

MINUTES

PUEBLO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

AUGUST 27, 2015

A meeting of the Pueblo Area Council of Governments was held on Thursday, August 27, 2015, at the Pueblo County Department of Emergency Management, 101 West 10th Street, 1st Floor Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Terry Hart, Chairman, at 12:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Those members present were:

Ed Brown
Michael Colucci
John Cordova
Nick Gradisar
Terry Hart
Judy Leonard
Ted Lopez

Roger Lowe
Buffie McFadyen
Tony Montoya
Steve Nawrocki
Sal Pace
Bob Schilling

Those members absent were:

Dennis Flores
Eva Montoya

Chris Nicoll

Also present were:

Joan Armstrong
Sam Azad
Michael Cuppy
Scott Hobson

Dan Kogovsek
Louella Salazar
Greg Styduhar

CONSENT ITEMS:

Chairman Hart reported there were three items listed on the agenda under the Consent Items. He asked if there were any other additions or amendments to the Consent Items or if any of the members or audience would like any of the items removed or discussed that are on the Consent agenda.

Ms. Judy Leonard requested the following changes be made to the July 23, 2015 minutes:

Page 2, under Proposal to Rename Dillon Flyover, 2nd Sentence, it should be changed as follows: "...Dr. King would people on notice..." to "...Dr. King would put people on notice...".

Page 9, under (D) PACOG Regional Transportation Plan Public Meeting Schedule, 1st Sentence, it should be changed as follows: "Mr. Hobson reported

there will open house meetings...” to “Mr. Hobson reported there will be open house meetings...”.

Ms. Leonard also stated the resolution, which was before PACOG on the consent item, had a typographical error. Under Section 1, “Rutal” should be “Rural”.

It was moved by Roger Lowe, seconded by Tony Montoya, and passed unanimously to approve the three Consent Items listed below with the corrections to the minutes and resolution:

- Minutes of July 23, 2015 meeting (as amended);
- Treasurer’s Report (Receive and file July 2015 Financial Report); and
- A Resolution Approving the Acceptance of the FY2016 Pueblo Area Council of Governments Rural Planning Grant in the Amount of \$7,400 from the Colorado Department of Transportation.

REGULAR ITEMS:

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

(A) Lunch Appreciation

Chairman Hart thanked the Pueblo City Council for providing lunch for today’s meeting.

(B) PACOG Budget Committee Report

Chairman Hart reported the PACOG Budget Committee met on August 17, 2015. He stated they are analyzing the structure in terms of how other COGs are created and written around the State. The committee had a dialogue on the factors they may want to put in the draft document. The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2015. It is hoped that the research piece will be concluded at that time, and they can begin to draft the document, which will be given to PACOG for review. He stated if any of the members have any suggestions to please let them know.

(C) Introduction of New Pueblo West Metropolitan District Manager

Chairman Hart asked Ms. Leonard to introduce the new Pueblo West District Manager. Ms. Leonard introduced Mr. Darrin Tangeman. Chairman Hart welcomed Mr. Tangeman to PACOG and asked him if he would like to let them know where he is from. Mr. Tangeman stated he is retired from the military, serving the last 22 years. He stated he is looking forward to working with everyone. Chairman Hart welcomed Mr. Tangeman on board.

