



City of Arvada  
ARVADA GOLD LINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
January 25, 2006  
6:00 – 7:30  
Council Conference Room

Members Present

Kip Davis  
Georg Ek  
Bernard Kionka  
John Malito – City Council Member  
Mike Maus  
Anthony McEahern  
Robert Revis  
Jane Schnabel  
Bob Wilson

Staff Present

Kevin Nichols  
Edward Stafford

I. Introductions

Committee members introduced themselves.

II. Comments on Minutes from December 7, 2005

Revisions were offered to the minutes and they were approved with the corrections.

III. Arvada Station Area Planning Project Update

Kevin Nichols, Senior Planner with the Arvada Community Development Department, made a presentation to the committee about the City's Light Rail Station Planning project. The committee discussed ideas for the three stations in Arvada. The committee also discussed some the challenges that the Sheridan station presents, but also agreed that it will have some opportunities for a different style of station.

The committee also expressed interest in the status Wheat Ridge's planning for the Ward Road station and also station planning efforts of other jurisdictions along the Gold Line. Bob Wilson provided an update on the Wards Road station from Larry Schultz (Wheat Ridge City Council). A public meeting was held last Tuesday by Wheat Ridge to discuss the project. They have hired Winston and Associates as a consultant to help with the planning process.

IV. GLAC Participation in Station Area Planning Project

The final process for this project has not been determined, but the GLAC may have a seat on the steering committee. Mike Maus indicated he would be interested in representing the GLAC, and Bob Wilson volunteered to be the alternate. Bernie Kionka also indicated he would be interested in serving on the steering committee if another person was needed.

V. Update on Gold Line and FasTracks Program

The RTD Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Gold Line Environmental Impact Study (EIS) was released in late 2005 and responses are due in late February. RTD will then select a consultant team and prepare a contract. The EIS is expected to start in the late spring of 2006.

VI. Future Events

RTD is planning to have a ground breaking for FasTracks early this summer. On April 6 the Metro Denver People Oriented Places conference will be presented by the Transit Alliance.

On February 23, 2006 CDOT will hold a briefing for elected officials on transportation issues. GLAC is welcome to attend this event.

VII. Other Items

RTD is accepting applications for community members who want to be on the RTD FasTracks Citizens Advisory committee. Members were encouraged to complete an application and submit it to RTD if they are interested.

Committee member attendance was discussed, and the chair and vice-chair agreed to contact members that have not been in attendance recently to ascertain if there are still interested in the committee and to encourage their active participation.

Future meeting topics were discussed and included: Station Area Master Planning stakeholder interview, a presentation by HOTA, an presentation by the City of Englewood on what works and what they would change at their current stations along the Southwest light rail line, a presentation on the Pecos Street grade separation project, Jon Esty with Colorado Rail, Bob Briggs about the Front Range Commuter Rail project, and a presentation by the EIS consultant.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 29, 2006 at 6:00 PM in the Council Conference Room.