

MINUTES

PUEBLO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

JANUARY 25, 2018

A meeting of the Pueblo Area Council of Governments was held on Thursday, January 25, 2018, at the Pueblo County Department of Emergency Management, 101 West 10th Street, 1st Floor Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Tony Montoya, Chairman, at 12:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Those members present were:

Ray Aguilera
Mark Aliff
Larry Atencio
Ed Brown
Robert Ferriter

Dennis Flores
Frank Latino
Judy Leonard
Ted Lopez
Tony Montoya

Those members absent were:

Nick Gradisar
Terry Hart
Terry Kraus
Chris Nicoll

Garrison Ortiz
Sal Pace
Bob Schilling

Also present were:

John Adams
Sam Azad
Joan Armstrong
Dan Kogovsek

Cynthia Mitchell
Louella Salazar
Kallene West

CONSENT ITEMS:

Ms. Joan Armstrong, PACOG Manager, reported there were eight items listed on the agenda under the Consent Items. She summarized the Consent Items for PACOG.

Chairman Montoya asked if there were any additions or amendments to the Consent Items or if any of the members or audience would like an item removed or discussed that was on the Consent agenda. There were no additions or amendments.

It was moved by Ed Brown, seconded by Ray Aguilera, and passed unanimously to approve the Consent Items listed below:

- Minutes of September 28, 2017 Meeting;
- Treasurer's Report (Receive and File September, October, and November 2017 Financial Reports);

- A Resolution Appointing Members to the Environmental Policy Advisory Committee (appointed Becky Cortese, Laura Getts, and Ted Lopez, Jr.);
- A Resolution Retaining the Services of McPherson, Breyfogle, Daveline and Goodrich, PC to Perform Bookkeeping Services for the Pueblo Area Council of Governments for FY 2018;
- A Resolution Retaining the Services of Garren, Ross & DeNardo, Inc. to Prepare the Pueblo Area Council of Governments' 2017 Audit;
- A Resolution Approving the 2018 Delegation Agreement between the Pueblo Area Council of Governments (PACOG) and the City of Pueblo for Transportation Planning Services, Authorizing the Chair of the Council to Execute Same, and Authorizing and Directing the Urban Transportation Planning Division to Administer the Agreement in Compliance with All Applicable Federal, State, and Local Laws and Regulations;
- A Resolution Approving the FFY2017 List of Federally Obligated Projects, and Authorizing and Directing the Urban Transportation Planning Division to Distribute and Post the List in Accordance with All Applicable Federal and State Regulations; and
- A Resolution Designating a Place for the Posting of Notice of Public Meetings of the Pueblo Area Council of Governments for Calendar Year 2018.

REGULAR ITEMS:

PACOG BUDGET HEARING

The Pueblo Area Council of Governments held a public hearing regarding its proposed 2018 budget. A notice of the public hearing and the availability of the proposed budget was published in The Pueblo Chieftain on November 18, 2017.

Chairman Montoya opened the hearing on the 2018 PACOG budget. There are three resolutions pertaining to the budget.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A BUDGET FOR THE PUEBLO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (PACOG) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018

Mr. Larry Atencio from the PACOG Budget Committee reported the committee met on November 14, 2017 and recommend approval of the PACOG 2018 budget, as well as the resolutions for the work program and administration and insurance activities.

Chairman Montoya asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no comments with respect to the three budget resolutions.

It was moved by Larry Atencio, seconded by Ray Aguilera, and passed unanimously to "A Resolution Approving a Budget for the Pueblo Area Council of Governments (PACOG) for Calendar Year 2018".

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PUEBLO COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE FY 2018 WORK PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR SAID WORK PROGRAM

It was moved by Dennis Flores, seconded by Ed Brown, and passed unanimously to "A Resolution Directing the Pueblo County Planning and Development Department to Implement the FY 2018 Work Program and Appropriating Funds for Said Work Program".

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PUEBLO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS'
(PACOG) FY 2018 MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION SCHEDULE FOR
ADMINISTRATION AND INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

It was moved by Ed Brown, seconded by Dennis Flores, and passed unanimously to "A Resolution Approving the Pueblo Area Council of Governments' (PACOG) FY 2018 Membership Contribution Schedule for Administration and Insurance Activities".