MANAGER’S REPORT

(A) EPAC Minutes/Statement/Report

Ms. Armstrong reported the PACOG packet included the draft EPAC minutes, with attachments, from the August 6, 2015 EPAC meeting.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS (FFYS) 2016 AND 2017 FOR THE PUEBLO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (PACOG) AS THE DESIGNATED METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) FOR THE PUEBLO URBAN AREA IN COMPLIANCE WITH 23 USC 134, 49 USC 5303, 23 CFR 450 AND 500, AND 49 CFR 613; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY OF PUEBLO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PACOG AND CITY OF PUEBLO DELEGATION AGREEMENT DATED DECEMBER 4, 2014 TO ADMINISTER AND IMPLEMENT THIS UPWP IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Mr. Scott Hobson, MPO Administrator, reported the above resolution would approve the adoption of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Federal Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017. There were significant changes made in the format of this year's work program. Staff has been meeting on a monthly basis with staffs from CDOT, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA), who helped put together the new format for the new work program. It does follow the format and guidelines provided by FHWA and FTA. It also emphasizes the eight goals and objectives that were adopted by PACOG, which are included within the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) that PACOG will be seeing in final form next month. There are four major work elements in the UPWP: Administration and Coordination; Data Collection; Long Range Transportation Plans and Studies; and Programs and Short Range Planning. The Administration and Coordination are the same duties identified in previous UPWPs, although they have been categorized so it will be easier to allocate staff time and for CDOT to be able to identify staff is following the work program. The tasks haven't changed except they have been formatted into an easier way to look for it, noting it was in a simplified manner. Data Collection includes three areas: population and land use data collection, traffic counting and traffic crash monitoring, and transit ridership surveys. The transit ridership surveys item is new, and staff time will be dedicated to assist the transit providers in any surveys they conduct for transit users. He stated about 20% of the transportation planning funds come from FTA. The Long Range Transportation Plans and Studies element includes six categories: travel demand forecasting, metropolitan transportation plan, area-wide transit functionality study, West Pueblo Connector corridor study, U.S. Highway 50 economic benefits study, and general consultant fees. The area-wide transit functionality study will determine if the current stops and routes, as well as bus stops, are meeting the needs of the people and serving the appropriate neighborhoods and areas within the MPO area, noting it should be completed in 2016 and the RFP will be awarded before the end of this year.

Ms. McFadyen stated that County-wide one of our biggest transit servers is SRDA's on-demand service. She asked if it is possible to work with this program and expand it, noting it works well. She stated she would like to see if there is a need and if they could support the need through that mechanism rather than the regular bus transit service. Mr. Hobson replied it may not fit into the scope of the transit functionality study, but the MPO staff could look at a separate project and modify the UPWP to add it. Ms. McFadyen stated the County just looked at the process of getting some financing on a program and looked at the numbers on ridership. She stated the largest user for on-demand in the County is Pueblo West. She felt it could be part of the solution if they have a problem. Mr. Hobson responded that a lot of the fixed transit routes have been in place for many years. He stated staff is looking if there is any way to modify those routes. Currently, they use a pulse system so buses leave the transit station and

complete a route, returning back to the transit station. Some of these routes are one-hour loops and some are one-half hour loops. This sometimes leads to situations where if somebody wants to get from one part of town to another they have to catch a bus and go to the transit station and transfer, noting it could take them much longer than it should to get to their destination. Staff is looking at the potential of transfer stations connecting along intersecting routes, which might allow someone to not have to come back to the transit station. Staff would also like to look at whether or not it might be feasible to have an express bus service from sections along Highway 50, noting this is not a new concept but it was brought up in the PEL study. He stated potential sites on Purcell and McCulloch were identified in the PEL study which would be express routes, noting they would not necessarily follow all the stops that a normal bus system does. Staff could look at adding that as a work item, but he would like to talk a little more with SRDA about what that would entail. Mr. Nawrocki stated that Pueblo West is unique because it is not considered rural anymore because the density is too great. It is certainly not a grid system so it is hard to fix a route. He stated at the current time the only funding which is available to Pueblo West is for the disabled and seniors. The other parts of the County--Colorado City and Rye--SRDA has a bus in the area. In Avondale and Beulah, there are also buses. There is not a bus in the St. Charles Mesa area. Mr. Hobson stated they would like to bring the transit providers for the rural transit operations and see whether or not this evolves into a specific, special project or whether it could be undertaken under the regular transit planning component of the UPWP. He stated he would be happy to set up a discussion on where that fits in. Ms. McFadyen stated that SRDA is one of the largest transit providers in the State. PACOG needs to look at its options with transit. She noted it is an on-demand service in Pueblo West, noting there are straight roads there. The demand is going to keep going up and there are demands to provide transit to these areas. She felt we need to find a way to get the money to finance it.

Mr. Montoya asked if the study includes transportation, such as the schools are involved in. He stated when he lived in Denver the school districts provided passes to students so that they could get to the schools, noting it was easier to coordinate. He felt if this happened that it would increase ridership and would create the opportunity for more routes. Mr. Hobson replied the scope of work of the study that they are proposing will look at operations, as well as routes. If any level of expansion is proposed, the study would indicate where those areas would be. As far as the operations, they could look at what is the best system for getting students to and from school. Mr. Montoya stated staff could drop the school district's routes on top of the UTPD's routes and see how they match. Mr. Hobson felt this was an excellent idea.

