

MINUTES

PUEBLO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

JANUARY 26, 2017

A meeting of the Pueblo Area Council of Governments was held on Thursday, January 26, 2017, at the Pueblo County Department of Emergency Management, 101 West 10th Street, 1st Floor Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ed Brown, Chairman, at 12:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Those members present were:

Ray Aguilera
Larry Atencio
Ed Brown
Terry Kraus
Frank Latino
Judy Leonard

Ted Lopez
Tony Montoya
Steve Nawrocki
Garrison Ortiz
Sal Pace
Lori Winner

Those members absent were:

Nick Gradisar
Terry Hart

Chris Nicoll
Bob Schilling

Also present were:

John Adams
Joan Armstrong
Sam Azad
Scott Hobson

Dan Kogovsek
Louella Salazar
Greg Styduhar

CONSENT ITEMS:

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

Chairman Brown 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 Tony Montoya, seconded by Ray Aguilera, and passed unanimously to approve the Consent Items listed below:

- Minutes of December 8, 2016 meeting;
- Treasurer's Report (Receive and file November 2016 Financial Report);
- A Resolution Designating a Place for the Posting of Notice of Public Meetings of the Pueblo Area Council of Governments for Calendar Year 2017; and

- A Resolution Admitting the Town of Boone to Membership in the Pueblo Area Council of Governments.

Chairman Brown recognized Mr. Robert Ferriter, mayor of the Town of Boone as the new PACOG member. He asked Mr. Ferriter to sit at the table.

Mr. Ferriter thanked everyone and would like to do his best to represent the Town of Boone and the eastern part of the County.

REGULAR ITEMS:

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

(A) Introduction of New County Commissioner

Chairman Brown introduced and welcomed Mr. Garrison Ortiz, the new Pueblo County Commissioner.

Mr. Ortiz thanked everyone and looks forward to bringing his perspective to things and learning all of the great things which have been accomplished.

(B) PACOG Nominating Committee for Officers

Mr. Steve Nawrocki reported the PACOG Nominating Committee consisting of Judy Leonard, Sal Pace, and met on January 20, 2017 and selected the following persons to serve as officers for 2017: Tony Montoya (Chair), Judy Leonard (Vice Chair), Nick Gradisar (Treasurer), and Louella Salazar (Secretary).

There were no other nominations from the floor.

It was moved by Sal Pace, seconded by Larry Atencio, and passed unanimously to accept the Nominating Committee's report and approve the following slate of officers for 2017:

Tony Montoya - Chair
Judy Leonard - Vice Chair
Nick Gradisar - Treasurer
Louella Salazar - Secretary

Mr. Aguilera asked if Mr. Bill Thiebaut has ever attended a PACOG meeting. Ms. Salazar replied yes, noting Mr. Thiebaut always sends his comments to PACOG regarding the State Transportation Commission. Chair Brown stated part of problem is the State Transportation Commission meets in Denver at the same time as PACOG.

(C) New Chair Takes Chair

Chairman Montoya thanked everyone for their vote of confidence.

(D) Plaque to Outgoing Chair

Chairman Montoya presented a plaque to Mr. Ed Brown, and thanked him for serving as the 2016 PACOG Chair.

Mr. Brown thanked Ms. Salazar and PACOG for the work they have done.

(E) Appointment of PACOG Budget Committee

Chairman Montoya stated he has asked and the following persons have agreed to serve on the 2017 PACOG Budget Committee: Nick Gradisar, as PACOG's Treasurer, Terry Hart, and Larry Atencio. These individuals have the history, at this point, regarding PACOG's restructure.

(F) Lunch Appreciation

Chairman Montoya thanked the Pueblo Board of County Commissioners for providing lunch for today's meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

(A) EPAC Minutes/Statement/Report

Ms. Joan Armstrong, PACOG Manager, reported a draft of the December 1, 2016 Environmental Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC) meeting minutes were included in the PACOG members' packets. The next EPAC meeting is February 2, 2017.

This being an information item only, no formal action was taken.

