

**Minutes of the  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION  
September 8, 2016  
8:30 a.m.**

**Community Room of the Municipal Justice Center, 200 South Main Street**

Agenda Items Marked with \* indicate additional materials included in packet

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

*Chairman: Scott Hobson*

*Time of Call: 8:37 a.m.*

*MPO Members Present: Scott Hobson, John Adams, Hannah Haurert*

*TAC Members Present: Alf Randall, Darrin Tangeman, Don Bruestle, Mike Castelluci, Michael Cuppy, Michael Snow, Pepper Whittlef, Wendy Pettit*

*CAC Members Present: Kristen Castor, Salvatore Piscitelli*

*Others Present:*

**2. Introductions and Public Comments (non-agenda items only).**

*Darrin Tangeman wanted to speak about the Pedestrian Fatal, Scott Hobson said this will become Agenda item number 8.*

**3. Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held on September 8, 2016**

*Motion to Approve: Salvatore Piscitelli*

*Second: Pepper Whittlef*

*Unanimous*

**4. CDOT Region II TIP/STIP Regular Agenda Item(s)**

*There were no Policy Notifications for September.*

**5. CDOT Division of Transit and Rail TIP/STIP Administration Agenda Item(s) \***

*CDOT Division of Transit and Rail has Notification of four (4) Administrative Amendments of Roll Forward Project Funding to the PACOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the MPO/TPR area. Attached spreadsheet for additional information.*

***Notification: No Action Required***

**Project Name:** Senior Resource Development Agency (SRDA) 2015 Small Urban Operating

**Agency WBS:** CO-16-4049.SRDA

**Name:** PWBS-0098

**Funding Source:** FTA 5310

**Grant Name:** CO-16-X049 (Small UZA)

**Project Location and Description:** Operating assistance for Transportation Services for seniors  
City/County wide.

**Federal Program Funds:** \$ 79,000

**State Matching Funds:** \$ -0-

**Local Matching Funds:** \$ 79,000

**Other Project Funds:** \$ -0-

**TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$158,000**

This request is to roll forward grant funds that were awarded in 2015 for Operating assistance.

**Project Name:** Senior Resource Development Agency (SRDA) 2016 Small Urban Operating  
**Agency WBS:** CO-16-4049.SRDA  
**Name:** PWBS-0215  
**Funding Source:** FTA 5310  
**Grant Name:** CO-16-X049 (Small UZA)  
**Project Location and Description:** Operating assistance for Transportation Services for seniors and handicapped persons City/County wide.  
**Federal Program Funds:** \$ 61,699  
**State Matching Funds:** \$ -0-  
**Local Matching Funds:** \$ 61,699  
**Other Project Funds:** \$ -0-  
**TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$123,338**  
This request is to roll forward the 2016 grant funds that were awarded in 2016 for operating expenses.

**Project Name:** Senior Resource Development Agency (SRDA) FY 5310 Small Urban BOC replacement project.  
**Agency WBS:** CO-16-4049.SRDA  
**Name:** PWBS-0618  
**Funding Source:** FTA 5310  
**Grant Name:** CO-16-X049 (Small UZA)  
**Project Location and Description:** Vehicle replacement for seniors and handicapped persons City/County wide.  
**Federal Program Funds:** \$ 55,300  
**State Matching Funds:** \$ -0-  
**Local Matching Funds:** \$ 13,825  
**Other Project Funds:** \$ -0-

**TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$23,241 (Total awarded Grant was \$69,125 the amount for this project is \$18,592.8-FTA, and \$4,648.2-Local).**

This request is to roll forward the 2016 awarded grant funds for one (1) small urban Body-on-Chassis vehicle replacement.

**Project Name:** Pueblo Transit Bus Replacement  
**Agency WBS:** CO-34-0007.PUEB  
**Name:** PWBS-0069  
**Funding Source:** FTA 5339  
**Grant Name:** CO-34-0007  
**Project Location and Description:** Municipality – Replacement of one (1) bus  
**Federal Program Funds:** \$ 308,000  
**State Matching Funds:** \$ -0-  
**Local Matching Funds:** \$ 77,000  
**Other Project Funds:** \$ -0-  
**TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 385,000**

This request is to roll forward the 5339 grant funds that were awarded in 2015 for one (1) transit bus replacement.