Ms. Kristen Castor stated one of the biggest populations Pueblo has is students. She stated Pueblo has been looking at having a Regional Transportation Authority for years. In today's political climate with the limited funding, everybody is thinking of a 1/2¢ sales tax for roads, bridges, sidewalks, police, etc., noting it is not going to work if everyone asks for a sales tax. She felt better coordination of our transportation resources might be part of the answer. The difficulty is SRDA is for seniors and disabled and there are people who are not in these categories who need transit services. She felt we need to be creative. Politically, the hardest thing to do is to determine who is going to be the dispatcher because there are turf issues. She felt this is a good, other kind of alternative, but she didn't think any kind of tax for a Regional Transportation Authority would work if everybody else is also asking for tax increases. She stated it would be beneficial to have an alternative strategy. Mr. Pace responded everyone needs to work together if there is going to be a transportation taxing measure. The logical way to do

this is a Regional Transportation Authority, noting he didn't see why the community couldn't do this. It makes sense for Pueblo County, Pueblo West, the City of Pueblo, and everyone to work together. He stated hopefully there will be a feasibility study done to connect Amtrak to Pueblo early next year, noting they might need cash to wrap up this project. He wondered why it wouldn't be possible to tie this in with something that includes City roads, rural roads, Pueblo West, etc.

Mr. Hobson stated there is one other project in the work program, which would potentially provide financial assistance to the U.S. Highway 50 economic benefit study that CDOT is undertaking. If there is additional funding which is needed for that study, there is money programmed into the work program to provide MPO planning funds.

Mr. Hobson reported the next program area is Programs and Short Range Planning. There are four main items under this section which include keeping the transportation improvements program updated and doing any amendments to it as required for projects. Transit planning coordination is a new item under the work program and allocates staff time. It is overall transit planning for all services, as well as assistance with Pueblo Transit for them to provide their certification as a transit provider. The MPO is not taking over all of these activities, but will be providing staff assistance for the transit providers to be able to provide better reporting and review of their services. The last item under this section is a pavement management inventory system and a maintenance program. In the MAP 21 legislation, at the Federal level, the pavement management maintenance of existing systems is a big part of it. They had not previously specifically identified work in evaluating and monitoring the condition of pavement and operations and maintenance system. The MPO will be working in conjunction with the local governments and CDOT to be able to begin implementing the pavement management system. If the entities have their own systems in place, it is not the intent of PACOG staff to change them, but instead offer their assistance to be able to do a better job.

Mr. Hobson stated the total budget for the two-year UPWP is \$1,112,552. The budget is divided between two years. FY 2016 has a budget of \$629,790, and FY 2017 has a budget of \$482,762. At the end of FY 2017, there is a carryover of \$50,000 built into the work program that allows for operations for a minimum of a three-month period between when the federal fiscal year ends at the end of September and the PACOG fiscal year begins in January. It guarantees funding for the three months of operation before the new PACOG budget kicks in. The work program identifies projected salaries for staffing in each of the two years--in FY 2016 \$236,790 and FY 2017 \$232,270. The 18 categories, where staff will be charging time, were provided in the document. This allows transparency of what programs staff is working on and how many hours are anticipated.

Mr. Hobson stated the items in the UPWP will become the scope of work section in the new Consolidated Planning Grant that provides the funding to PACOG for transportation planning. The contract should be coming to PACOG in September or early October.

It was moved by Ed Brown, seconded by Buffie McFadyen, and passed unanimously to approve "A Resolution Adopting the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2016 and 2017 for the Pueblo Area Council of Governments (PACOG) as the Designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Pueblo Urban Area in Compliance with 23 USC 134, 49 USC 5303, 23 CFR 450 and 500, and

49 CFR 613; and Authorizing and Directing the City of Pueblo in Accordance with the PACOG and City of Pueblo Delegation Agreement dated December 4, 2014 to Administer and Implement this UPWP in Accordance with All Applicable Federal, State, and Local Laws and Regulations”.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPAC) REPORT ON PUEBLO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SITES AND FACILITIES ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Ms. Doris Kester, EPAC Chairwoman, reported a letter was provided to PACOG in their packets, which is a proposed change to the Pueblo Municipal Code. She felt this would encourage more people to recycle and it would cut down on the amount of junk/trash going to the landfill.

