportation) Act that provided more certainty to transportation funding for the near future.

There was some individual support for CDOT's TIGER Grant application for North I-25 (because they were with us and it is the only Colorado CDOT application) and for Westminster's smaller TIGER Grant Application for improving at-grade crossings on the US36 Bike corridor. TIGER is Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, a competitive grant program of the US Transportation department. Additional discussion with elected and the Federal Rail Authority staff was around the federal train horn regulations and to encourage railroad operators to work with local governments.

Additional benefits came from interaction and relationship building with Mayors and Commissioners regarding local issues only. One specific discussion was regarding the repairs of the washed out access road near Dillon and 287. (Sept 2013 Flood – National TV coverage).



Senator Cory Gardner has an historic photo of Broomfield's Depot (Now Museum) in his office



Congressman Coffman
HPTE's David Spector to Right of Coffman Stokes speaking



Senator Bennet Meeting

- Pictured left to right:
 Superior Mayor Clint Folsom
 Eire Mayor pro tem Mark Gruber
 Lafayette Mayor Christine Berg
 Boulder Commissioner Elise Jones
 Senator Bennet
 Boulder Mayor Suzanne Jones
 Louisville Mayor Dr. Robert Muckle
 Longmont Councilmember Joan Peck



Congressman Polis (right) Gia on far right



Broomfield Transportation Director Debra Baskett (Left)