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At a meeting at City Hall in early December, Councilmember, Ray Thretheway and Supervisor Roger Dickinson invited interested parties for an update on the Downtown-Natomas-Airport (DNA). The working group included Mike Wiley from RT, Mike McKeever from SACOG and Jude Lamere representing ECOS, developers, landowners and community members. Although some were supportive of the project the main obstacle remains funding.

They are really having problems financing this project. The estimate in 2006 dollars is \$785,000,000.00. The project does not have good enough ratings (ridership is too low, costs are too high), to get approved for Federal funding, which is essential. Federal funds are tighter and qualifications are more difficult. They also do not have the local funding secured to operate the project, which the Feds require. State funds just got cut, and they only have enough funds to operate the south line. Getting the funding would require passing another transportation tax measure (another Measure A).

What they will attempt to do is to go forward with an extension to Richards Blvd. using only local funds and not submit a proposal for Federal matching funds. This will cost \$37,400,000.00. They want to start construction in 2009 and have the extension open by 2010. This is called MOS-1 for minimal operable segment.

Jude Lamere supports the project to town center, but not beyond. Her concerns were over flight at Greenbriar citing the close proximity to flight paths.

If you or anyone you know who is interested in getting involved with the Natomas community and join the NCA, our annual elections will be held on **Wednesday, January 23, 2008**. Board members elected will serve a two year term from February 2008 to January 2010. Our board members interact with other Natomas and city leaders. If you are interested, please contact Linn Hom, NCA president at [lhom@natomascommunity.org](mailto:lhom@natomascommunity.org) by January 16, 2008.

The community is always welcome to join the NCA at our meetings which are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at the South Natomas Community Center, 6:30 to 8:00 pm. If you have an event or announcement that you would like to post on our website, please contact [admin@natomascommunity.org](mailto:admin@natomascommunity.org).

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