Ms. Becky Cortese, an EPAC member, reported this is an update to the Pueblo Municipal Code to fall in line with the State statutes regarding recycling. The current Code does not recognize recycling, noting it is all municipal solid waste. She stated if a company wants to have a recycling facility within the City limits or assemble a drop-off location, they can't do that without obtaining a certificate of designation, which is what is required of a landfill, noting it is expensive and not feasible. This language incorporates the State language acknowledging what recyclables are and excludes them from the certificate of designation requirement. She stated she was shocked this hadn't already been done. It opens the door to having a drop-off location, which is what a lot of residents would like to see according to their poll, and all the way up to having a recycling facility for sorting.

Chairman Hart asked if the letter which was submitted by EPAC is asking for support from PACOG. Ms. Cortese replied yes.

Mr. Montoya asked if the revision stipulates how often things would be picked up and managing of the location. Ms. Cortese replied no, noting this was discussed at the EPAC meeting, but they weren't sure who would be in charge of this. She stated she didn't know if it would go to public works or zoning, and who would be in charge of those details about that specific location. Mr. Montoya asked if EPAC thought about making a recommendation about who it should be and how it should be handled. Ms. Cortese responded EPAC felt there should be a zoning process to have those facilities approved. As to location, they did talk about it. They felt that a recycling center in the middle of residential neighborhoods is not appropriate.

Mr. Gradisar asked if the idea was that the City would not run this recycling center, but if a company wanted to do this they could do so without having to obtain a certificate of designation. Ms. Cortese replied yes. It cuts the red tape for the private sector to offer these services.

Mr. Brown asked if something that wasn't recyclable was dumped, who would be responsible. Ms. Cortese replied whoever is running the facility would be responsible. This is a standard with any recycling drop-off location anywhere, noting you are going to have non-recyclables dropped off that you have to get rid of. She stated EPAC talked about the drop-off location not being manned, and them not working. For example, the recycling center in Colorado Springs was closed because it was unmanned and the contamination was unbelievable.

Mr. Schilling stated he didn't think the City or County would like to manage the facility. He asked what was the likelihood of any private company wanting to do this is. Ms. Cortese replied it depends on what commodities look like now. She stated this is a bad year for single stream. It is a better year for sorted recyclables (i.e., cardboard, paper) because they can be sold and you can make money off of them. She stated at their transfer station they bale cardboard and paper and sell those to try and offset the expense of getting rid of single stream. This year it is costing more to get rid of single stream than it is to landfill it. Mr. Schilling stated then "probably not". Ms. Cortese responded it depends, noting EPAC didn't want to name recyclables because they didn't want to limit anyone to what they could recycle. She stated there is technology to recycle styrofoam and plastic bags and, if there is a company that can do that, they want to give them the ability to do so. They are also hoping the market will change. There are a couple of reasons why the single stream commodities has been so low. The dock strike in China left commodities, which get shipped for processing, stranded on the docks for months. The price of fuel is the other reason. Plastics are generated with fossil fuels. It is cheaper to make new plastics than to recycle the old ones. She stated at some point someone will come up with a new technology to do something with plastics, which will be cost efficient.

Mr. Colucci asked if all there is in the County currently is single stream with no sorting. Ms. Cortese responded there is sorting done at some facilities, noting her company does recycle and some sorting. At their drop-off location, they have sorted areas for people who drop-off. Glass is separated from cardboard and paper. They also have a single-stream area. Single stream is all collected generally on the curb.

It was moved by Buffie McFadyen and seconded by Nick Gradisar to approve the EPAC report on the Pueblo Municipal Code relating to the solid waste disposal sites and facilities ordinance amendment language. Discussed ensued.