Chairman Montoya closed the hearing on the three 2018 budget resolutions.

PACOG RESTRUCTURING AND BYLAWS

Mr. Larry Atencio, PACOG Budget Committee, reported they continue working on the restructuring and bylaws of PACOG. He stated when they complete their findings, it will be brought to PACOG for discussion. The information will be distributed to the members in order to obtain feedback.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

(A) Lunch Appreciation

Chairman Montoya thanked the Pueblo City Council for providing lunch for today's meeting.

(B) Introduction of New Members

Chairman Montoya introduced and welcomed Messrs. Dennis Flores and Mark Aliff, the newly elected City Council members to PACOG.

(C) Selection of PACOG Nominating Committee for Officers

Chairman Montoya requested volunteers to serve on the 2018 PACOG Nominating Committee for Officers. He stated the members would consist of one City Councilperson, one County Commissioner, and one representative from the other members. Ms. Leonard and Mr. Flores volunteered to serve on the Committee. Chairman Montoya stated he would check with the County Commissioners and see who would be willing to volunteer. (Note: Subsequently, Terry Hart agreed to serve on the Committee.) Ms. Salazar stated she would schedule the meeting for the members and notify them.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

(A) EPAC Minutes/Statement/Report

Ms. Joan Armstrong, PACOG Manager, reported the PACOG members received in their packets the minutes of the October 5 and December 7, 2017 meetings. This being an information item only, no formal action was taken.

(B) ADA Advisory Committee Minutes

Ms. Armstrong reported the PACOG members received in their packets the minutes of the September 7, October 5, November 2, and December 7, 2017 meetings. This being an information item only, no formal action was taken.

(C) 2018 PACOG Meeting Date Schedule

Ms. Armstrong reported the 2018 PACOG meeting schedule was provided to the PACOG members in their packets.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
WASTEWATER UTILITY PLAN, A SUPPLEMENT FOR THE PUEBLO AREA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS' 2012 WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN ADOPTED
DECEMBER 2012

Mr. Doug Schwenke, JDS-Hydro Consultants, Inc., reported this is the update to the Pueblo West Metropolitan District's wastewater utility plan. He stated the document is 581 pages, including the appendices. He provided the members with a Technical Memorandum, dated January 25, 2018, which was an executive summary of the plan. He stated the population and demographic data have been updated because of recent growth which has occurred in Pueblo West. There have been changes in water quality standards within the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). Some regulatory items have occurred, specifically Regulations 85 and 31, which are going to impact discharge and effluent limits for this facility as well as others. There are potential changes to Pueblo West's service boundaries and service district. There are updates to the population data, noting Pueblo West is experiencing growth. There has been planning as to upgrades at its facilities.

Mr. Schwenke stated at the States Avenue area, which is an industrial area, there is some intent to convert it into commercial and residential. There will be a lift station done, which will provide sewage to the area. The current septic system is at capacity. The next item on the agenda will further provide information as to the plans.

Mr. Schwenke reported another potential inclusion is the Highway 50 and McCulloch area. The current 208 Plan indicates this particular area can be served by gravity and doesn't necessarily need a site application, and can be done as an addition to the proposed service boundary.

Mr. Schwenke stated there has been growth occurring in Pueblo West and its current wastewater plant is nearing capacity. Pueblo West is in the planning stages for a potential expansion of the wastewater plant, but also some investigation on the Infiltration and Inflow (I&I) impact within the collection system which may be contributing to the increased flows of the wastewater treatment facility. If the expansion should occur, a site application would need to be presented to PACOG for its consideration and approval. Pueblo West has done some intermediate improvements to the treatment plant, which is still performing and meeting its flow. There are no issues at the plant as far as performance, but as loads increase some of those effluent limits may be challenged.

Mr. Schwenke stated Pueblo West has gone through some discussions with CDPHE regarding its selenium limits and E coli, as far as 303(d) listing for either monitoring requirements, noting Pueblo West has been able to reduce it. Regulation 85 applies to dischargers rated 2.0 mgd or larger. This does not currently impact Pueblo West, but will upon expansion, noting it currently meets those limits. Regulation 85 also assigns interim nutrient values to dischargers for nitrogen and total phosphorus. He stated Regulation 31 is set to take effect in 2027. Pueblo West's wastewater treatment plant may need to be modified to meet these new effluent limits should they be implemented, and are looking into this.

