## BROOMFIELD CITY COUNCIL TRAINING AND TRAVEL REPORT





## **Council Member Denny McCloskey**

## 4-6 JUNE 2012

## ANNUAL CCI SUMMER CONFERENCE KEYSTONE RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTER

http://www.ccionline.org/repository//Documents/SUMMERCONF ERENCE2012/AGENDA.pdf

TOTAL COSTS: \$610.78

BROOMFIELD COST: \$437.00

CCI REGISTRATION: \$350.00

HOTEL COSTS: \$87.00

MILEAGE: 2 X 89= 178 miles@ 51¢= \$90.78

PER DIEM: 5 meals = \$83.00

(per government guidelines) (Council Member Paid)

This annual summer meeting of CCI sets the stage for policy work at our national organization meeting to be held in Pittsburgh. Recently, the two year version of the Transportation Bill recently **passed** at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. This bill seeks to exhaust the remaining present trust funds and will drive both houses to do major work in addressing transportation infrastructure needs.

Notably, this bill trimmed 113 programs down to a workable list of a dozen (or so) separate categories for application & funding. I have shared two early understandings of this legislation. (Over time there have been too many project categories that were created as separate, when in reality they were a kind of earmark that avoided head to head competition for infrastructure of National value.) The bill also streamlines processes, such as allowing EA reviews where possible, throwing out unnecessary regulation, setting a sense of urgency in response (average major projects were taking 17+ years from start to finish), allowing Design Build Projects where contractors could make change in construction phase, and finally allowing and encouraging more use of partner financing.

The Colorado State Budget is structurally unsound, and CCI held multiple sessions to consider how we can lobby for sensible correction. In 2008 the Colorado legislature was close to agreeing on a fix for the rival laws and amendment that hamstring finance. The budget will have no general fund within the next two decades if the situation is not addressed.

CCI cleaned up some of its rules at the annual business meeting, and added a Police and Public Safety Committee.

REAL Colorado initiative is shown to be helpful in addressing the changes to healthcare over the next two years. Counties would like to be proactive and keep as much of decision making at the local (county) level. Presently, Colorado seems ahead of most states in readiness for the new environment in HHS.

Council Member Gaiser cast Broomfield's votes, as I was unable to stay due to my travel arrangements for my daughter, Lauren, and her wedding.

I remain the primary speaker for Colorado on Transportation and will be helping set priorities for the coming NACo Conference in mid July.