Mr. Nawrocki stated he is having difficulty with this motion primarily because it has to go to the City Council and they haven't had the chance to discuss it, noting not all of the members were present and there wasn't staff available to discuss it with. He stated he didn't want to say he was against it, but at the same time, it hasn't been vetted. Mr. Gradisar stated as he understood the motion it gets sent to City Council. Ms. McFadyen stated the motion supports the amendment language to whoever it goes. Mr. Nawrocki stated the change would take place at City Council. Ms. McFadyen stated she could withdraw her motion. Mr. Nawrocki felt the appropriate thing would be is to present it at a City Council work session and provide them the opportunity to respond and work with EPAC to make that happen. Mr. Schilling stated what he was understanding was PACOG was simply recommending a positive tone to go to Council, noting he had no problem supporting it as presented. Mr. Azad stated the language in the proposal which PACOG has supported goes to City Council. He stated ultimately the language has to be approved by City Council. He felt it should be brought to the City Council work session to get feedback. Mr. Schilling asked Mr. Nawrocki if the motion "should be killed". Mr. Nawrocki felt the appropriate body to take a look at it and make the ultimate decision would be the City Council. Mr. Schilling stated even if PACOG said yes, the City Council could say no. Mr. Nawrocki stated they would still be voting at the PACOG meeting. Mr. Schilling stated that could be resolved by refraining from voting. Ms. McFadyen stated EPAC is under the umbrella of PACOG. They are making a suggestion. PACOG is just saying they support the process and the language. It is her

opinion the City Council would still be vetted by them, noting it doesn't have to be adopted. Mr. Nawrocki stated if the motion is that PACOG supports submitting it to the City Council for their consideration, he is OK with that. Ms. McFadyen stated she would withdraw her motion. Mr. Gradisar withdrew his second.

After discussion, it was moved by Steve Nawrocki and seconded by Buffie McFadyen that PACOG support the recommendation from EPAC that City Council review and make a determination on whether to amend the Pueblo Municipal Code ordinance.

Mr. Chad Wolgram from the Pueblo City-County Health Department stated they support the ordinance, which would ease restrictions on recycling. It would motivate City and County residents and give them the opportunity to recycle and provide them more places to recycle.

The motion passed unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER/CDOT REGION 2 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chairman Hart stated there were no comments this month from Mr. Bill Thiebaut, the Region 2 Transportation Commissioner.

Ms. Karen Rowe, CDOT Region 2 Director, reported there was a new Transportation Commissioner in Region 9. His name is Nolan Shriner, noting he will be handling Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Fremont County, Park County, and Teller County.

Ms. Rowe stated she found out that Bustang does have a handicap access. It is in the middle of the bus rather than the front. There are two wheelchair seats.

Ms. Rowe reported that a waterline was hit on Santa Fe Avenue this week while the contractor was working on the Ilex interchange. The contractor went drilling for caissons for bridges and hit a 20" waterline, which shot up and hit the bottom of the bridge. The team reacted quickly, and the water company shut off the waterline. No businesses or residences were impacted. CDOT is in the process of repairing the road and will have it paved tonight at 8:00 p.m. She stated the contractor will be paying for everything at their cost, and is taking steps that this not reoccur, noting more due diligence will occur.

Ms. Rowe stated they will not be impacting traffic during the State Fair. U.S. 50 will not have any impacts west. The project at U.S. 50 East (36th Lane) will continue to occur during the State Fair, which entails the closing of one lane. Striping will be done and the traffic will be signed if they want to use the U.S. 50 business route as an alternative. They didn't think that it would have any significant traffic impacts. She stated they want to get the project done before the winter, and felt leaving it open would facilitate this project being done by October.

Ms. Rowe stated they got good comments about the U.S. 50 West project, noting this project should be done by next spring. They have a contractor on board for State Highway 45 and will be starting on it this fall. Wheelchair ramp replacements will be done, as well as other improvements, and then the paving will be done next spring. She stated the paving on Highway 47 is done.