(B) PACOG Orientation

Ms. Armstrong asked if PACOG would like to have some type of training for the new PACOG members. She stated she would like to coordinate this with Messrs. Styduhar, Azad, and Kogovsek, with respect to the training. She stated a date and time would be coordinated for the training. Mr. Styduhar felt it would be beneficial to get an outline of the PACOG duties, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (i.e., transportation), and water quality issues for the new members. Mr. Ortiz felt this would be helpful. Chairman Montoya stated he would leave it up to Ms. Armstrong to contact the new members. Ms. Armstrong stated she would invite all the members and do a "survey monkey" to get a date and time, which is convenient for everyone.

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATES FROM THE PUEBLO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MPO/TPR TO THE STATE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Sal Pace, seconded by Garrison Ortiz, and passed unanimously to approve "A Resolution Appointing a Representative and Alternates from the Pueblo Area Council of Governments MPO/TPR to the State Transportation Advisory Committee".

Mr. Hart was chosen as the STAC representative and Mr. Ortiz was chosen as his alternate, as well as Mr. John Adams, the MPO Program Manager.

DISCUSSION OF 604(B) GRANT MONEY FOR WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANNING - REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTANT

Mr. Jeff Woeber, Planner II, Pueblo County Planning and Development Department, reported PACOG is the regional water quality planning agency. PACOG is responsible for developing the plans and policies, which meets requirements established by the State of Colorado for water quality planning. PACOG's role is to review and make a recommendation on water quality issues (i.e., wastewater applications, water quality upgrades or expansions, site applications). The recommendation is that it is consistent with the Water Quality Management Plan, which was adopted by PACOG. The only funding PACOG has for water quality planning and policy making is EPA's 604(b) grant funds, which are administered through the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) Water Quality Control Division. These funds have been provided annually since 2011, noting the funding ranges from \$10,000-\$12,000 a year.

Mr. Woeber stated with the grant money PACOG was able to fund a consultant to write a new Water Quality Management Plan, which was adopted by PACOG on December 6, 2012 and approved by the Water Quality Control Commission on March 12, 2013. The Water Quality Management Plan is the guidance document for each of the six permitted publically-owned treatment facilities which include: Avondale Water and Sanitation District, Colorado City Metropolitan District (includes the Town of Rye), Town of Boone Sanitation District, City of Pueblo, Meadowbrook Mobile Home Park, and Pueblo West Metropolitan District. Wastewater utility plans have been written and finalized for Avondale Water and Sanitation District, the Town of Boone, and Meadowbrook Mobile Home Park. The City of Pueblo has a wastewater utility plan in place which they put together themselves. He stated the consultant prepared a fairly complete draft of a wastewater utility plan for the Pueblo West Metropolitan District (PWMD); however, Pueblo West is currently in the process of writing an update of their wastewater master plan, the results of which may factor into the Pueblo West wastewater utility plan. He stated it may be several months before the PWMD wastewater utility plan can be finalized. The final wastewater utility plan which needs to be done is for the Colorado City Metropolitan District.

Mr. Woeber stated PACOG had a good consultant with RNC Consulting, but he began to encounter some various unavoidable personal issues which significantly delayed and stalled his moving forward on the wastewater utility plans. PACOG staff was left with no choice but to seek consulting services elsewhere. Staff has drafted a Request for Proposal (RFP) to find a water quality management consultant to complete the wastewater utility plans and to then explore undertaking other water quality planning tasks and projects, with the input and assistance of the consultant and the CDPHE Water Quality Control Division staff.

"OPERATIONAL STUDY OF THE PUEBLO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS"

Mr. Alan Pennington, Matrix Consultant Group, gave an overview of his PowerPoint presentation, which was done in September 2016. He stated they were asked to look at the operational and organizational structure of PACOG, which looked at opportunities to