Mr. Schwenke stated JDS-Hydro Consultants is also in the process of updating the Colorado City and Rye utility plans. These two utility plans will be presented to PACOG at a future meeting.

Mr. Flores asked what it means that Wildhorse Creek and Pesthouse Gulch have been delisted from selenium. Mr. Schwenke replied that means there is enough review by CDPHE and the water quality authority and they felt there is enough natural occurring selenium in the background that there would be nothing that would be contributed by Pueblo West's facility. Pueblo West's contributions wouldn't harm the levels of the creek as far as selenium. Mr. Flores asked what it means that the sewage treatment plant is "nearing capacity" and is it determined by population. Mr. Schwenke replied it is determined by measured flows at the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Flores asked at what point is the population maxing capacity. Mr. Schwenke replied once you reach 80% of the design capacity in inflow you have to start planning activities. Pueblo West is in that particular mode at the current time. It has done one master plan study and evaluation of its wastewater treatment plant and facilities, and at 95% it will start construction. There are I&I in certain parts of Pueblo West's collection system that are contributing non-growth issues and there are ways to mitigate this.

Mr. Aguilera asked how big of a chance is there that wastewater could get into the Pueblo Reservoir. Mr. Scott Eilert, Pueblo West Metropolitan District Utility Director, responded the Pueblo West wastewater facility discharges into Pesthouse Gulch which goes into Wildhorse Creek which goes into the Arkansas River below the Pueblo Dam. There are lift stations a little further west and there are multiple levels of protection (alarms) and there is a physical impoundment in case there is an overflow issue. Pueblo West is currently reconstructing the overflow ponds at its lowest lift station in order to guarantee there is no infiltration into the ground. There is no chance it would get into the drainage or into the Reservoir.

Mr. Kogovsek asked if the current plan is still to discharge into Pesthouse Gulch for a short length and not connect the pipe directly to the wastewater treatment plant for the Wildhorse pipeline. Mr. Eilert answered this is correct, noting it actually goes into No Name Gulch, which is before Pesthouse. Mr. Kogovsek asked if this is the recommendation of Pueblo West that you do this rather than directly connect wastewater pipeline with the water treatment plant because that would require meeting higher water quality standards. Mr. Eilert replied it would change the discharging point which would change the discharge permit. He stated it takes the State about a year to do a permit. He stated the State has put administrative extensions on many of the dischargers in the State over the years. At one point, Pueblo West is 7+ years from one permit to the next. Mr. Kogovsek asked what is the distance between the point of discharge on No Name and

Pesthouse until it gets to the sewer pipeline. Mr. Eilert replied it's between 2,000-4,000 feet.

Mr. Azad inquired if Pueblo West has to meet the same standards the City of Pueblo does with respect to selenium. Mr. Eilert replied no, noting the City discharges directly to the Arkansas River and its flow levels are higher. The Pueblo West treatment facility discharges to No Name Gulch, which flows to Pesthouse and Pesthouse goes east until it confluences with the Wildhorse (formerly Dry Creek), noting this is the discharge into the confluence with the Arkansas River below the dam. Mr. Azad asked in order to get the volume from the Colorado Water Control Commission in terms of selenium if Pueblo West has to do a variance. Mr. Eilert responded Pueblo West did not apply for a variance, but went through a process through Water Quality and performed multiple years of sampling and testing on the existing selenium content of those drainages. Pueblo West went to the Water Quality Control Commission and Division and showed them its reports. What they did was create site specific regulations on those drainages. Those drainages are in the 100s and 1,000s in the micrograms per liter. The discharge from Pueblo West's treatment facility is 20-40 micrograms per liter. Even if they are site specific numbers, Pueblo West still needs to meet its discharge permit. He stated since they are site specific they are actually higher than what Pueblo West would ever discharge from its wastewater treatment facility. Mr. Azad asked if Pueblo West's 208 Plan has gone through the public hearing process. Mr. Eilert replied yes.

