Broomfield City Council Training and Travel Report

Elected Official Name: Patrick Quinn

Date of Travel or Training: June 1, 2 and 3

Description of Travel or Training: The mayors and commissioners along US 36 (US 36 MCC) are actively engaged in the completion of the Managed Lanes from Pecos to Boulder which includes Bus Rapid Transit (“BRT”). While numerous BRT elements have been requested by the US 36 MCC, the phasing and ultimate funding for BRT has not been determined. Accordingly, the US 36 MCC, and its partners at the Regional Transportation District and Colorado Department of Transportation (see attached for attendees) visited Los Angeles to learn about LA Metro’s overall BRT system, including its integration in a region wide rapid-transit system. Also see attached for the agenda.

Total Amount Expended: $787.84
(include airfare, hotel, registration, and all other reimbursements)

How this Travel or Training Benefitted the Citizens of Broomfield:
1. First and foremost, the opportunity to spend two days with our partners from the US 36 corridor and CDOT and RTD allows Broomfield to actively participate in the process and ultimate decisions to be made regarding BRT. I developed relationships with both RTD and CDOT that I did not have before and further strengthened Broomfield’s relationships with our neighbors.
2. Since BRT is a new concept for Denver, it was beneficial to learn from Metro staff the lessons learned in their development of managed lanes on I-10 and I-110 and construction and operation of the Orange Line BRT in the San Fernando Valley. It also gave the US 36 MCC an opportunity to begin to prioritize the elements we want such as branding, intelligent next bus signs and off bus fare collection which speeds the loading and reduces travel time. Additionally, we agreed that US 36 is more of a regional BRT compared to the Orange Line local system so our specifications for buses will be different. Participants also learned that center loading stations on the Silver Line, have disadvantages allowing US 36 MCC members to be more accepting of the side loading stations along US 36.
3. Stephanie Wiggins Executive Officer for the LA managed lanes is a great resource for the Colorado HPTE. She is two years ahead of HPTE in identifying tolling technology to be used for HOT vehicles on buffer separated managed lanes. Tolling technology must be easy for end users, enforcers and accounting. The Metro will be using a switchable transponder so drivers can declare if they are an SOV or car pool with 2 or 3 occupants. Such transponder is compatible with other systems in the LA area.
U.S. 36 Tour of Los Angeles Bus Rapid Transit

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Agenda

RTD, CDOT, US 36 Mayors & Commissioners Coalition (MCC) and 36 Commuting Solutions

Visit to Los Angeles

Highland Park Room, 25th Floor

Thursday, June 2, 2011

8:00am Meet in Hotel Lobby for escort to Metro Headquarters

8:30am – 8:45 Welcome from Metro Chief Executive Officer, Art Leahy

8:45am - 9:00 Introduction of Denver Guest and Overview of US 36 Project

9:00am – 10:00 Hot Lanes in Los Angeles County: Metro ExpressLanes Program and Silver Line Service
Stephanie Wiggins, Executive Officer and Conan Cheung, Deputy Executive Officer

10:00am - 10:10 Break

10:10am – 11:00 Orange Line Project
Gary Spivack, Transportation Operations Manager Division 8

11:00am – 11:30 Metro Branding & Marketing
Matt Raymond, Chief Communications Officer

11:30am – 12:00N TAP Presentation
Jim Pachan, Director TAP Technical Systems

12:00N – 12:30pm Metro Bike Program
Anthony Jusay, Transportation Planning Manager

12:30pm – 1:30pm Lunch & Presentation by Scott Page, Manager, Service Planning

1:30pm - 4:30p Tour of El Monte Busway and Harbor Transitway

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Metro
Friday, June 3, 2011

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Tour of Orange Line
Biltmore Hotel Lobby

8:00am – Meet Scott Page in Hotel Lobby
Board Metro Red Line to North Hollywood

9:15am – Depart on Orange Line to Warner Center. Tour provided by Ralph Gray, Operations Assistant Manager, Division 8

10:00am – 10:30 – Arrive Warner Center

10:30am – Depart for Metro Red Line Universal Station, board train for Hollywood/Highland Station

11:30am – Lunch at Rolling Stone Restaurant & Lounge, Hollywood/Highland

2:00pm – Depart Hollywood/Highland to Hotel

2:45pm – Depart Hotel to LAX