



Transit Strategic Plan Financial Advisory Committee

Oct 9, 2008

5:00 – 6:30

Poudre Fire Authority Station 14
2109 Westchase Drive, Fort Collins

Committee Members:

Present: Gary Thomas, Robert Heath, Dan Gould, Donna Chapel, Doug Johnson, Dan Hill, Kitty Wild, and Mary Atchison

Absent: Dave Edwards

Others Present:

Facilitator: Tess Heffernan

Staff: Kurt Ravenschlag (City of Fort Collins), Denise Weston (City of Fort Collins), Nicole Hahn (City of Fort Collins), Marcy Abreo (City of Loveland), Ed Schumm (David Evans and Associates), and Adam Orens (BBC Research and Consulting)

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by facilitator, Tess Heffernan.

1. *Welcome and Introductions:*
2. *Review Operating Agreements:* Tess discussed the committee purpose and scope, timeline, roles, and guidelines for meeting discussion and decision-making. The group agreed to the guidelines. Tess also mentioned that Fort Collins was more heavily represented by the group, and asked how the Loveland members and staff wanted to address this. Marcy said that she knew this group to be sound in decision making and was fine to proceed as is. She said that if Loveland were to add another member they would have them by the next meeting.
3. *TSP Operations Planning Status:* Ed Schumm of David Evans and Associates updated the group on the planning process. Ed explained that they have been working on gathering data and completing the first round of public outreach and stakeholder meetings. The first products produced include a technical memorandum of existing service characteristics for Transfort, PSD High School Access Analysis, and an Evaluation of proposed service in 2002 Transfort Strategic Plan. Ed mentioned that Loveland's memorandum of existing service characteristics will soon follow as they are waiting for more baseline data. Ed explained that as the planning process continues he will update the group with cost information and an interactive process will take place. Ed was asked what

the timeline of the plan is. He answered that it will be planned to take place prior to 2015 with the assumption that we find the necessary funding.

4. *Financial Planning/ Funding Analysis Process:* Adam Orens of BBC Research and Consulting led a discussion of the evaluation criteria of the different funding mechanisms this group will examine. He informed the group of the possible revenue mechanisms and funding alternatives. Adam discussed the current revenue sources for Fort Collins and Loveland, both of which are heavily dependant on the general fund. Some sources that were mentioned during the discussion included The Center for Transportation Excellence at www.cfte.org. This site looks at funding information for transportation initiatives. Another site that was referenced was www.apta.org that discusses the benefits of riding transit. The group discussed looking at this in a number of different ways including a Fort Collins/ Loveland entity and as separate communities. The final conclusion was to focus on funding solutions that will work for both communities together and as individual entities.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Follow-up Actions

1. Staff was asked to provide the percent of the General fund that Fort Collins and Loveland provides to transit operations.

Agency	Total 2007 General Fund	Transit Portion	% of City wide General Fund
Transfort	\$85,141,707	\$4,796,934	5.6%
COLT	\$52,696,900	\$342,356	0.65%

Next Meeting :

October 23, 2008

5:00 – 6:30 pm

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