It was moved by Dennis Flores, seconded by Larry Atencio, and passed unanimously to approve "A Resolution Adopting the Pueblo West Metropolitan District Wastewater Utility Plan, a Supplement for the Pueblo Area Council of Governments' 2012 Water Quality Management Plan Adopted December 2012".

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT SITE LOCATION APPLICATION, FOR THE PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT STATES AVENUE LIFT STATION PROJECT, LOCATED WITHIN A PORTION OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 65 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., PUEBLO COUNTY, COLORADO

Mr. Michael Katalinich, JVA Consultants, made a PowerPoint presentation. He stated one of the main purposes of the proposed States Avenue lift station is to eliminate a septic system and replace it with a lift station, which will convey all of Pueblo West's waste from the service area to the wastewater treatment plant. The area doesn't currently pick up any residential, noting it serves the commercial developments in the States Avenue area, which is approximately 50% built out. The proposed lift station will give Pueblo West the ability to accommodate future waste from any businesses that establish themselves in this area. The design of the lift station is ultimately for just under 1 million gallons per day or 490 gallons per minute for build out. The flows which are seen today are low. Monitoring has been done on what is coming down the pipe and the flows are much lower. Measurements have been as low as 5 gallons per minute coming in. While the wastewater plant has approached 80% capacity at times and planning is underway, Pueblo West doesn't anticipate the flows from this lift station are going to significantly impact the total flows going into the wastewater treatment plant by the time the planning design and ultimately construction is completed for the wastewater plant expansion for flow and ebb capacity.

Mr. Katalinich stated they have had encouraging conversations with CDPHE and anticipate CDPHE will be issuing an approval of the site application with no comments or issues. They are currently nearly 90% complete on the design for the lift station and getting close to bid where they can get contractors to bid on building the project. The PWMD is looking at pursuing State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan dollars to pay for the project.

Mr. Azad asked how much the loan from SRF is. Mr. Katalinich replied the engineer's estimate for the lift station is \$1.5 million. There is also a force main and gravity sewer that are being constructed along Platteville Avenue and Boyero Avenue which tie into an existing sewer line. The total cost for the project is \$3 million.

Mr. Atencio asked as discharges increase into No Name and Pesthouse if they should be concerned that those increased flows would be a permanent stream and maybe the discharge should go from the wastewater treatment plant straight to the Arkansas River. Mr. Kogovsek agreed. He stated the problem is that this is up to the CDPHE. It does result in lower water quality standards, but as long as the 208 Plan is approved by the CDPHE, there is nothing we can do. PACOG could not amend its 208 Water Quality Plan to acquire that. As Pueblo West grows, we will have to talk to CDPHE. What is interesting is they go from the wastewater treatment plant 9/10ths of a mile and it gets piped, but it doesn't get discharged directly into the Arkansas, but 2-3 blocks upstream. There is effluent at the top and effluent at the bottom going into the Arkansas. Mr. Azad stated it may be wise for Pueblo to think about getting a pipe from the reclamation all the way to the Arkansas. Mr. Atencio stated he could see those streams with water in them being a drawing point to children playing in them. Mr. Katalinich stated for the States Avenue lift station, which is being proposed, there is going to be a dramatic increase in water quality at this location. The on-site treatment system that is discharging into the Wildhorse drainage indirectly through the ground doesn't achieve nearly the level of treatment that this will all be receiving once this all goes to the wastewater plant being pumped down there. Locally, there certainly will be an improvement in water quality at this site.

It was moved by Judy Leonard, seconded by Ed Brown, and passed unanimously to approve "A Resolution Recommending Approval of a Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Site Location Application, for the Pueblo West Metropolitan District States Avenue Lift Station Project, Located Within a Portion of Section 34, Township 19 South, Range 65 West of the 6th P.M., Pueblo County, Colorado".

RECYCLING RESOURCE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (RREO) GRANT PRESENTATION

Ms. Susan Fries, Pueblo County Economic Development /GIS Department, reported in 2016 PACOG approved the Pueblo County Economic Development office to complete the proposal and administrate the grant. The grant is fully funded and non-matching. The proposal was written for \$50,000. The grant was completed in 2017 and the final total expended was \$48,152.57, which has been reimbursed to PACOG. She introduced Mr. Freeman.

