

Arvada Transportation Advisory Committee meeting February 26, 2025, 5:30 pm

Members present: Dan Roussin, Bob Fifer, Cyndi Stovall, Jim Arndt, Jadwiga Brown, Jon Girand, Lydia Meyer, Jesse Dubin

1. Public Comments

- a. Comments were made regarding:
 - i. Concern about safety of Olde Town parking garage regarding limited lighting
 - ii. Concern about development of warehouse/distribution center near 63rd and McIntyre

2. Minutes Approval

- a. Jon Girand moved to approve the minutes.
- b. Jim Arndt seconded the motion.

3. Climate Action and Sustainability Plan Updates - Nalini Margaitis

- a. Plan is 90% complete
- b. Nalini Margaitis distributed a Transportation and Fleet Electrification Document which constitutes part of a GHG emission reduction plan to TAC members
- c. Transportation represented second highest source of GHG emission
 - i. Strategies specific for transportation GHG emissions (in progress):
 - 1. Implement travel demand strategies
 - 2. Install EV chargers across city facilities
 - 3. Conduct a third-party electrification analysis of city vehicles
 - 4. Continue a phased approach that aligns with current vehicle replacement process
 - 5. Work with CDOT to expand rail access via Mountain Rail, Front Range Passenger Rail and G-Line service
 - 6. Expand multimodal network at schools
 - 7. Create anti-idling ordinance
 - ii. Future strategies:
 - 1. Improve traffic control via signal timing
 - 2. Review 2022 State EV Equity study and recent state and federal EV tax credit programs
 - 3. Expand understanding of local transportation electrification benefits
 - 4. Work with RTD to support transit infrastructure, increase service frequency, expand vehicle-sharing opportunities, and travel demand management programs
 - 5. Examine goals and projects outlined in Arvada's Comprehensive plan, Transportation System Plan, Bike Master plan and state e-bike rebate program
 - iii. Jadwiga Brown raised concerns about Arvada's representation at Northwest Regional Council of RTD.
 - iv. Jon Girand mentioned congestion impacts to GHG emissions and air quality.

1. He raised concerns about whether micro-mobility strategies are feasible or impactful.
- v. Jadwiga Brown mentioned that these strategies may be more impactful in the future.
- vi. Dan Roussin mentioned that we are gathering data to support signal timing optimization.
 1. He mentioned the cost of rail.
- vii. Jesse Dubin brought up north-south bus rapid transit and connections to Olde Town.
- viii. Bob Fifer mentioned governance of RTD related to [SB25-161](#)
 1. Concerns about Arvada's tax contribution to RTD with limited service in the area
 2. Concerns about 30-minute headway discouraging transit usage
- d. Jon Girand requested that the GHG emission reduction plan be provided to the TAC prior to presentation to the City Council in April.
- e. The TAC will provide feedback to the Sustainability Committee via email.

4. City Updates - Chris Lisberg, Derek Fern

a. Derek Fern:

- i. Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator position has been filled
 1. Preparing presentation to the City Council on micro mobility
- ii. City Council workshop related to paid parking in Olde Town scheduled for May 27th, may be moved
- iii. Open house scheduled on March 19 for business owners in Olde Town to discuss paid parking plan
 1. Discussion from this open house will be shared with the City Council
- iv. The TAC discussed time limitations for parking enforcement
- v. Derek plans to conduct an open house for nearby residents.

b. Chris Lisberg:

- i. New City Engineer has been hired
 1. Assumed position in mid-December
 2. Previously manager of development engineering
- ii. City Traffic Engineer
 1. Staffing:
 - a. Bringing on someone to act as an interim City Traffic Engineer
 - b. Several candidates have applied recently
 - c. If both efforts are successful, staff augment would report as deputy to permanent City Traffic Engineer to address backlog of work to SOP
 2. 56 CIP projects and growing for 2025 and 2026
 - a. 6 projects are grant projects
 - b. Public works receives 6 Ask Arvada communications per day
 - i. Traffic is the largest source
 - ii. Pavement is close behind
 - c. Guard rail plan in draft form

