



Technical Advisory Group Meeting Summary

Wednesday, January 14, 2009

10:30 – 12:30 p.m.

Civic Center, Room 2108

Topics: Community Profile, Project Update

Attendance & Process Update

Attendance:

- **TAG Members:** Joe Hanke (DRCOG); Carol Maclennan (Tri-County Health); Stephen Smith (Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWR); Tom Reed (DIA); Joy Gerdom (School District 27J); Scott Tempel (Adams County)
- **Staff :** Steve Timms, Brian McBroom, Daren Sterling, Jenny Axmacher, Steve Timms, Pam Downs
- **Consultants:** Ben Herman, Shelby Sommer (Clarion Associates)

Process Update:

- Recent meetings with City Council, Planning Commission, Staff Working Group;
- Second round of community meetings are scheduled for late January and early February;
- Beginning to move on to the Vision and Guiding Principles and Growth Choices/Scenarios stage of the plan.

Discussion of Community Profile Information

The Consultant asked for feedback regarding the latest draft of the Community Profile and maps (sent to TAG members and available on project website www.CCCVision.com).

Suggested changes/additions include:

- Incorporate Health Profile (draft will be provided by Tri-County Health) as a separate profile document.
- Add information in the Profile regarding continuation of the practice of co-locating school parks and city park sites.
- Land acquisition for Turnberry Park should be 10 acres.
- School District 27J also covers portions of Thornton and Weld County.



- The Development Constraints section should include information about oil and gas wells.
- The Environmental Contamination section needs to be revised with only two superfund sites. Opportunities to redevelop brownfields should be added. Tri-County Health will discuss this with the planning team.
- A section about landfills should be added to the Utilities and Services section.
- Information about the South Adams County Water District IGA should be added to the Water Supply section.
- School District 27J will provide 2008 enrollment numbers. The grade levels table needs revision.
- Work on the Refuge Perimeter Trail is well underway. Nine miles are already open with two more miles expected to open soon.
- Information about the DIA master plan has been provided and should be incorporated into the Profile. DIA is a commercial service airport, while Front Range Airport is a general aviation airport.
- Noise contour units should be DNL instead of LDN.
- In the Transportation Issues section, acknowledge regional coordination spearheaded by DRCOG, especially with respect to traffic operations, and signalization.
- The North Areas Transit Evaluation Study should be incorporated into the Future Light Rail section.
- In the Bike and Pedestrian Network section, the reference to on-street bike lanes should be revised to designated bike routes.
- The DIA buffer zone, to the north of the airport, is owned by the city of Denver. Within the buffer zone, the only development permitted includes roads, trails, detention and fill.
- The area north of 120th between Piccadilly and Chambers is owned by the State Land Board. There may be an agreement with Barr Lake protecting this area. DRCOG will explore any intergovernmental agreements. Rick Anderson (Adams County) may also be able to provide insight.
- There is a potential 140+ acre law enforcement training facility for Adams County north of DIA.
- Some of the area northeast of DIA are designated as a receiving area for the Adams County/Barr Lake TDU program. Conflicts may exist with DIA noise and height contours. Scott Temple will look into this matter.
- The plan should ensure that the Commerce City and Adams County plans are compatible. Adams County will be updating its plan next year.
- The section about Adams County enclaves should be revised to reflect that most of the enclaves are developed, and may or may not annex.
- The schools map should identify future school sites to the extent feasible (some of the sites have been acquired, zoned, etc. while others are just general locations).
- The Plan and Policy Summary should include a summary of all noteworthy Intergovernmental Agreements, including Thornton, Brighton, Barr Lake, DIA, etc.



Next Steps

- The next TAG meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2009 to discuss development choices and scenarios.
- Two upcoming community meetings are scheduled:
 - Thursday, January 29, 2009 – Kearney Middle School, 6:00 p.m.
 - Wednesday, February 4, 2009 – Second Creek Elementary School, 6:00 p.m.