Mr. Juri Freeman, Resource Recycling Systems, Inc., made a PowerPoint presentation. He stated the Waste Characterization Study-Pueblo County completed the following major activities: waste characterization, public survey, gap analysis, and economic and

environmental impact. The waste characterization consisted of two seasonal waste audits at the Southside Landfill to document the materials that make up the disposed waste stream. The public survey was conducted to see what the public wants and needs, and what the challenges are for them. The gap analysis looked at the entire material recovery system. They looked at what is working in Pueblo County and where is there room for improvement. He stated this will be followed up with another grant which they are working on for Pueblo County, which asks the questions, "Now that we have this data, what are we going to do with it, what's the next step, and how are you going to increase recycling?" A presentation on this will be held before the Board of County Commissioners in February.

Mr. Freeman stated the waste audits were done in the fall and spring, and the data was combined in order to get a good picture and statistical sample. Two-thirds of what is going into the landfill (waste stream) is not trash. One-third of it is recyclable (i.e., aluminum, tin cans, cardboard) and 1/3 of that is compostable (i.e., yard waste, food soiled paper, food waste). The largest material by group category which ends up at the landfill is fiber, which includes cardboard that is a high value commodity at \$100/ton. Other commodities include yard debris, wood, and residue and non-recoverable waste.

Mr. Freeman stated their staff went out to the landfill and picked through the trash, and anything that is 2" and falls through the screen is counted as trash. There could be metals, but it doesn't get captured in the recycling system, but is counted as residual trash. With those items such as cardboard, it would be best if it could be recycled rather than ending up in the trash, especially because of its high commodity value. He stated another high commodity which is ending up at the landfill is aluminum, which is worth \$1,200/ton.

Mr. Freeman stated there were three different surveys done. There was a postcard survey done with a statistically valid sample. There was a broad survey done or web survey which was open to all residents in the County. The third survey was done at the Pueblo Chile and Frijoles Festival. He stated the survey found there is little curbside recycling happening in the County. About 4/5^{ths} of those surveyed stated they were not recycling. He stated only 8% of the respondents at the Chile and Frijoles Festival stated that they actively recycle. About 40% of those surveyed indicated they didn't know how to recycle and where to do it. People wanted more convenience and did not want to drive to a drop-off. They also felt that the cost for recycling was too expensive. The consultant asked the question to those surveyed what they felt Pueblo County should do for recycling. A large percentage felt Pueblo County should do more for recycling. He stated 80% of the respondents supported the statement that Pueblo County should invest in recycling infrastructure.

Mr. Freeman stated a gap analysis was done. It was found that even if there is a recycling facility here in the County, that alone is not going to make recycling work. There needs to be education, policy, the haulers have to be onboard, and public/private partnerships collaboration is the key for success. Pueblo County is doing well with education and outreach, noting there is a good website. Places where there is room for improvement are end markets, or where you sell the recyclables. Pueblo County is landlocked, as well as the rest of Colorado, and it's hard to get them where they should go. Aluminum goes to the southeast where the smelters are located and fibers go overseas. Pueblo does have Evraz which uses reusable steel. Applegate Insulation in Canon City uses older newspaper. Colorado is lucky because it has Rocky Mountain Bottling which is a glass manufacturer. There aren't a lot of powers at the current time which offers recycling. You

can't get curbside recycling everywhere in the County. Collection includes drop-offs, and there are not a lot of drop-offs. There is not a recycling processor in the County. He stated there are two recycling processors nearby--one in Colorado Springs and one in Canon City. Both of these recyclers take the material which is generated and separate it into individual commodities and sell them on the market. The consultants looked at the supportive policies which drive recycling. There are two in the County, noting one is the hauler licensing ordinance, noting that having multiple haulers service a community in an open market is the norm in Colorado, and the second is the solid waste user charge at the landfill, which generates a small surcharge on tons disposed and is used to pay for some of the outreach. This helps to drive the cost of disposal up. He stated as an economist he likes trash to be more expensive and recycling cheaper. The last key areas which was evaluated was public private coordination. The question is: Are the County and the municipalities in the County working closely with the private sector to drive the system? Currently, the answer is no. The private sector is providing all the services now. PACOG is a great example of coordination within the County and within governments. He stated you see a lot of cities and counties where they might own the facility and the private sector might operate it. The county might contract with the private sector to take all of the recyclables and process them. He stated this has been a key for success in their experience.

