



Broomfield City Council Training and Travel Report

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

Date of Travel or Training: September 11,12,13 2016

Description of Travel or Training: The International Bridge Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA.org) has as its mission to advance Toll Financed transportation. It was hosted in Denver this year creating a unique opportunity for participation that did not require travel or hotel expenses.

Total Amount Expended: Mileage: \$77.32, Registration \$1,1015 for a total of \$1,092.32. There were also \$30 in parking fees that I did not request reimbursement.

How this Training Benefits the Citizens of Broomfield:

Broomfield is unique in its geography in that it is connected to or directly impacted by no fewer than 5 different current or planned toll roads. I am Chairman of the Northwest Parkway Public Highway Authority, a road primarily in Broomfield. I am Vice Chair of the Jefferson Parkway public Highway Authority, a road that is planned to begin (or end?) in Broomfield, and I also sit on the E-470 board as ex-officio member representing Broomfield. All of the current roads also use E-470's Express Toll back office system, including US36 and I-25. These relationships are important to Broomfield.

Sunday I was invited to a special forum related to the governance of tolling authorities where I was able to interact with other authority members from around the country and one international. I also met with a member of IBTTA exec board. Our discussions around toll collection, toll pricing, toll management and standardization were especially informative for both current and planned operations. Networking with HPTE Board and Staff as well as CDOT staff started on this Sunday meeting as well.

Monday and Tuesday included general sessions and breakout sessions. Monday had a Keynote speech by Pete McBride, a photographer and documentary filmmaker that works for National Geographic well as himself. He presented a very informative short film on the Colorado River and Water in Colorado. I suggest following him on Instagram @PedroMcBride.

I attended a focus on Colorado presentation from CDOT Director Shailen Bhatt along with RTD, Metro Denver Chamber's Kelly Brough and E470s Tim Stewart. Much of this was reinforcing the challenges and our participation in meeting those for future transportation projects.

Of specific interest was a breakout on funding and financing including a Moody's analyst and an elected official from Texas as well as some consulting company representatives. Innovative solutions will have to involve partnerships with private entities, and I have a personal bias that we are not getting enough of this done considering the scope of funding shortfalls especially in RTD and in New construction dollars at CDOT.

Between sessions and available after the meetings were convention style booth presentations where I was able to interact with our current NWParkway Concessionaire BRISA and talk to various promoters of technology and services that help me understand my role better in terms of asking questions and managing an operator of such toll roads. Also of interest was heat sensing technology that might be used for HOV3 (not without privacy issues) – It is not ready yet. Other opportunities in traffic management systems were also fascinating as I know that both E470 and Northwest Parkway now have 100% video coverage of the road available already with some other tools in use.

Another breakout was related to collaborative work, so I was familiar with all of the speakers, including HPTE, Plenary, HPTE, E-470 and a legal representative that I work with regularly.

I attended a networking event hosted by Icenogle, Seaver – the firm represents us on Northwest Parkway and Jefferson Parkway. There were staff and electeds from E470, Jefferson Parkway and others. The history of the development of the toll roads was of interest.

I returned early Tuesday to attend the council meeting, I did not attend the IBTTA business meeting Wednesday, as it appeared to be staff focused rather than elected or governance related.