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**Minutes of the  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION  
October 12, 2017  
8:30 a.m.**

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

Agenda items marked with \* indicate additional materials are included in the packet.

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**1. Call Meeting to Order**

*Chairman: John Adams*

*Time of Call: 8:32 a.m.*

*MPO Members Present: John Adams, Bart Mikitowicz, Hannah Haunert*

*TAC Members Present: Alf Randall, Darrin Tangeman, Don Bruestle, Pepper Whittlef, Shawn Winters*

*CAC Members Present: Kristen Castor, Joe Garcia*

*Others Present: Salvatore Piscitelli, Dan Dahlke, Sal Pace, Randy Grauberger, Charles Meyer, Scott Hobson*

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

*Introductions were made for Randy Grauberger (WSP) and Charles Meyer.*

**3. Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held on September 14, 2017.**

*Motion to Approve: Sal Piscitelli*

*Second: Alf Randall*

*Unanimous:*

**4. Safety Performance Measures – Charles Meyer or Alisa Babler\* (*For Discussion*)**

*Safety Performance Measures will be an annual occurrence for the MPO. The State will establish targets and the MPO can use their targets or set our own. Charles Meyer said that the FHWA passed a rule to establish targets for 5 safety measures. This includes: Fatalities, Fatality Rate, Serious Injury, Serious Injury Rate, and non-motorized Fatalities & Serious Injury (Bikes & Peds). Pepper Whittlef asked when is the first year we have to report this, Charles said Feb 27, 2018. Scott Hobson asked how is this different than the performance measures we did in the 2040 Long-Range Plan (LRP). Charles said that he does not know but this would be an annual target.*

*Bart Mikitowicz asked how population increase for fatalities than the rate of fatalities. Charles Meyer said that fatalities have been increasing but the rate has been level. Kristen asked if distracted driving is a factor (touch screen). Charles said that they do think it is. There has been an increase in Pedestrian, bicyclist, and motorcyclist accidents. Colorado was a rural fatality state and now it has become an urban fatality state. Sal Piscitelli asked if there are any comparisons with other states. Charles said yes, by looking at the fatality rate.*

*He said that we are 20<sup>th</sup> in ranking. Sal asked what they are doing better. Charles said that they are starting to get into that conversation with other states. Don Bruestle asked if there is a difference in states with a higher population. Charles said that denser states have a lower rate.*

*Don Bruestle asked what happened when we do not meet the requirement. Charles Meyer said that the State would use the Safety money. The penalty is just admin. It does not affect future funding.*

*This is based on Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), serious injury, and a 5-year average. The 5-year target would be years 2014-2018 and the baseline will be 2012-2016. We must meet or show a significant progress to baseline in 4 out of 5 measures.*

*The MPO's role is to establish performance targets by February 27, 2018. This is to adopt CDOT's or our own target. There are really no consequences if not met. Pepper Whittlef said that we already have our targets. Charles Meyer asked if we do that every year. Pepper said no. Charles said this would be an annual exercise.*

*It may help with fatalities if people wore their seatbelt. Charles Meyer said that almost half of fatalities in vehicle accidents do not have their seatbelt on. A Seatbelt Law would help reduce these fatalities. Sal Piscitelli asked if CDOT looks at fatalities from people out of state. Charles said yes. Kristen Castor asked about winter/mountain driving. Charles said that they do look at the analysis.*

*Scott Hobson asked what the VMT is. Charles said it is 100 million miles vehicles traveled. John Adams said that ours is about 2.9 million vehicles miles traveled (daily).*

##### **5. Bustang/Outrider Service – CDOT Transit Invited**

*No-one showed up to talk about it. John Adams did say that we will invite them next month. Bustang will come to Pueblo in January. SRDA will be the operator.*

##### **6. Southwest Chief Update - Randy Grauberger, WSP and Commissioner Pace (Informational)**

*Sal Pace said that BNSF could no longer maintain a stretch of line for passenger level speeds (79 mph) and let the rail degrade to 55mph from Newton, Kansas to New Mexico. There weren't enough capital investments to make it worthwhile. There was \$100m for capital and \$100m for maintenance for that stretch. In Colorado, we had formed with neighboring states for fundraising and maintenance. They are halfway through the capital needs. Work has been done with laying steel in western Kansas and eastern Colorado.*

*Pueblo Through Car Service – La Junta to Pueblo to Trinidad from Chicago. \$7m has been put aside for this service.*

*Randy Grauberger said that WB from La Junta would leave about 8:15 a.m. and arrive in Pueblo by 9a.m. and EB back to La Junta from Pueblo would leave about 6:00 p.m. and arrive around 7:31 p.m. The long range vision is to connect Trinidad and Walsenburg. There might be a delay because of the train accident a few years ago. Passenger Train Control (PTC) has been mandated by congress on all railroad when passenger and freight trains are using the same rail. PTC will cost half a million to 3 million dollars per miles. PTC is designed so that if something happens to the conductor then the train will be stopped.*

*They are looking at a full stationary plan at the end of June. Pueblo Union Depot can't handle passenger train right now. The next step is location, the best option would be Union Depot but there is also a building northwest of that or the land next to it. The other problem is there needs to be a turnaround (functional Y) and passing. They are also looking at parking, tickets, and Transit access. The first and last mile are very important. There will be an environmental impact study and overview of the high-level development impact done.*

**7. CDOT Region 2 Updates (*Informational Updates*)**

*New office move in date is still in March.*

**8. Avondale Drainage Project - Dan Dahlke\* (*Informational*)**

*In your packet, there is a map for the project. Dan Dahlke said that a pipe will be installed so the water runoff will drain faster. If this helps the drainage issue then the streets to the east will get a new pipe. The pipe will be installed this fall.*

**9. US 50 West Project - Dan Dahlke\* (*Informational*)**

*In your packet, there is a handout for what it will look like for the intersection of Hwy 50W & Hwy 45 (Pueblo Blvd). Dan Dahlke said that there will be a new bridge over Wildhorse Creek for Hwy 50W WB lanes. The WB offramp will be the existing WB lane with a double left turn. Eventually Hwy 50W to Purcell will have 3 lanes. NB on Hwy 45 (Pueblo Blvd) will have three lanes.*

**10. Proposed Changes to Safe Route to Schools Program\***

*John Adams said that when the local does their TAP application it needs to come through to the MPO for approval.*

**11. Staff Reports/Updates (*Informational Updates*)**

**1. Public Participation Plan – Approved**

*John Adams said it has been approved by PACOG.*

**2. Update of Areawide Bike Map**

*Bart Mikitowicz said that he took all the layers into one map. He met with Pueblo West staff to go over their routes. He got all the information and mapped it with critical information fields, the maps are embedded with information. There will be a lot of details.*

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

*Hopefully Bustang will come and speak.*

**13. Adjournment**

*Chairman John Adams adjourned the meeting at 10:29 p.m.*