Mr. Freeman stated before they did this study there was no data on how many tons of trash are being generated within the County and what is the recycling rate. The metric which is used nationally is: "of the total materials generated what percent of those materials do not end up in the landfill?" The consultants collected some data from a few haulers, looked at some models they had elsewhere, looked at comparable communities, obtained some State data, and looked at the population growth and came up with an estimate of 150,000-170,000 and the mid-point was 161,400 tons of trash generated in the County yearly, or 5½ pounds/person/day, noting this is in line with other communities in other parts of the State. He stated 4%-6% of materials are being recycled today. He stated this is below the State rate average, noting Colorado's rate is significantly below the national average. Loveland has the highest rate in the State at 61%.

Mr. Freeman provided information on the economic opportunity of recycling in Pueblo. He stated there are a lot of materials ending up in the landfill with value. He stated there is a lot available, but you can't capture 100% of it. If you could capture it, it would be \$3.75-\$4.75 million annually. This doesn't mean you can make \$4 million per year because there still is a cost to recover this.

Mr. Freeman stated some input and output modeling was done on the potential jobs impact. It is about a 100 total jobs impact, noting this is not only in the County but also the end markets which go beyond the County borders.

Mr. Freeman stated now that all the data has been collected, etc., the consultants are now doing the Hub and Spoke Design. He stated he is working with engineers and they are figuring out what type of facility would need to be built and the cost estimates. They are also looking at the potential revenues and potential gate fees.

Mr. Flores stated it would be to the local Southside Landfill's operator's benefit to recover a lot of the cardboard and recyclables because it would extend the life of the dump site, noting it is costly to add on to it. He asked what it would cost. Mr. Freeman replied to

build a new landfill is extremely costly and trying to site a new landfill takes a decade. There is a benefit to keeping materials out of the landfill and there is quite a bit of space left at this landfill. In Colorado, we are not as constrained with land. Mr. Flores asked if it is not profitable for haulers to offer recycling because it adds another product where they can make money. He questioned if they are not making money. Mr. Freeman answered as a hauler you can make money on recycling. The challenge is that you have to be able to charge a fee to the residents and keep them signing up and you can pay for your costs. He stated in the survey the question that was asked was how much are people willing to pay for recycling. He stated there is a huge gap of \$6-\$6.50 gap per month in the willingness to pay as to what it actually costs to provide the service. He stated the haulers are willing to provide the service, but residents are not willing to pay for it. If the economies of scale increase and the haulers are able to pick up more households, they can divide that total revenue by more households and bring the cost of service per household down. Mr. Flores stated that Mr. Freeman indicated that Larimer County is comparable to Pueblo, but also cites that Pueblo has 190% glass containers and 290% in fiber and wondered why. Mr. Freeman responded in the Executive Summary, Pueblo's waste composition was compared to a few other counties to see the difference. Larimer County has strong policies regarding recycling. He stated they are comparable in that they don't have a recycling facility. He stated if you have a mature recycling program and haulers know that, you can keep a lot of material out of the landfill. He stated Larimer's waste composition throws away a lot less glass, aluminum, and cardboard. Mr. Flores stated when you average Pueblo's "grade, which is 'D'", it is pretty bad, noting Pueblo has a lot of improvement to make. Mr. Freeman felt there is support. The haulers have been involved and they are hearing from the residents. He stated in their next study they should be able to give choices and the cost of those choices.

Mr. Ferriter stated the demographics in Larimer County are more different than Pueblo County. He stated he would love to have a recycling program in Boone; however, the economics are the big obstacle. He stated there are already residents in Boone who complain about the existing trash service, and to add a fee on to that would not be popular. Mr. Freeman stated there is value in the commodities from recycling, but there is a misnomer in that it's free or to get paid for it. He stated it is a service and there is a big cost of providing the service (e.g., driving your truck to a residence, staff, maintenance, gas).