## **6. CDOT HQ Presentation "Together We Go" – Michael Snow**

*Together We Go is a program to help CDOT have regular and ongoing conversations with the TAC/CAC Staff to include statewide planning. Statewide Planning is wanting to know about safety issues, what plans indicate or what needs to improve. There are 3 phases and the first phase is through Telephone Town Hall meetings (TTH). TTH is conducted geographically through a call in from local residents regarding issues at hand including safety. Michael Snow informed us that safety is top priority along with pavement conditions and to reduce congestion. There was a TTH on June 7, 2016. TTH is a conversation with the Transportation Leaders. The participation reached 2300 people with 630 continuous users and did not drop below 400. The TTH could reach wider*

geographical areas in Pueblo and south/southeast part of the State. Michael said the average time a person stays on the phone is 5 minutes but the people stayed connected on the phone at 11 minutes. He said that people were either interested or irritated. There were a total of 36 questions (some of them were duplicates) and 16 of those were answered. There was a survey with general questions about Transportation Tech, prioritization, and Road Construction Impact. Pueblo's Plan is integrated with the Statewide Plan and includes safety and to focus on areas with distracted driving, hotspots, car seats, and seatbelts. Michael said that CDOT's wants to invest more but the research has not caught up. There are efforts with signs but a lot more needs to be done. CDOT works with the State Patrol with Click It or Ticket campaign or the Heat is On program. CDOT recognizes that more preventative maintenance is better than to wait until the road is no longer in good condition. CDOT is doing a lot more preventive maintenance to lengthen the life of assets with minimum amount of investment, and to maximize funding. Operations shown to have a much more benefit cost for the amount of cost to invest in them. Michael informed us that there are currently no plans completed since the plan has been adopted. CDOT is wanting to become the DOT of the future with Roadway Technology. "Road X" focuses on using technology in the roadway. There are two projects that include Road X: I-70 and I-25 (Denver). This allows technology to talk to the roadway. In Michael's presentation, there is a timeline in the 1980's that showed things have not changed, one of them being ways to pay. The 2<sup>nd</sup> line is the population growth and the 3<sup>rd</sup> line is lane mileage. The same system that was used back in 1980's is the same system that we are currently using because it has not gotten larger but traffic has drastically increased. State funding comes from fuel tax which has stayed the same. It does not increase if gas increases. CDOT has about 30-35% buying power today since the 1990's. This helps maintain the roadways and does not help in improvements. Don Bruestle asked about the shortfall in salaries and if it affects the staff. Michael says that it sure does. Wendy Pettit said that there is \$1b source with \$200m for construction and \$800m for maintenance, snow removal, pavement surfaces, bridge decking, etc. had to be cut back. Pepper Whittlef said that The County and The City is also having issues with that problem along with traffic increasing. Kristen Castor said that the general public does not know this and to use a simple exercise with priorities.

Michael Snow said that Phase 2 is him talking to us and Phase 3 is everyone getting involved with their own entities. He said that other groups told him that they also deal with Local and County facilities. He said that we can use the presentation and change it for our own information. Wendy said that we would need to include FASTER. She also mentioned that it can't go out to the public unless we have that comprehensive look. Michael said that there are some graphics that is simple enough. He said that revenue did not change in many years. There is also another important question, is this important enough to invest in? Kristen Castor said that it needs to have meaning in order for the public to get involved. Michael asked for an example. Kristen said that, "I need to get from this point to that point and I can't because..." Or "I'm driving down a road and saying that it is in bad shape and what it takes to fix that." Michael said that the Economics Analysis cost the State to sit in traffic. Just the time out of our day we waste and the cost of sitting in traffic. Alf Randall said that people are willing to pay for a tax increase but when that money gets directed away from roads, that causes a problem. Pepper Whittlef said that the General Fund of the State does not put money towards the road. Michael said that there are strings attached to the programs and work at the Legislator. He said that they have a say in how much money is spent. Michael said that our roads are subsidizes. Darrin Tangeman said that the cost of roads increased. Michael asked what the construction percentage is and Wendy said that it is up by 40%. Kristen said that putting the amount of how much it would cost to repair a street and you would bring in the scale and for the state budget. She said that would be more meaningful to people and demonstrate what the problem is. Michael said in the TTH, the questions demonstrated the lack of understanding of the cost to do things. He said that the marijuana tax does not go towards to the roads. The Lottery revenues are tiny drops in the bucket. Alf suggested using the whole budget and then showing what percentage are for the roads. Michael informed everyone that CDOT cannot campaign. Pepper Whittlef would like to see a pie graph with state budget and transportation. Michael said that everything has been