expand services, the membership approach and voting structure, identify ways to improve operations, and ensure fair representation for all parties. He stated, unlike many councils of governments, PACOG is small and has a limited service area and a limited membership base. He stated this limits the expansion of membership and the dues which can be brought in, which provide additional revenue for other services. PACOG is encompassed within one county and many other councils of governments have multi-county jurisdictions, which provides membership opportunities and regional sharing of services. Many of the other services provided by councils of governments are already provided by one of PACOG's component jurisdictions. There is no benefit from changing who is providing those services to PACOG unless there were concerns about service level or another issue. He identified some of the key issues from the comparative analysis. He stated most of the entities identified had larger staffing because of the scope of services they provide, the membership base, and revenues. Initially, they had thought about expanding the dedicated staffing, but their final recommendation is to have a dedicated MPO manager and not to expand the dedicated staff because of PACOG's limited funds available for administrative costs. The more money taken for staffing, the less money there is for consultant services for technical expertise. In many of the jurisdictions, there was some level of involvement in social service programs, which ranged from area agencies on aging, homeless programs, home ownership programs, general governmental service, and shared service opportunities. The one area they are recommending PACOG look at is the shared services program. They believe that PACOG, even though it has a small membership base, has opportunities to be a leader at looking at some shared services. This might include procurement of commonly utilized goods or services from all the different municipalities and entities that are members. Rather than having each entity going out and procure their own goods or services, if it is done jointly, there is an economy of scale both for staff time and the potential for better rates because whoever is selected may have the ability to provide more or greater quantities than they would otherwise. The other reason this one may be attractive is because some of the entities, when talking with them, thought that the membership dues are a challenge. This is a way for them to achieve some potential cost savings, which may be a benefit to offset the membership dues. With respect to the membership base, PACOG has a finite membership they can pursue, but they felt PACOG still needs to market its services to reach out. They suggested PACOG continue the proactive outreach to get as many of the eligible entities to join. This would make it the regional voice it is designed to be, not just in transportation and water quality planning but also in governmental services.

Mr. Pennington stated the key things they were asked to look at were the membership base, the voting approach utilized, as well as membership rates. They recommend a three-tiered approach to voting. Mr. Pace noted that the slide showing the voting structure for other COGs shows DRCOG has one vote per member so does this mean that Denver only has one vote. Mr. Pennington replied yes. He stated their recommendation for PACOG is a tiered structure where Tier 1 provides that the largest population entities have more votes (i.e., City=4 votes, County=3 votes). Tier 2 provides 2 votes for Pueblo West. Tier 3 provides for 1 vote for all the other members. This will continually need to be looked at every 5 to 10 years as populations change and growth occurs to make sure whatever system is put in place maintains equity among the groups. They felt this would provide better representation on the voting structure and according to population served. The membership dues are tied more to population. They felt this gives PACOG some defensible method to explain to the members why

they are paying their particular amount, and tying it into a voting structure gives better credence to it. Their approach is based upon a modified population approach that provides more equitable distribution. There are some entities that would pay less under the new approach and some that would pay more. They are also suggesting that there be a minimal level of \$350 as the basic level for membership.

Mr. Pennington stated the other major organizational change they are recommending to implement more is a committee structure (i.e., advisory committees). These advisory committees would provide that some of the heavy lifting and deep dive into background information can occur outside of the PACOG meeting. Those committees would make a recommendation that would come to PACOG on its agenda and the staff report would provide their input. PACOG could have a number of committees, but there should definitely be committees covering transportation and water quality. One committee could be for general council of governments' services. There could be one for procurement. The goal is to get PACOG to do the policy making, noting these committees would provide the recommendations.

Mr. Pennington stated there was discussion from staff and members regarding citizen involvement. It is a critical component especially for federal funds. They are suggesting that this be kept as a concentrated effort to enhance citizen participation. He stated there needs to be ways for citizens to have input into the decisions PACOG is making, on advisory committees, especially on the MPO matters, but also in other areas.

Mr. Pennington stated if PACOG should decide to implement any of these recommendations that they will need to make some modifications to the bylaws. There is some administrative workload that will go along with these policy decisions.

Mr. Pace stated he saw many things which CDOT had recommended to PACOG in its review about a year ago. He stated one of the things that might be the most controversial in this organizational study is minimizing the City's votes. He felt they could possibly agree that another vote should be added to Pueblo West. He also felt the committee structure is a good idea and would allow the committees to be specialized in different areas. He asked how do we transform some of these ideas to something substantive. Mr. Atencio stated he is part of the PACOG budget committee, who was charged with looking at the recommendations from Matrix Consulting. He stated neither Messrs. Gradisar or Hart are in attendance, but Mr. Gradisar did suggest that the budget committee meet one more time before the February PACOG meeting and make suggestions on what to do with the study and its recommendations. He asked PACOG for the budget committee to look at it, and invite any PACOG members to come to the meeting and give their opinions. He stated if PACOG gives the budget committee a chance to look at it, then they can bring their recommendations to PACOG. Mr. Pace felt this was a good idea. Mr. Atencio stated a budget committee would be scheduled and everyone will be advised of the meeting.