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER/CDOT REGION 2 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chairman Montoya read into the record the following comments, which were received from Mr. Bill Thiebaut, the State Transportation Commissioner for the Pueblo region:

- At its January meeting, the Transportation Commission approved a resolution giving temporary, preliminary approval to a list of projects totaling about \$6 billion should a ballot initiative be filed and approved by the voters of Colorado in November, 2018. On the list are the following three projects:
 - U.S. 50 West of Pueblo: Construct the third westbound lane on U.S. 50 to Purcell Boulevard along with an interchange at Purcell which will include pedestrian/bike facility improvements (MP 309-312);

- I-25 City Center Drive to 13th Street (New Pueblo Freeway): Reconstruction and widening, including a split-diamond interchange with additional exit ramps near 6th Street, and construction of a frontage road (MP 98-100); and
 - U.S. 50B Widening: Pueblo to Holly project which may include widening U.S. 50B to four lanes (MP 318-467).
- Previously, the Transportation Commission has included the U.S. 50 West of Pueblo project as part of the Senate Bill (SB) 267 project list during the first two years of funding under that bill, so it is on both lists.

Ms. Ajin Hu, CDOT, reported that I-25 through 13th Street is on the list of projects approved by the Transportation Commission, as well as a third westbound lane from U.S. 50 to Purcell Boulevard, which would include pedestrian/bike facility improvements. Another project is widening of U.S. 50B (east) to four lanes. U.S. 50 West of Pueblo project is also on the SB 267 list. CDOT has resumed the construction of Belmont interchange and I-25 repair work. Last year, it was found that the corrosion to the bridge was more severe than what was previously estimated. She stated additional funding has been received and the work has resumed. CDOT stated they finished the bridge improvements on Gem Street. CDOT started construction on Highway 50 and the 21st Street drainage improvements.

Mr. Aguilera stated he has been working with Daneya Esgar, Leroy Garcia, and other local legislative representatives in trying to put a sound barrier at Mesa, noting it doesn't look aesthetically pleasing. He stated there should also be one placed off Abriendo on I-25. He stated the homes, which can be seen from I-25, detract from the City with the trash which is visible.

STATE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (STAC) UPDATE

There was no report from the STAC representative.

MPO STAFF REPORT

(A) TIP/STIP Administrative Modifications

Mr. John Adams, MPO Administrator, reported the administrative modification would amend the FY 2018-2012 Transportation Improvement Program. This modification would be for the beginning of the design work on the southbound I-25 Pueblo rest area repairs. The total amount of the project is \$175,000.

It was moved by Dennis Flores, seconded by Ed Brown, and passed unanimously to approve the TIP/STIP administrative modification regarding the Pueblo Rest Area Repairs Project (design phase), which is located at the I-25 rest area southbound, north of Pueblo at Mile Marker 111.

(B) TIP/STIP Administrative Modifications

Mr. Adams reported there are six administrative modifications to the TIP/STIP. The first modification is U.S. 50 West - Swallows (U.S. 50 between Purcell and Pueblo Boulevard)

would carry forward \$190,498 to FY 2018. The next four modifications swap funding from the Regional Priorities Program from FY 2018 to FY 2021 on the U.S. 50A westbound widening (Purcell to Pueblo Boulevard) and U.S. 50C drainage improvements at 21st Lane. The sixth administrative modification is S.H. 96 - Arkansas River to U.S. 50 at the 50/47/96 interchange. When the repair was started they discovered there was significantly more damage so the costs needed to be increased to cap some bridges, etc. The amount of the increase is \$955,001.

Mr. Flores asked Mr. Adams if he could explain the Purcell to Pueblo Boulevard project (i.e., U.S. 50A widening). Mr. Adams responded this is all part of the widening of U.S. 50 West out to Purcell Boulevard in the Pueblo West area.

It was moved by Ed Brown, seconded by Dennis Flores, and passed unanimously to approve the six (6) TIP/STIP administrative modifications as presented.