*severely underfunded and that is why things do not get fixed. Scott Hobson said the cumulative decisions over a 10-15 years have short changed infrastructure. CDOT gets about \$1.2b-\$1.3b a year. Michael said it is still shy \$1b for roadway projects.*

*Michael Snow asked about safety issues or if their plan is on track or which areas to focus on. Kristen Castor was concerned about I-25, she said that people are following too closely. Pepper Whittlef said that driving behavior has plummeted over time and its' direct result from no enforcement. There is photo enforcement, speed enforcement, work zone enforcement, or new technology. Photo enforcement works here in Pueblo. Michael Cuppy asked if the accidents decreased where there is a red light enforcement. Pepper said that it did decrease and so does the behavior. Scott Hobson said that everything must be approved by the Legislator. Alf Randall suggested to take a realistic look on Federal Highways, CDOT procedures and requirements due to the cost of the roadways.*

*Michael Snow asked about the road closures, would you rather be impacted more for a short period of time or less impacted but the construction project longer? Kristen Castor and Darrin Tangemin rather be faced with a shorter period of time. Michael Cuppy and Pepper Whittlef said it depends. Michael Cuppy said the impact on businesses for a short period of time will still impact them for a longer period of time. He also mentioned that the shorter period of time has a less of an overall impact than a longer construction period. Michael Snow said that every TTH wants longer project time. Scott Hobson pointed out the key word is lane closures, people do not want a closure. Pepper Whittlef said that with CDOT's roadway, it would be huge for a road closure. Kristen Castor asked if it was 10 miles a year allowed to be fixed. Pepper said that it's maybe half a mile.*

*Michael informed everyone that this presentation can be used with our entities, who do not normally have a conversation with CDOT about Statewide Transportation Planning, how CDOT is doing, safety issues, etc.... Darrin Tangemin asked how it would work and Michael said that he can work together to figure something out. Kristen Castor said that the ballot would be too late. She recommended having it on the ballot and ask for help from the public with a graph to show the cost, the budget, and condition with sidewalks/roadways. She said that this will cause some creative solutions to come out.*

## **7. CDOT Region II Updates**

*Wendy Pettit informed us that we would need to work on a new STIP for 2018-2022. The new STIP would be in September 2018, it should be done from TAC/CAC board by November and PACOG Board in December.*

*Pepper Whittlef asked about the schedule for the TAP applications. Wendy Pettit said the TAP awards are at the end of September, and that the announcement for statewide will be beginning of October.*

*Michael Snow asked Wendy Pettit if she got a hold of Lesley. Wendy said that she forwarded that information (Safe Routes) to Dan Centa.*

*Wendy Pettit said that the Freight draft has been finished and will go forward and how to allocate that funding. There is 2 years funding available. The 10 years program development list has finally gone to DTD and will be going to STAC. Scott Hobson asked about funding through Region 2 to put a FAST ACT application together for freight funding. Wendy said that we will have to talk to Ajin. Scott said that there might be some funding from Region 2 to hire a consultant to put together a FAST ACT application for another phase of I-25. Wendy said that it is probably the NPS (Non-Project Specific) contracts and they have now been renewed. Scott said the next FAST ACT will be due at the end of the year or January 2017. He said he does not know if the I-25 freight fits in with CDOT and if it does then to get moving on it.*