Mr. Kogovsek stated the last time PACOG revised its bylaws were in 1998. When PACOG was originally created, it was done by City ordinance. The City reserved itself a veto power and Pueblo West has implemented that when PACOG was fighting over the 208 Plan. Pueblo West would not adopt the 208 Plan unless we agreed with them. Since 1998, we have been operating in a semi-formal manner. We have reached consensus on items. He felt one of the issues is veto power. He stated he was

interested to know what Pikes Peak COG and DRCOG do, and whether they have similar language, noting the ordinance language states that “no cooperative project, or regional plan, or regional planning process, program or program of implementation, or any functional segment thereof, made and adopted by PACOG shall be effective within the boundaries of any member of PACOG until adopted by the governing body of such member...”. He asked how this is handled when there is a regional decision. Mr. Pennington stated he would have to go back and look specifically to see the enabling legislation for each of them because he didn’t recall if some of them had specific veto rights or whether they delineate which items their councils of governments can do and which areas they delegated the authority they can have decision versus which they have recommendation authority adopted by the elected board. Mr. Kogovsek asked if he has seen dissension from Pikes Peak COG or DRCOG. Mr. Pennington replied they have not worked with either of them. He has seen a multiple of different councils of governments with a variety of different levels of comfort in decision making and some have “outs” and it is an advisory decision until the bodies have all adopted that. Others have delegated authority where they had granted this board much greater authority to make final decisions, which is part of the reason why they like PACOG to have principal members and elected officials sitting on the board. There is nothing wrong especially on tough decisions to operate under a consensus model. There are also times when decisions can get “bogged” for the good of the region from one entity for a variety of reasons. What is most critical is to define where you delegated the authority to yourselves as PACOG and what is authorized to individual municipalities or districts. He stated they could look at those two entities and follow up if it would be useful to PACOG. Mr. Kogovsek stated the language was in the adoption resolution.

Mr. Azad stated as part of the discussion which was previously presented in September, there was sentiment to having a stronger voice for those areas contained in the MPO area. He stated the “bread and butter” of PACOG comes from transportation. He felt there needs to be a strong voice from those entities in the MPO area. He stated he supported the committee’s structure, but wanted more enhanced responsibilities be given to the MPO committee who has a stronger voice.

Chairman Montoya asked if PACOG would coordinate the shared services. Mr. Pennington responded this is what they are suggesting, noting they wouldn’t have to create all of it, but could put the framework in place to get those entities to participate. He stated they tried to be cognizant of the different duties PACOG could perform because they don’t have a lot of staff. He stated sometimes councils of governments will be the coordinating mechanism and send out a survey to the membership saying let us know if you prefer these specific goods. From this, they would then figure out what the top 10 items are. They could also do an RFP or one entity might say they will take the lead on certain things (e.g., fuel, supplies). Each of the entities would administer payment and delivery of their own goods and services for procurement requests that could be open to all of the membership. You can piggyback off that award to share their goods and services. It doesn’t necessarily require PACOG to do all the work, but it does require someone to be that coordinating mechanism. PACOG would need to figure out which items they want to pursue.

Mr. Latino felt this was helpful and appreciated the work which has gone into it. He felt it was important to get the information out to the general public, with respect to PACOG’s purpose and responsibilities. He felt possibly a short summary should profile the

generalizations and let the public know about PACOG. He stated he also thought that CSU-Pueblo and Pueblo Community College should be invited to become members. Additionally, he expressed that community safety be a high priority on PACOG's list. Mr. Pennington stated he supported his suggestion that PACOG needs to do proactive publications of who they are, what they do, and why they are valuable. He stated it is important for schools, counties, and others to work together on critical issues.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Aguilera stated that the Governor had indicated he was going to push this year for a \$16 million fund to help homelessness. He asked if this has been done. Mr. Pace responded no. The Joint Budget Committee will be figuring this out. Mr. Aguilera asked who the money would be going to. Mr. Pace replied he did not know if the money was going to the City or County. Mr. Aguilera stated the Salvation Army has indicated it will be closing its facility. He stated he did not know if they will be asking for money to keep it open. Mr. Pace stated may be they could head up to Denver and talk to the Governor.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER/CDOT REGION 2 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Dan Dahlke, CDOT, stated there was no report.

