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## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

E-470 PUBLIC HIGHWAY AUTHORITY

Held: Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. All participation in this meeting was via online and telephone conference in order to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of the public in light of the imminent threat caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and due to the state of emergency declared by Governor Polis, as amended and extended, corresponding executive orders and public health orders, as amended and extended, and CDC recommendations against gathering in large groups in order to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Zoom Meeting - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89937728072> - Dial in Information: 346-248-7799 Webinar ID: 899 3772 8072.

Attendance: A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the E-470 Public Highway Authority was held as scheduled and in accordance with applicable statutes of the State of Colorado, with the following directors present:

Chaz Tedesco, Adams County Commissioner  
George Teal, Douglas County Commissioner  
Craig Hurst, Councilmember Commerce City  
Bill Holen, Arapahoe County Commissioner  
John Diak, Councilmember Town of Parker/DRCOG  
Francoise Bergan, Mayor Pro Tem City of Aurora  
Jessica Sandgren, Mayor Pro Tem City of Thornton/DRCOG  
Matt Johnston, Mayor Pro Tem City of Brighton

Wynne Shaw, Councilmember City of Lone Tree (*non-voting*)  
Laurie Anderson, Councilmember, City and County Broomfield (*non-voting*)  
Kelly Brown, CDOT/HPTE (*non-voting*)  
Doug Tisdale, RTD (*non-voting*)

Also present were: Jeff Baker, Commissioner, Arapahoe County (alternate); Peggy Catlin, RTD (alternate) (non-voting); Geoffrey Doctoroff, risk management supervisor, Terry Fabrizio, operations coordinator, Mark Ferguson, ePMO; Mark Gronowski, solutions delivery manager, Mike Hancock, procurement supervisor, Diane Lundquist, executive assistant, Jason Myers, finance director, Derek Slack, roadway maintenance manager, Ken Smith, information technology director, Tim Stewart, executive director, Briana Summers, accounting supervisor, Neil

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Thomson, engineering and roadway maintenance director, Ryan Thornton, IT infrastructure and operations senior manager and Maureen Walker, communications and public affairs manager, E-470 Public Highway Authority; Jack Nichols and Susan Ermisch, WSP; Michael Lund, Stifel; Dave Kristick, Atkins; Byron Fanning and Kurt Carlson, Parks and Open Space, Adams County; Kent Moorman, regional transportation engineer, City of Thornton; Jep Seman, ROADIS Counsel; Katherine Laco and Paul Thomas, Stream Landscape Architecture; Paula Thornton and P. Schulte, visitors; and Tamara Seaver, Icenogle Seaver Pogue, P.C.

Call to Order: Commissioner Tedesco noting the presence of a quorum of the directors, called the special meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Tedesco led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None.

Consent Calendar: Commissioner Teal noted he would abstain from the approval of the December meeting minutes as he was not a voting member at that time. Following Commissioner Teal's announcement, Commissioner Holen moved approval of the consent agenda, comprising minutes of December 10, 2020 and HNTB contract amendment increase. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bergan and thereafter approved by vote of 7 with Commissioner Teal abstaining.

Board Officer Nominations and Elections: Commissioner Tedesco then addressed the Board of Directors regarding the slate of potential officers discussed during the December Board meeting, Chair, Commissioner Tedesco; Vice-Chair Councilmember Diak, Treasurer Councilmember Hurst and Secretary; Mayor Pro Tem Bergan. Commissioner Tedesco asked if there was a desire to deviate from that slate or a desire to vote to approve the 2021 officers. There were no changes to the slate and Commissioner Teal moved to approve the 2021 slate of officers as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holen and approved unanimously by the Board.

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## Engineering and Roadway:

### Project Request from Adams County Open Space:

Mr. Stewart addressed the Board, noting the partnering with member jurisdictions under the Authority's Projects Policy and Adams County Open Space trail IGA. Mr. Stewart then reviewed with the Board the request to relocate the Authority's future trail from E-470 roadside to a future regional park. He noted the move would enhance the trail user's experience. Mr. Thomson reviewed the Authority's history of past cooperation with other jurisdictions regarding trails involving the Town of Parker, Arapahoe Park and Recreation District, City of Aurora and Arapahoe County.

Byron Fanning, Director of Adams County Parks and Open Space then addressed the Board. Mr. Fanning noted the discussions to move the trail to the Riverdale Bluffs Open Space. Mr. Fanning turned the presentation over to Paul Thomas from Stream Landscape Architecture who noted the various advantages of the project to the parties and trail users in terms of safer routes and access to the Platte River Trail network. He reviewed the project and planned location of the relocated trail, including connectivity to the Platte River Trailhead for the Platte River Trail. Mr. Thomas reviewed various graphics of the trail alignment noting it would avoid a crossing over the Platte River with the future Authority alignment adjacent E-470, attendant challenges and cost associated with such a crossing. Mayor Pro Tem Sandgren inquired about the trail length, connectivity to other trails and related matters and Commissioner Tedesco addressed her questions. Mayor Pro Tem Johnston asked if the parties were aware of the Brighton connection and Mr. Fanning noted he would circle up with Brighton's staff to ensure no duplication. Board discussion ensued following which the presentation was completed. The Board concurred with Authority staff negotiating an intergovernmental agreement with Adams County and Adams County Open Space to address funding shares, schedule and trail maintenance for the trail and bringing the IGA back for Board approval at a future date.

Commissioner Holen left the meeting during the discussion.

## Executive Director Report:

Mr. Stewart reminded the Board that the Authority does still need the annual letters from each jurisdiction for Board appointments in 2021. Mr. Stewart noted the availability of Board information and Board binders and mentioned the Authority's use of BoardPaq as a Board member resource. Mr. Stewart asked for committee interest comments by January 22, 2021, noting Commissioner Tedesco will be appointing members to committees.

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Executive  
Session:

Mayor Pro Tem Bergan moved that the Board convene in Executive Session, pursuant to C.R.S., Section 24-6-402(4)(b) and Section 24-6-402(4)(e), for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions and determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations related to: (a) the potential Intergovernmental Agreement with Denver regarding Pena Boulevard Screening; and (b) if time permits, the status of Task Order 8 negotiations with the High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) under the Tolling Services Agreement between HPTE and the Authority.

Councilmember Diak seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board at 10:12 a.m.

The Executive Session included all voting members of the Board, Ms. Seaver, Messrs. Stewart, Smith, Thomson and Myers, Ms. Fabrizio and Ms. Walker.

Commissioner reconvened open session at 11:54 a.m.

Other Business: None.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Teal moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m., Councilmember Hurst seconded the motion.



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Chair of the Meeting