- d. Signal maintenance plan
- e. Bridge program plan
- f. Pavement program plan
- g. Leyden emergency preparedness
- h. Wildfire preparedness plan
- 3. Chris plans to share memo with City Council regarding frozen grant funding
 - a. Will instruct teams to ensure coordination prior to bidding process to understand risks of grant freezing
 - b. Unsure of effects on staffing
- 4. Submitted grant application to 80th and Kipling for signal improvement
- 5. Kellee working on grant for Little Dry Creek area air quality mitigation
- 6. Micro mobility workshop (scooters)
 - a. Pilot may continue
 - b. Plan to revisit usage
- 7. Jon Girard inquired about draft grant submissions to DRCOG

5. Updates from Bob Fifer

- a. City Council will have retreat on March 28
- b. Infrastructure discussion likely
- c. Discussion on project and staff bandwidth, scope creep, etc.
- d. Reevaluate where City is directing money
- e. Chris Lisberg is directing staff to assess asset sustainability and staff project sustainability
 - i. Discussion regarding investment into asset management and timeframe of investment increase
 - ii. Discussion regarding sales tax ballot measure to support asset management
 - 1. Limited bonding capacity
 - iii. State losing revenue because of electric vehicle registration and lack of gas tax
 - iv. Federal dollars can't be applied to maintenance
 - 1. Only 17 cents of every federal dollar can be put towards maintenance
 - v. Diesel tax could be used to fund road maintenance
 - vi. Improving signal timing on 58th and 64th
- 6. Discussion about 2025 TAC goals
 - a. Jadwiga Brown mentioned that last year the TAC tried to provide a letter to City Council regarding mobility-on-demand
 - b. Considering selecting strategic goals to provide guidance to the City Council at a high level
 - c. Jadwiga Brown brought up discussion on collaboration with Colorado School of Mines regarding Quantum COmmon
 - i. Success with City of Golden and Orecart micro-mobility service
 - ii. Mobility-on-demand collaboration with Colorado School of Mines
 - d. Jim Arndt brought up coordinating with RTD to address transit deserts in Arvada
 - i. Discussion on City of Arvada communication with RTD

1. Relationship management moving forward; how can RTD work collaboratively with the City of Arvada to improve service?
 2. RTD currently lacks a COO so that may impede service improvement
 3. Sales and use tax for RTDs
- e. Dan Roussin brought up finalizing transportation system plan and working on that for the next year
 - i. Mentioned attainable projects in TSP
 - ii. Bold on signal and roundabout replacement
 - f. Bob Fifer brought up safe routes to schools for both walking and biking
 - i. Expanding biking and walking areas
 - g. Jon Girand mentioned providing a letter to prepare to send to the City Council retreat.
 - h. The TAC discussed using the 3-minute comment timeframe during the City Council meeting to bring goals to the City Council.
 - i. Jon Girand mentioned discussing the Jefferson County Parkway plan and connections to Hwy 93 at the City Council meeting in May.
 - j. Jon Girand mentioned that each TAC member should have a safe and healthy summer.
 - k. Jadwiga Brown brought up safety studies, Vision Zero.
 - i. Colorado Highway Traffic Safety Summit in Breckenridge this year
 - ii. Lack of a Vision Zero program does not limit grant application
 - iii. Interest in safety program for the City
 1. Take safety seriously for all modes of transportation
 2. How to improve safety messaging in the city to improve
 - l. Cyndi Stovall brought up discussion of TSP as guiding document
 - i. Improve horse crossing safety across Indiana
 - ii. Flashing beacons and paint on the roadway
 - m. Lydia Meyer brought up reviewing steps to construction
 - i. Utility corridors
 - ii. Right-of-way specific to utility corridors
 - iii. Local agency project
 - iv. Cities county and state
- 7. Missing meetings**
- a. Jon Girand moved to recommend that the Executive Committee notify City Council of members who have missed four or more meetings in the past year.

8. Adjourn