

## **Community Forum Recap**

**Greeley, April 12, 2007**

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### **Agenda:**

- 5:00 – 5:30 Open/Boards
- 5:30 – 5:40 Welcome/Agenda
- 5:40 – 6:00 Presentation
- 6:10 – 6:40 Road/Transit table discussion
- 6:40 – 7:10 Road/Transit table discussion
- 7:15 – Table Reports
- 7:30 – 8:00 Questions/look at table maps

### **Map Summaries (A – Roadways, B – Transit/Multi-Modal):**

#### **1A**

##### **Key Messages about regional roadways**

- Connect Greeley to FTC, Loveland, and Denver by using alternative routes (not I-25, 34 or 85)
- Signal coordination on US 85
- More focus on 85 both north and south

##### **Top 3 regional roadway priorities to be addressed by RTA**

- US 85 – signals, GSC, bypass towns, interchanges, etc
- US 34 - signals, GSC, bypass towns, interchanges, etc

##### **What other connections are also important to you?**

- Loveland and Fort Collins

##### **What voters need to know?**

- Matching federal funds available
- Cost more in the future to improve
- Alternative to fossil fuels
- Impact on new development – should be fees

##### **Other Comments**

- Well tax – oil and gas development
- Rail line downtown
- Connectors around Greeley – 8<sup>th</sup> ave

#### **1B**

##### **Key Messages about regional transit/multimodal planning**

- Express bus between Greeley, FTC, Loveland and Denver
- Regional bus system with frequency of stops
- Accessibility important
- Need transit / BRT for employment
- Reserve rail ROW and get Greeley connected with Denver

##### **Short term priorities – What transit/multimodal connections do we need to provide first?**

- Greeley to Denver, then to FTC and Loveland
- Connect to west medical services
- 8<sup>th</sup> Ave
- Increased frequency

### **Future transit vision**

- High speed rail
- More buses
- Energy efficient trains
- New Mexico to Wyoming

### **Affordable first steps to move toward vision**

- Northern FREX to Denver
- Greeley to FTC express buses
- Route 6 onto 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- Preserve rail ROW

### **Ideas for local connections**

- Route 6 onto 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.

## **2A**

### **Key Messages about regional roadways**

- Future congestion
- Timelines for improvements
- Spending now and in the future
- Pavement maintenance
- Fuel taxes – tied to inflation

### **Top 3 regional roadway priorities to be addressed by RTA**

- Keep Hwy 85 free flowing (freeway)
- Twin Rivers Parkway (SH 60 to SH 392)
- Maintenance on what we have now

### **What other connections are also important to you?**

- Parallel road to Hwy 34
- Cloverleafs at I-25 & 34
- Extend 35<sup>th</sup> Ave to Hwy 85 – bridge over platte

### **What voters need to know?**

- Need to help voters know this is a real problem
- Educate about different funding options – sales tax, fuel, drivers license fee, etc
- The RTA will make a real difference in what's get done in the region

### **Other Comments**

- Is the MPO and RTA boundary meant to be the same?

## **2B**

### **Key Messages about regional transit/multimodal planning**

- Keep buses
- Bring Rail, secure ROW
- Compatible with RTD

### **Short term priorities – What transit/multimodal connections do we need to provide first?**

- 85
- BRT on 34 Loveland to FTC
- Large circle to connect all communities

### **Future transit vision**

- Regional system – BRT and Rail
- I-25 Bimodal system
- Regional thinking is required

### **Affordable first steps to move toward vision**

- Regional bus transit district
- Start buying needed ROW now!
- Support of major employers to use regional bus for employees
- Map our vision then make land use plans to be in sync
- Use timeline/planning to get things done

### **Ideas for local connections**

- Rail repair facility now exists
- Connect Northern Colorado with DIA

## **3A**

### **Key Messages about regional roadways**

- I-25/34 developer funded, not RTA funds
- Reduce lights on 34 bypass/limit new lights
- Reduce lights on 85/limit new lights

### **Top 3 regional roadway priorities to be addressed by RTA**

- Interchanges throughout 85 to Brighton

### **What other connections are also important to you?**

- Kersey out of reserve ROW
- Not having the data, priority should be on getting residents jobs
- O Street connectivity

### **What voters need to know?**

- Cost and how the money is raised
- Improved transportation will get them to their jobs
- Will state and feds do less if we have an RTA? Need to explain this.
- They will get more time with their families

### **Other Comments**

- Less emphasis on Greeley to FTC because no current congestion

## **3B**

### **Key Messages about regional transit/multimodal planning**

- Park and ride concept
- US 85 corridor south to Commerce City / Denver metro
- 85 be a true transportation corridor
- Concern about local/internal government movement once there

### **Short term priorities – What transit/multimodal connections do we need to provide first?**

- BRT US 85 Station at US 85 and US 34 (gets to UNC)
- Express bus along 85 to Denver
- Island Grove as possible park and ride
- Service connection to local employment centers

**Future transit vision**

Monorail system – less land, lower investment, goes over other roads, regional  
Regional demand response for mobility  
Select transit stops – BRT early, rail later  
Look to east for less congestion opportunities

**Affordable first steps to move toward vision**

Transit service along 85  
Sustain existing system both local and regional  
New intercity routes within the region and or/employment centers

**Ideas for local connections**

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**How do our region's transportation problems affect you on a daily basis?**

- Congestion between Greeley and Denver has worsened near Denver
- We only have a city system, which is very much of a problem
- A great deal since I can't drive
- Not enough bus service
- I chose to travel based on congestion. I never use I-25 during the week, and take E470 to Parker

**What do you see as the top transportation issue in the region?**

- Absence of foresight
- The city problem
- Local transportation
- Hwy 85 and Kennesburg cut off developed for connecting Greeley to Denver
- Public transit, buses, trains, etc
- Connectivity by bus with major employers

**What additional transportation projects would you like to see addressed?**

- Transit station in Greeley near UNC
- How the regional system will hook up to the city systems
- Community service
- Regional rapid transit bus connections between Greeley, Windsor, FTC and Loveland
- More public transit
- Enhance Hwy 85

**Help us identify organizations interested in our transportation future:**

- Bus/Steering Greeley

**Additional Feedback regarding the transportation future of Northern Colorado:**

- When the RTA goes on the ballot you need to explain to the public why! How will it benefit both the community as a regional system?
- Need road/bus to DIA from 85
- We need voters to realize the difference it will make to have a better transportation system.
- I work greatly with local transportation and have contacted many RTD and RTA members
- The boundaries of the transportation district have to be increased to the south to make it material to the citizens of Greeley
- Connections to Denver (other than I-25) are important to Greeley for employee travel and to locate new employers in the Greeley area