

**Meeting Agenda of the
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

October 13, 2016

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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Office (719) 553-2244 by Noon on the Friday Preceding the Meeting.**

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman: John Adams

Time of Call: 8:36 a.m.

MPO Members Present: John Adams, Bartholomew Mikitowicz, Hannah Haurert

TAC Members Present: Alf Randall, Dan Centa, Don Bruestle, Joan Armstrong, Michael Snow, Pepper Whittlef

CAC Members Present: Kristen Castor, Don Druestle

Others Present: Ajin Hu

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

Introductions were made for Bartholomew (Bart) Mikitowicz – Transportation Planner.

Alf Randall asked about a Quorum. John Adams did say that it was discussed before and that we do not need one because of the bylaws. We will be looking at the bylaws as a committee.

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

Alf Randall suggested to recheck the spelling of the names. The names shall be corrected in the minutes.

Motion to Approve: Don Bruestle

Second: Alf Randall (after name change)

Unanimous

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

There are no Policy TIP Amendment Notifications for October.

5. Administration Modification to the TIP/STIP

Project Name: West 11th St Bridge Replacement

STIP Number:

Project Location and Description: **West 11th St Bridge Replacement**

Federal Program Funds: \$ **4,443,500**

State Matching Funds: \$

Local Matching Funds: \$ **3,116,620**

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$7,560,120

This administrative modification increases the local participation funding for the project from \$2,516,620 to \$3,116,620.

Requires additional local funding of \$600k. Kristen Castor asked about where the money comes from and John Adams informed us that it is from FASTER money within the Public Works Department's budget.

6. CDOT Region II Updates

Ajin Hu informed everyone that there are two new Region 2 Managers: Jason Nelson and Mike Watson. Jason is the Traffic Operations and is the Deputy and Super Intendent for the Colorado Springs area. Mike is responsible for Pueblo area.

7. 2021 State Transportation Improvement Program Schedule and Projects (STIP)

Ajin Hu informed us that the draft needs to be entered by February 15, 2017. The 2017 STIP Draft will go into TC for public comment. There will be a public hearing for the Draft STIP on April 2017. STIP will be adopted on May 2017 by TC. FHWA/FTA review and approve to adopt the STIP on June 2017. Pepper said that TAC will be reviewing it in our November 10th meeting.

8. RPP/FASTER Call for FY 2021 Projects- Discussion

CDOT is receiving application for FASTER money but there is not a list.

Ajin Hu informed us that CDOT wants to do a switch with two projects; the Hwy 50C drainage improvements and I-25. The switch will be \$250k from I-25 to Hwy 50C drainage for Avondale. There will need to be an approval next month. Everyone is ok with the change.

Don Bruestle wanted to know what the northern and southern point of I-25 were, Ajin Hu said Hwy 50A/47 down to Hwy 45 Pueblo Blvd.

9. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Call for FY 2021 Projects – Discussion*

CDOT is requesting projects for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

Dan Centa asked about the economic cost for property damage only, injury and fatal. Pepper said it cost \$9,300 for property damage, injury is \$80,700, and fatal is \$1.5m. He asked what the cost was for an overpass. Don Bruestle told him that it depends on the ADA slope. John Adams said it was \$135/sq. foot in 2014. Ajin Hu said it will probably be between \$2m-\$4m. She said that the off-system may be able to help. There is an application in the packet to request projects.

10. Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) 2 Expiring Terms- Discussion*

John Adams informed everyone that the terms are expiring. He said that Kristen Castor is up. Kristen said that she doesn't believe she can reapply because that would be her 3rd appointment. She said she doesn't know anyone who would want to apply but will pass it around her committee. John said he will find out and let Kristen know. There is an application in the packet.

11. Updating of the Public Participation Plan – Discussion

Bart Mikitowicz looked at other Public Participation Plans (PPP) and blended it together with our current one. He added components of aesthetics, to increase under represented communities,

underserved leaders, working with religious institutions, and ethnic news outlets. The materials that would be provided would be surveys and documentation. The use of non-conventional meeting space would include: soccer fields, sporting events or the mall with an event happening already. It would also include setting up meetings that would provide Public Transportation. An interpreter for the use of sign language and oral interviews.

Kristen Castor had an opinion that would help convey the message, "What does this mean to us?" She said to keep it in usual public language for the community, saying like if you want a light here, this is for you. She said ask how projects will benefit everybody. She suggested that Facebook is a good way to reach people but to use bite sized information. Bart Mikitowicz said that in some cases you would need to be on the phone or on ground to impact the leader or that specific population.

Michael Snow suggested that the issue is that a lot of the PPP's aren't done. We need to talk about it as a committee. To find out the roots of a PPP and why we even have one and its' process and benefits not just because it's a bylaw. He said to look at the weaknesses. CDOT has resources to share with us. One of our goals were to define what the purpose of TAC/CAC are. What might Staff and volunteers be doing? We need to review, discuss, explore, and define what TAC/CAC is for other MPO's. He said that maybe separating them might help and be more effective. John Adams informed us that he wants a working document for discussion of the PPP. Don Bruestle suggested that there should be a few individuals representing a community but it would cost a lot.

Bart Mikitowicz asked about public broadcasting television. Michael Snow suggested that he thinks the community does not know how to plug in. Kristen Castor thinks it should be at the PACOG meeting.

12. Staff Reports:

- **West Pueblo Connector – OPEN HOUSE – Thursday, October 20, 2016 at the Dolores Huerta Prep High School campus in their cafeteria, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**
This will be the first open house with a presentation, staff will be available for questions. John Adams said there will be presentation and panels of the alternatives. Don Bruestle suggested hand held microphones for use in the audience. Kristen Castor suggested looking at the times and ask about it being broadcasted. John Adams said that it more than likely will not be broadcasted. Michael Snow suggested to have someone for comment before or after the presentation and a follow-up with the Chieftain.
- **Pueblo Area Wide Transit Feasibility Study – Update**
Kristen Castor informed everyone that Citilift is over capacity. The sidewalks are difficult to navigate because of the improper access including the distance between the stop and the bus. She did say that the bike lanes have helped a lot. There are a lot of request for bus services on Sunday.

John Adams informed everyone that the consultant completed existing condition report and has been drafted. There will be route recommendation. Don Bruestle asked about increasing Transit. Kristen Castor said that people are afraid of raised rates. Fair box brings in 10-15% operation. If they explained what the rates are raised for then that seems to

help. This worked for the Transit building. Kristen said to look at the TDP's. When this is done, there will be permanent bus stops with grant money. John said that this is a 5-year implementation plan for the route reconstruction.

▪ ***CDOT Region2 -2018-2020 TAP Applications Scoring***

Pueblo County received 3 4 of the awards for 2018-2020: Northern Ave Phase 3 with \$500k for streetscape, Joe Martinez Trail funding for construction, Arkansas received planning funds, and Pueblo County River Trail Extension received \$132,800, and funds for planning on the Arkansas River Levee Planning Study.

There was a discussion for this meeting evaluation projects, it is between CDOT and Local Jurisdiction. TAC is taking a reactive approach, there is a scoring list in the packet that CDOT uses. In 2009, TAC did have a scoring sheet for prioritizing projects.

13. Items from TAC Members or scheduling of future agenda items

Dan Centa would like more discussion about safety in general.

14. Adjournment

Chairman John Adams adjourned the meeting at 10:13 am.