

**Meeting Agenda of the
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
November 10, 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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1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman: John Adams

Time of Call: 8:34 a.m.

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

TAC Members Present: Brenda Broyles, Dan Centa, Don Bruestle, Wendy Pettit, Ian Turner

CAC Members Present: Kristen Castor, Salvatore Piscitelli

Others Present: Alan Neff, James Nelson

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

Introductions were made for Ian Turner – Airport Manager.

3. Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held on October 13, 2016

Motion to Approve: Sal Piscitelli

Second: Kristen Castor

Unanimous

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

Wendy Pettit wanted confirmation regarding the RPP and STIP schedule. John Adams said that we will follow with what CDOT has. It must be completely done by May 2017.

5. Administration Modification to the TIP/STIP

There are no Administrative TIP Amendment Notifications for November.

6. Transit Functionality Study – James Gamez Nelson – Nygaard

James Gamez Nelson, from Nelson/Nygaard consultant for the Transit Functionality Study, informed us that they are in the process of a comprehensive evaluation of the entire bus system. This includes: ridership, transit demand, schedule reliability, bus stops, fares, and customer information. There will be a community outreach for on-board surveys, driver interviews, and community meetings. Administrative and maintenance facility would be relocated and talked about, and the new North Pueblo Park and Ride.

The current system includes 11 routes with 30-60 minute frequencies, weekdays running from 6:30am to 6:30pm, Saturday running from 8:00 am to 6:00pm. The weekdays include 3,000 daily boardings and Saturday includes 1,600 daily boardings. There is no Sunday service.

The highest ridership destinations would include: Downtown, Shopping Facilities, Pueblo Community College, Rawlings Public Library, and any Medical Facilities.

The high ridership origins include: Eastside, Bessemer, Westside/Hyde Park, Sangre De Cristo Apts, Bonnymede Rd & Jerry Murphy Rd, and Troy Ave & Constitution Rd.

James Gamez Nelson presented a map of where Transit Demands are; Low-income areas, no vehicle, persons with disabilities, seniors, and young adults.

Sal Piscitelli had a question about bus stop amenities. Brenda Broyles informed him that there are certain criteria for a bus stop before installation of one. Most of the time the bus stops are in Right of Way and it would be impossible to get that for each stop. With the final route recommendation, the consultant would be able to identify where each bus stop should go and that will reduce the number of stops and provide more amenities to the other stops.

Wendy Pettit said that there may be FASTER money for this project. She also said that it would need to meet the State Requirements.

Dan Centa asked how many bus stops exist on the 11 routes and what are the requirements for ADA. James said there are around 300 stops and the landing pads need to be 8' x 5'. Dan asked how many have benches. Brenda Broyles said that there are 200 benches and 67 shelters. Don Bruestle said that Urban Renewal could pitch in to help with the amenities.

James Nelson said that the timed connection at the Transit Center and good coverage throughout the city is its' strengths. There are a few challenges that include; routes being infrequent and indirect, one way loops force passengers out of direction, services end during early evening, bus stops are spaced every 2 blocks in some routes, bus stops are not accessible, and bus stops lack route and schedule information. There are a few opportunities to simplify service to reduce trip times, and create a framework for sustainable growth.

Kristen Castor suggested to look at the Hwy 50 W route, James Nelson said that this is one they are looking to take off the route.

There are two different types of concept to help improve the bus system, the first one is that the bus routes are spread out across the City with fewer routes. This will help speed up the route with fewer stops. The second concept is removal of the Hwy 50 W route, shortening the Mall route, reducing the time to get to the Mall and Walmart, and streamlining the route to Fulton Heights area and the Southside area.

The consultants will share the service concepts with the community at their public meeting. After the meeting, Nelson/Nygaard will develop recommended route network and look at rider & non-rider input, staff and bus operator feedback, ridership & ridership potential, and existing resources. In the 5-year plan, it will span improvements with route frequency, Sunday service,

and services to new areas. After developing supporting recommendations, it will then be presented to City Council.

7. CDOT Region II Updates

Wendy Pettit said that the 228 money will be taken away but half of the money we might get. We will know more information by December.

8. Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) – Arkansas Levee Construction Award*

Wendy Pettit informed us that TAP had been awarded the whole amount (\$500,000) for construction of the Levee Project. The Northern Project will be next in line.

9. Staff Reports:

- **West Pueblo Connector OPEN HOUSE – Update**
John Adams informed everybody that about 40 people attended the Open House. Matrix will identify and score the different alternatives. This will be presented to the Chamber of Commerce. Dan Centa asked if the negative comments about the roundabouts would affect the outcome for picking the alternative. John Adam said that shouldn't matter. Matrix would look at safety improvements and minimal crashes to help determine the best alternative.
- **Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) – Arkansas Levee Construction Award***
Please see item number 8.
- **Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) 2 Expiring Terms-Update**
John Adams said that in the By-Laws, there is no term limit and that the deadline is in the end of November or early December.
- **Annual Listing of Federal Obligated Projects FY 2016 - Informational ***
PACOG will need to approve the projects on Dec 8th. Don Bruestle asked what it meant when it says obligated. John Adams said that obligated means that it has been spent already for that project. Wendy Pettit says that the money belongs to the project.
- **VW and Audi Settlement - Public Comment Period Extended to 11/21/16***
John Adams said that Volkswagen cheated on their emission test and therefore we would get a settlement from them. The settlement would be \$61m for Colorado and maybe \$950k towards Pueblo County. Public Comment will extend until November 21, 2016. There is more information in the packet.

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

There were no items for future agenda items.

11. Adjournment

Chairman John Adams adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.