MPO STAFF REPORT

(A) No Administrative Modifications to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. John Adams, MPO Program Manager, reported there were no administrative modifications to the TIP.

(B) Transit Functionality Study Update

Mr. Adams reported the consultants have a suggested route readjustment. The consultant is at the transit center today until 5:00 p.m. He encouraged everyone to stop by and see what is going on with the study. The second and third phases of the study will be kicking off on February 2nd. They will be looking at some type of service within Pueblo West and the other is to identify a park-n-ride spot and a BUSTANG service to go up to Colorado Springs and then Denver.

Mr. Pace reported the Southwest Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission would like to request PACOG officially add to the work program looking at passenger rail so we can add it potentially to the Long Range Transportation Plan. CDOT takes a very close look at long range plans in making decisions. He hoped for a multi-modal approach to transit that looks at BUSTANG, local transit, and passenger rail all tied in together in a collaborative fashion. He stated staff cannot work on this item unless PACOG directs it be added to the work program. He requested Mr. Adams come back with a proposal for PACOG to consider at its next meeting, which would look at adding passenger rail as part of its transportation plan. Mr. Aguilera asked if this was transportation that goes east to west or north to south. Mr. Pace distributed a draft Senate Bill, which pertains to the Southwest Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission. This bill will be introduced if not tomorrow, but Monday, at the State Capitol. This bill expands the mission of the Commission to look not only at passenger

rail service from north to south but to expand its mission to look east and west. It would look at connecting Pueblo to Fort Collins via passenger rail. PACOG, along with all the other COGs from Fort Collins to Walsenburg, have an appointment to this rail commission.

Mr. Kogovsek asked Mr. Pace if he is submitting this as a motion to be considered by PACOG. It was moved by Sal Pace, seconded by Ray Aguilera to direct MPO staff to present additional information regarding passenger rail as part of the Urban Planning Work Program at PACOG's February meeting. Discussion occurred. Mr. Azad asked if it would be possible to add that PACOG's MPO work program interact with the Statewide plan. Mr. Pace stated may be this could be a part of Mr. Adams' presentation next month. He stated he has learned that we can't add transit to the TIP because it goes straight to the Statewide Transportation Plan. If we want to add transit or trails to the Statewide Transportation Plan, it has to start at PACOG and then it goes directly to CDOT. He stated CDOT awards \$15-\$20 million per year in transit rail funds. The grant process demands grants be submitted in November and he is hoping by this summer that the County is either programmed for the 1A projects or with the bonding working with Urban Renewal to generate some quick funds and try to merge the plans for the Southwest Chief and passenger rail in Pueblo and, hopefully, with a transit plan tying in with multi-modal efforts in Pueblo West and allowing us to use the \$7 million which has been set aside or earmarked for Southwest Chief as part of a local match for something much broader. His grand vision is similar to the Union Station in Denver. He stated even if it isn't that magnitude, it could still lead to a transit grant by this year. Mr. Azad stated he wanted to make sure that PACOG has a basic knowledge of what is happening and how the process works.

After discussion, it was passed unanimously.

(C) West Pueblo Connector Study Update

Mr. Adams reported the stakeholders have selected three alternatives through the process. Currently, the consultants are doing the modeling and scenario planning to demonstrate how those three different corridors will operate if they are constructed.

Mr. Brown stated he has attended a few meetings on the West Pueblo Connector. He stated the amount which has been mentioned is \$25-\$50 million for the project. He asked for a timeline. Mr. Adams replied the next phase of the study is the traffic modeling and scenario planning. At that time, staff should get a conceptual cost of the different corridors. In 2006, they were looking at \$26 million, but with inflation it is going to be an expensive investment.

(D) Update of Public Participation Plan Schedule

Mr. Adams reported there was a public participation plan, which was approved in 2014. Staff has looked at it and revisions are being done. They wanted to address the issues that CDOT brought up in its review last year. Staff hopes to take it to the Technical Advisory Committee next month and then bring it to PACOG. He stated the public comment period is 45 days, noting it will be brought before PACOG in April for its approval.

Chairman Montoya asked how long is the plan in terms of pages. Mr. Adams answered it is 19-20 pages. Chairman Montoya asked if the members could get a copy of it so they could look at it and send feedback before it is brought back to PACOG. Mr. Adams replied staff would make sure this is done.

