



Southwest Rail Extension Stakeholder Meeting Notes
Monday, November 2, 2015

Attendees:

- RTD: Pranaya Shrestha, Bill Van Meter, David Genova, Susan Wood, Chuck Sisk, Andy Mutz, Henry Stoppolecamp, Kent Bagly, Joni Goheen
- Douglas County: Jill Repella, Roger Partridge, David Weaver
- Highlands Ranch Metro District: Rick Owens, Vicky Starkey, Carolyn Schierholz, Nancy Smith, Renee Anderson, Jim Worley, Allen Dreher, Bruce Lebsack, Jeff Case, Terry Nolan

Kent Bagley opened the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Status Update:

- SE corridor had a cash contribution of \$25 million plus \$10 million from other sources. They expect to get \$95 million from federal funds and \$65 million from RTD. Total cost \$234 million.
- SW corridor is not currently a candidate for federal funding. A study will be conducted in 2016 to determine if the SW corridor would then be eligible for federal dollars.
- RTD facing significant challenges with operation and maintenance costs. This is prompting a Fare Study.
- Planning Station Area Master Plan for Mineral station in 2016.

Outcome of Summer Discussions:

- Questions were asked about the SW rail extension ridership numbers, the impact of the widening of C470 and the OZONE impact. Recommend partners consider alternatives such as a parking structure.
- Concerns about reduced RTD services while taxes are still going to RTD.

Discussions:

- Highlands Ranch under utilization of Park and Rides; what are possible alternatives / incentives.
- Alternative income sources were discussed including charging for parking through a third party.
- Douglas County is working on unique solutions to Douglas County transit needs.
- RTD model shows funding beginning to become available for unfunded FasTracks projects in the late 2020's.

Meeting closed at 7:15 p.m.