Ms. Rowe stated the Region 2 headquarters has gone out for RFPs. CDOT has short-listed to four teams, noting there were 8 RFPs submitted. One of the subcontractors is local. She stated interviews will be done on September 29th. CDOT is moving forward with selecting their design/build contractor and should be under contract by the end of October. They should start to work on the design in November. No sites have been selected. CDOT is in negotiations with the City of Pueblo for possible improvements to two sites, as well as Pueblo West. Mr. Schilling asked if the site selection has been broadened from Pueblo to Colorado Springs. Ms. Rowe replied the CBRE knows the market, so we have asked them to keep a pulse on what's going on in the different markets. At the current time, CDOT is confident in working with the City of Pueblo that they can come to an agreed upon negotiation for improvements.

Mr. Pace stated he didn't know if it was the wet, early summer, but the highways look worse than they have in the past. He stated with the State Fair coming, the highways should be looking better. He asked if the major exits could be cleaned. Ms. Rowe stated she would speak with her staff, and she would place it on her calendar as a reminder in the future. She informed the PACOG members they could send her emails. Mr. Pace stated the County inmates are no longer used by CDOT to clean the highways, and this might be part of the problem. Ms. Rowe replied CDOT has a contract with Keep Colorado Clean to help with this.

Ms. Rowe stated CDOT will be trying to do an outreach to all of the counties to set up meetings with them in October and November. Ms. Theresa Delgado from CDOT will be calling the different counties to set up these meetings. Ms. Rowe stated the meetings will not be extensive, but more of a listening session. She stated State Transportation Commissioner Bill Thiebaut has said he would like to attend the meetings.

MPO STAFF REPORT:

(A) 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Update--Process and Status

Mr. Hobson stated five public open houses have been conducted by the staff and consultants during the past month. Three of the open houses (at the Rawlings Library) on July 27th, Greenhorn Library in Colorado City on August 11th, and the Pueblo West Library on August 17th were sparsely attended. The final public open house was August 26th at Giadone Public Library on the St. Charles Mesa from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The meeting at the Pueblo Transit Center on August 3rd had approximately 80 attendees. In addition to the public open houses, the PACOG staff has previously held bicycle/pedestrian public meetings, provided an on-line transportation survey, and participated in a Pueblo regional telephone town hall conducted by CDOT.

Mr. Scott Hobson, MPO Administrator, reported the draft text, tables, and maps for nine of the twelve chapters that will comprise the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan have been completed by the PACOG transportation staff with significant assistance of the consultant team and sub-consultants. The final three chapters should be completed within the next ten days. The project team is planning to have a draft of the full Plan for the September 24, 2015 PACOG meeting. There will be a 30-day comment period following, and formal adoption will take place after this period.

(B) Review of Potential Projects for the Regional Transportation Authority Program

Mr. Hobson reported staff is recommending to PACOG that the prioritized list of construction and operational programs funded through a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) be undertaken initially by the combined PACOG Transportation Citizen Advisory and Technical Advisory Committees. Staff is currently working on the Long Range Transportation Plan, which a draft of it should be ready for review at the September 24th PACOG meeting. Staff requests that the development of a potential project list for a RTA Program be delayed until the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan is completed and adopted by PACOG, noting the Plan will serve as the document that will likely identify many of the potential projects within a RTA project program.

Mr. Hobson stated they would like to use the format and process, which is established through PACOG, where the outreach and generation of the projects focus and flow through the TAC and CAC. These committees have the technical expertise. They will generate the list of projects and then staff can forward and present the list to PACOG.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Nawrocki stated he would like there to be some discussion on Fountain Creek. He stated the Pueblo Chieftain has been suggesting that the City Council is not very committed in trying to solve the Fountain Creek issue. He stated he met with the editorial board. He felt that PACOG was the body who had an interest in this issue and maybe there is some way we can reach some kind of understanding where we can have more solidarity. He stated they would have to recognize that the County holds the more powerful segment of this solidarity. He felt it would be good for them to work together and be one voice, and not be influenced outside of our area or even within our area without coming together. He stated they would need to recognize the County as a governmental entity who sits in a different position in terms of how they enforce the rules. Mr. Pace stated the Board of County Commissioners received a report from its water engineers, who presented findings to them. He felt it would be nice to do this presentation at PACOG, noting it is the property of Pueblo County but it also talks about the needs along the Fountain from the headwaters down to the confluence. The report also rates the stormwater projects in Colorado and provides those which have the most benefit to Pueblo. Chairman Hart felt it was a good idea for all of the governments to be involved in the conversation and understand what the issues are, and then figure out what we can do from a united community perspective. He felt it might be beneficial for the City and County staffs to talk about it and figure out what issues PACOG might be able to do. He stated Mr. Pace's suggestion on the presentation is a good idea. He stated staff would be able to provide PACOG with what they might be able to do collectively or on a united front from an individual basis. He stated it is not only the City and County who are involved, but also the water board and all of the other entities. He stated they could find out if Wright Water Engineering could do a truncated presentation on the report, noting the PACOG members are more than welcome to look at the entire report presented to the Board of County Commissioners. He stated it is an excellent first step in helping us to understand what's going on, the causes, and to identify the solutions. He stated what he got out of the presentation was the enormity of the problem. He stated \$19 million/year for 10 years or \$190 million sounds like a lot of money, but when you match that up against identified projects already of over \$500 million, it is not. Wright Water Engineering indicated that \$465 million of the \$500 million