Mr. Aguilera asked if a schedule is provided annually on what is going to be done in terms of paving, etc. Mr. Adams replied staff has what is going to be placed on the Transportation Improvement Program, which are the larger projects that will happen in a four-year period. Mr. Aguilera stated he wasn't interested in I-25, but rather those projects within the City. Mr. Adams responded there were a lot of those projects which do not go to the MPO. He stated he would talk to the City Traffic Engineer. Mr. Aguilera asked that this be shared with staff and PACOG.

PLAN OF ACTION FOR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Mr. Frank Latino reported Mr. Frank Arteaga gave a presentation at their board meeting. The presentation was on the Gang Alternative Program (GAP), which has been in existence since 1993. He is big on taking guns off the streets, especially from youth. He stated since 1993, 110 guns have been removed from youth and given to the police department and law enforcement. He stated one of the emphasis on the program is bullying. School District No. 60 has received \$2 million in an anti-bullying grant from a national source. The significance is the more that these programs continue to be implemented on a consistent basis, it will be extremely helpful. The District has had anti-bullying programs implemented in the past. It is essential that young people have an avenue in terms of communicating. He stated this has been an ongoing issue through all generations. He felt anything we could do to help this is critical. Nationwide, 60% of bullies before the age of 21 have committed at least one criminal offense. Mr. Arteaga talked a little about the infiltration of heroin in our community and it continues to be a major problem.

Mr. Latino stated he attends the Pillars' meeting monthly and they have guest speakers, noting Eric Gonzales from the Pueblo Police Department gave an overview on the number of car thefts in the community and how it is related to gangs. He stated there are a lot of similarities in gangs as to when he was a principal years ago. He stated Dan Corsentino continues to work on the safety plan. Nationwide, municipalities and governments are making it a priority in terms of community safety plans. He asked that any input would be greatly appreciated.

Ms. Winner stated at the last Pillar's meeting it was mentioned that someone who headed up the stolen car ring was getting out of jail soon and there would probably be a rise in car thefts. She stated she didn't know how the issue could be resolved when they keep coming back out on the streets. She thought they could probably get the name and be aware of this person. She stated it is frustrating for the police department when they make the proper arrest and the amount of stolen cars go down, but then this person gets out it goes back up again. Mr. Latino stated this is a nationwide problem. There is a website online which connects neighborhoods. All you need to do is become a member of this website and connect. He felt people are thinking of more ways to connect and address these issues.

Mr. Aguilera stated one of the major ways the school district could change all of this is to require every child to be involved in an organization, club, or activity at their school. He stated the most successful children in every school are those who are involved in activities. The school districts have never made this a requirement. Chairman Montoya replied he didn't know if you could require anything that isn't a part of the mandated State educational requirements or curriculum. He stated you can't require children to participate because this is not an academic requirement. Mr. Aguilera stated you have to have requirements to graduate. Chairman Montoya replied that this would be hard to do. He stated he understood what Mr. Aguilera was saying, noting this is also true in higher education, but to mandate it would be difficult.

Mr. Atencio stated he asked the police chief, at one time, to look into a program where the City and possibly County could provide a program to get GPS devices to the citizenry. The GPS devices would have to be picked up from the police department. One of the problems with this is they wouldn't want to be tracked by the police department. Ms. Winner stated would this be a GPS on people's personal vehicles. Mr. Atencio replied yes. If the City or County would provide them to the citizenry, they could rent them. Ms. Winner stated they aren't very expensive. Chairman Montoya stated you could turn it off for your daily use and turn it on when you park and abandon it. Mr. Atencio stated if it is publicized enough, then a car thief might think twice because there might be a GPS in the vehicle. Mr. Nawrocki stated even with your cell phone you can track it to the house. Ms. Winner felt it was a good idea, noting it would be good to educate the public. Mr. Atencio stated he would look a little further into it.

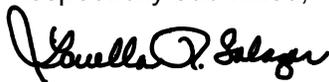
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items provided.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further regular business before PACOG, the meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 23, 2017, at 12:15 p.m., at the Pueblo County Department of Emergency Management, 101 West 10th Street, 1st Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,



Louella R. Salazar
PACOG Recording Secretary

LRS