(C) CDOT Safety Performance Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Mr. Adams reported when the Moving Ahead of Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), which is the Federal transportation bill, came out there were a series of performance measures that staff had to measure for safety. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), which came out in 2015, carried those performance measures forward. The first one is safety measures. There are five classifications of those safety performance measures: (1) number of fatalities, (2) number of serious injuries, (3) rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, (4) rate of serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled, and (5) number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. The State came to some Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings and it was determined that the MPO can either accept the State's targets for next year or develop its own. TAC recommended for this year they will accept the State's targets. The MOU indicates what PACOG staff and CDOT would do on an annual basis regarding the State's targets and determine if they will continue to adopt CDOT's target or develop their own.

It was moved by Ed Brown, seconded by Dennis Flores, and passed unanimously to approve the CDOT Safety Performance Memorandum of Understanding.

(D) A Resolution to Accept the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Safety Performance Measure Targets for the Pueblo Area Council of Governments (PACOG) Metropolitan Planning Organization as per 23 U.S.C. 150

Mr. Adams reported this resolution would accept CDOT's safety performance measures, noting this would be done annually. Based on the MOU, PACOG would discuss the State's targets and determine whether the MPO wanted to develop their own targets or accept the State's. This resolution confirms PACOG is concurring with the State's targets for FY 2018.

It was moved by Ed Brown, seconded by Judy Leonard and passed unanimously to approve "A Resolution to Accept the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Safety Performance Measure Targets for the Pueblo Area Council of Governments (PACOG) Metropolitan Planning Organization as per 23 U.S.C. 150".

(E) Southwest Chief Update

Mr. Adams reported the Southwest Chief/Northwest Front Range Commission was charged to present to the legislators in the beginning of December its plan on what it would like to see going forward. It has been submitted, but as of today it has not been introduced into legislation.

(F) Other Transportation Matters

Mr. Adams reported the City and County are in discussions at possibly relocating the transit administration and operations building. They are looking at a growth for the next 30 years, as well as opening up that area for economic development for retail and commercial. They have requested whether the PACOG MPO pay for the site analysis for the study. He stated PACOG needs to determine whether or not it would like to see this going forward. At next month's meeting, the scope of work would be brought to PACOG, as well as the amendment to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Mr. Chris Markuson, the County's Director of Economic Development, stated they have been working on the 1A ballot initiative and its components. One part of the components includes the relocation of the City's transit facility. Because there is a vested interest in allowing this to happen, the County offers that it would be playing a primary fiscal role if such a study is necessary. The County would work with the PACOG consultant or another to fund that study if PACOG's thinks it is necessary. PACOG would not be burdened with the costs of doing the study.

Mr. Aguilera stated realistically the City Council is "in the dark". County Commissioner Sal Pace came to a City Council meeting and gave some information, but since then nothing has been said. Mr. Azad felt this isn't the forum to discuss this. Mr. Markuson stated it is a very quick moving process in the 1A ballot initiative. He stated the County staff, City staff, and CDOT have discussed this. He stated Ms. Pepper Whittlef and her staff have looked at the facility to see if it would meet the City's needs before proceeding with evaluating all the aspects of it. He anticipated both County staff and City staff will make recommendations. Mr. Adams stated staff would continue to have meetings, and would bring the recommendations to PACOG at its next meeting, noting it is an amendment to the UPWP. Mr. Azad asked if the County is paying for it if there needs to be an amendment. Mr. Adams replied not if the County is paying for it. Mr. Azad asked if the County is going to bear the cost for the assessment study. Mr. Markuson replied yes.

Mr. Adams reported there have been a lot of technology changes in transportation (e.g., autonomous automobiles, tubes shooting people from Point A to Point B). Loop Global provided a presentation to TAC and would like to do a presentation for PACOG. A 10-minute presentation will be done at the next PACOG meeting.

PLAN OF ACTION FOR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Mr. Frank Latino stated we are all aware that there was a recent school shooting in Kentucky. A couple of weeks ago, an active shooting training was conducted at Central High School. All of the entities involved worked together in a spirit of cooperation. He stated we can't let our guard down when it comes to school safety.

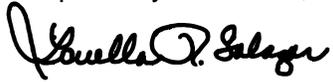
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further regular business before PACOG, the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 22, 2018, at 12:15 p.m., at the Pueblo County Department of Emergency Management, 101 West 10th Street, 1st Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,



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