## **8. McCulloch & Purcell – Discussion on Safety (Pedestrian Fatally)**

*Darrin Tengeman informed us there was a Fatal Pedestrian accident that occurred on Purcell and McCulloch. The individual came from Safeway and did not cross at the crosswalk but used a shortcut. He was clipped by a mirror, went to pick up his groceries and then dragged 90 feet. It happened about 300 feet east of the intersection and around 9p.m. There were comments made from the resident's that they do not use the crosswalk because they do not feel safe with all the turning vehicles. Don Bruestle asked if there is a pedestrian crosswalk option to stop the traffic at the light. Pepper Whittlef said that there is a Pedestrian button for north/south traffic. Sal Piscitelli asked about a yield signs for pedestrians. Wendy Pettit said that it will once it is fully constructed. Darrin asked the group if there is a solution. Don suggested a PED overpass or underpass. Michael asked how it would be in the process since the intersection is being improved. He asked what the benefit ratio would be. Wendy said that area has already had a cost benefit ratio. There was already a PEL and an EA done. Darrin said that a PED overpass and underpass has already been looked at and the cost is high. Wendy said that there is an opportunity to change something. Darrin asked about the FLAP money being used for another project. Wendy said that it can as long as the money is going towards federally owned property. Darrin asked McCulloch to Pueblo Blvd might be feasible for the FLAP money. Scott Hobson asked Wendy if CDOT Operations can be involved with this issue. Wendy said that Matt Jagow and Dan Dahlke. Alf Randall suggested to look at all the pedestrian fatalities on State Highways. Wendy said that Canon City is looking at their fatality. Scott Hobson asked how to move forward with authorization and Wendy said to call Karen. Wendy said that if the plan changes, there might need to be another environmental view and might delay the project. Scott asked if there might be more HSIP money and Wendy said yes. She said to talk to Matt about this project. Pepper Whittlef said that they may not even use the PED underpass because it is still farther away.*

## **9. Staff Reports:**

- **FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program\***

*John Adams said that the majority of the FY 2016-2017 has not changed. The minor adjustments were the funding allocation. The UPWP will go to PACOC next month and then go to the State then a resolution afterwards.*

*Michael Snow had a question about page 17 in the packet. His concern was that in 1623, the ridership is blank. John Adams said that number is random. Scott Hobson said it should be "Assist with planning and coordination of randomly selected surveys..."*

*Michael Snow had a concern about the 1632 section, and did not understand the 2040 LRTP Implementation. Scott Hobson said it's the strategies in the plan. John Adams said that it will include the Performance Measures.*

- **Urban Critical / Multi-Modal Freight Corridor Designations Update**

*John Adams said that we can add segments to the study area. The deadline is at the end of this month. It will be going to STAC September 23<sup>rd</sup>. It is 5 years' worth of funding and we currently have 2 years. It's another funding source.*

*Wendy Pettit said that there are 3 specific areas; 2 are urban and 1 is rural. US 50 W is one of the projects. US 50 improvements are on the east side of town by the Airport and the other is the bridge at the Chemical Depot. Scott Hobson asked if PACOG or TAC can endorse and Wendy said that there is when they finish. Scott asked if I-25 will still be added and Wendy said that it will be. Scott asked how many miles can be added. Michael Snow said that it is 80 urban and 160 rural. US 50 W to Pueblo West is urban, Paul Harvey is urban, and Chemical Depot is rural. Wendy said that 17 miles were added. Alf Randall asked if I-25*

*would be included, Wendy said that all of I-25 is included. Darrin Tangemin asked if Dillon Dr. can be added. Wendy said that it is not a state facility. Scott Hobson said that the list can be changed when a project is completed, then you can readjust to new areas for eligible funding. He asked how PACOG plays into this. Wendy said that the MPO board should come up with a list for PACOG. Scott said that PACOG would support it. He asked if this is the last month for STAC to look at. Wendy said that it is just the additions and not the projects. Scott asked if there is time to do so and Michael said there is not.*

**10. Items from TAC Members or scheduling of future agenda items**

*Don Bruestle asked who is going to the next STAC meeting on September 22. Scott Hobson said that John Adams and Buffie McFadyen are attending.*

**11. Adjournment**

**Chairman Scott Hobson adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.**