

BROOMFIELD CITY COUNCIL TRAINING AND TRAVEL REPORT



Council Member Denny McCloskey

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ANNUAL CCI CONFERENCE

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TOTAL COSTS:	\$615.16
BROOMFIELD COST:	\$335.00
CCI REGISTRATION:	\$335.00
HOTEL COSTS:	\$106.38
MILEAGE: 2 X 89= 178 miles@ 51¢=	\$90.78
PER DIEM: 5 meals =	\$83.00

(per government guidelines) (Council Member Paid)

This annual meeting of CCI sets the stage for policy work at our state level, and organizes Commissioners to speak with a unified voice to our nine member Federal Delegation. This fall, all nine supported our request to support the two year version of the Transportation Bill. This seeks to exhaust the remaining present

trust funds and will drive both houses to do major work in addressing transportation infrastructure needs. The competing six year version has many of the elements that need to be installed. Notably, this bill trimmed 113 programs down to a workable list of a dozen (or so) separate categories for application & funding. 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. It 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 major unresolved topic of “fracking” continues in present news. The 64 Colorado counties, 55 attended and the vote on how to approach legislation on this topic resulted in a tie. Comments for included the support for a major local commodity for market, increase in jobs, revenue benefit for Colorado and the county where severance occurs. Concerns included the availability of information to medical staff to treat employees and citizens exposed to “fracking” fluid, testing process baseline and markers for tracing new elements introduced in the extraction, the volume of water needed 2-2.5 million gallons per site, 100,000 gallons of special disclosed & undisclosed (proprietary) elements, the containment, reuse, and disposal of fluid (injection wells). A new concern raised was the lack of any attention to the numerous abandoned, inactive, dry sleeves that populate Colorado aquifers.

This promises to be a closely followed topic of concern.

I declined the nomination for a CCI Board Secretary position representing of 50k population counties due to personal and present elected obligations.