

Broomfield City Council Training and Travel Report

Elected Official Name: Dennis "Denny" McCloskey, Ward 2

Date of Travel or Training: Jul 14-Jul 21, 2011

Description of Travel or Training: NACo Annual Conference \$2606.08

Total Broomfield Reimbursements: \$1,109.00

Transportation, \$1198.08 (mileage 1248 x 2 mi @ .48 mi GSA/POV), Hotel \$594.00,

Conference Registration \$515.00. Per Diem \$299.00 (GSA guide)

Council Member's expense: \$1497.08

(included: mileage, hotel, registration, and **all** other reimbursements)

Council was provided documents that included items for consideration for this upcoming year's legislation. Of primary focus were changes in National Transportation Financing that includes leveraging of private capital, streamlines process and requirements, and reduces the number of unique programs from 113+ to 12-15. Although the likelihood of new bill is still a few years away, new strategies and threshholds need to be a part of the new bill replacing the expired SAFETEA-LU. Only one comment, concern or issue was submitted for me to bring forward from other council members. Mayor Quinn continues to support the strategy to bring private capital to bear on infrastructure improvements, particularly the 36BRT project. He also supported language that includes possibility for private capital, grants, and bonding to keep America's largest transit project, FASTRACKS moving forward. This strategy is broadly supported in the new NACo platform.

I was the only council member to attend.

This year I chaired the National Transit Transportation Committee Meeting acting in place of Chair Nancy Floreen, who was undergoing cancer treatment. The largest concern is the impending authorization to collect the Federal gas tax. The cost to restart this program is approximated to be close to a trillion dollars, should it be allowed to expire, and then be renegotiated. No adjustment since 1993 has been irresponsible and a disservice to our citizens. Carving out exceptions for electric (private owners) and natural gas etc. (UPS & Govt Agencies, schools etc.) have put further pressure on an already outdated system. Progress and alliances among modes of transportation is increasing as all modes are under pressures to find real efficiencies. There is a growing realization that this next decade must see some drastic change to meet need at acceptable price levels and catching up on two decades of deferred maintenance. The exponential growth of urban populations, and the size of the group of citizens over 60 years old (aging) are serious challenges that require immediate response.

Attended the General & Plenary sessions to hear speaker insights for Broomfield and other Colorado counties. I endorsed our yearly lobbying efforts as amended at the Business Meeting. Also I moderated a session on Highway Reflectivity standards. Road safety continues as a major issue. The challenge is how to continually upgrade where necessary, and challenge regulations where they defy common sense.

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