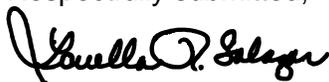
are projects which would benefit Pueblo. He stated this is just Colorado Springs. We also have the surrounding entities in unincorporated El Paso County, which takes those projects up to \$1 billion or more. This is simply talking about projects; it doesn't talk about operation and maintenance of existing facilities and future projects. Ms. McFadyen stated the Pueblo Chieftain's editorial suggested that the City of Pueblo should have a seat at the table on the 1041 negotiations. She stated taking out the 1041 permit and SDS discussions, what the Wright Engineering report and the recent flooding brought home was what if the SDS wasn't going on--what would we be doing about the flooding cooperatively? We need to look at it not only from the 1041 or the SDS, but the bigger question is what is happening regardless of that project. The Wright Engineering report brought home the scope of the project and the number of years it has been going on. She stated Pueblo County is in negotiations on the 1041 permit, but the problem is much larger and it reaches back many years. She felt this is the approach we should use to look at it. She stated the City of Pueblo is in a position to be aggressive in a way that the County can't because they are held back on what they can say because of the 1041 negotiations. She felt going through a truncated report would give PACOG the background analogy. Mr. Schilling felt it was important for the City to meet with the County and talk about what is important to everyone. He stated having the discussion at PACOG would be great, but he also felt like the City and County need to discuss it, noting the City could discuss its concerns. Mr. Pace stated the County's attorneys warn the Board what they shouldn't be saying because they are in a quasi-judicial capacity, but the City might be able to help them. Mr. Nawrocki stated if the pipeline didn't exist, there is still a lot of damage that has been done. The reality is the pipeline does exist, and it is something El Paso County and Colorado Springs want very much to happen. The County is sitting in a position of having some influence, which can make negotiations in terms of the City's part possible. The City and County have the same constituents, and we all have a vested interest in this. Chairman Hart agreed, noting the City Council represents a good portion of the citizens the County Commissioners represent. Risks, harms, and needs for protection are shared by them. He felt the dialogue is a very good idea, and the City may be able to help the County. Mr. Nawrocki stated there has to be some forum to communicate this. Mr. Schilling agreed.

Mr. Pace stated he would like PACOG to adopt a resolution at its next meeting which requests that CDOT keep its headquarters in Pueblo. Mr. Hobson stated he would prepare the resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further regular business before PACOG, the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, September 24, 2015, at the Pueblo County Department of Emergency Management, 101 West 10th Street, 1st Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,



Louella R. Salazar
PACOG Recording Secretary

JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Following the regular PACOG meeting, there was a joint meeting held between the Pueblo City Council and Board of County Commissioners to appoint members to the following boards of review: Building Board of Review, Electrical Board of Review, Mechanical Board of Review, and Plumbing Board of Review. The following persons were selected: Rodney Scott (General Contractor) and Matthew A. Dick (Experienced Person) for Building Board of Review; Charles Montera (Contractor) and Daniel Henderson (Engineer) for Electrical Board of Review; Louis Fesmire III (Journeyman) for Mechanical Board of Review; and Dennis Gardner (Journeyman) for Plumbing Board of Review. These appointments need to be ratified by the City Council and Board of County Commissioners at their respective meetings.