

**Minutes of the  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**February 9, 2017**

**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: John Adams*

*Time of Call: 8:33 a.m.*

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

*TAC Members Present: Dan Centa, Don Bruestle, Joan Armstrong, Pepper Whittlef, Wendy Pettit,*

*CAC Members Present: Kristen Castor, Joe Garcia*

*Others Present: Robert Frej, Matt Jagow, Shawn Winters*

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

*Introductions were made for Shawn Winters and Matt Jagow.*

**3. Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held on January 12, 2017.**

*Motion to Approve: Joe Garcia*

*Second: Pepper Whittlef*

*Unanimous*

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

*There were no Policy Notifications for February.*

**5. CDOT "DRAFT" FASTER and Highway Safety Improvement Projects (HSIP) - CDOT**

*Matt Jagow handed out a list for the FASTER and Highway Safety Improvement Projects (HSIP). There are two funding sources; FASTER SAFETY and HSIP. FASTER Safety is funded through the licensing fee from car registrations. The project list is an analysis to see which projects are eligible for the programs. Looking at a location and seeing how much it cost and seeing how much it would be to fix it is the benefit to cost (B/C) ratio. The criteria for the B/C ratio should be at least 1.25. The B/C ratio is how much damaged was caused by fatalities, property damage, and injury. Each fatality, injury, and property damage has a certain value. HSIP ratio would be at least 1 or better. If a project has \$1m in damage and it would cost \$1m to reduce the damage, this would be a B/C ratio of 1. Dan Centa asked if this was all on systems. Matt said that they are. There is also an off system that might be eligible. Bart Mikitowicz asked if a project is listed and the B/C is not the requirement, does that mean it can keep getting pushed back. Matt said yes, it would need to meet the criteria. Wendy Pettit said that it would never get funded if it keeps getting pushed back. The projects that do not get funded are re-evaluated to see if additional data can increase the B/C Ratio. The data for the analysis that was collected was up to December 2015.*

*Wendy Pettit said that there will be an education system for the explanation of how these projects work. Matt Jagow said that they are looking at the B/C and funding. He said that they would like input on the list.*

John Adams asked Matt if they use property damage. Matt said that they do and it has a certain value to it. John said that the Performance Measures do not use property damage but will implement it into the Long Range Plan. He asked if we have a suggestion and if CDOT would consider it. Matt said that they would analyze it.

Dan Centa asked how many of these were associated with Pueblo's MPO. Matt Jagow said that there are two. Wendy Pettit said that most of the money is going into I-25 from the past few years. Joe Garcia had a concern about going across 3 lanes onto Outlook. Matt said that the list was a bit rushed but the next one will not be. The Capital List will be looked at and added if they are needing improvements.

Wendy Pettit said that once the final approval, this will come back as a TIP Amendment. Pepper Whittlef asked what level are we at, and Matt Jagow said that we are at #8.

## **6. National Freight Program – CDOT \***

Robert Frei informed us that there is \$15m/year funds in FAST ACT for 5 years across the State. Colorado was allowed to add 80 urban and 160 rural miles to the National Freight Program. The Freight Corridor was approved by PACOG. There have been 6 advanced projects in Region 2; design for I-25 between City Center Dr and 13<sup>th</sup> St, Hwy 50 W (\$12m – adding 3 lanes to each side), and Hwy 47 over Fountain Creek (\$3m & \$2m is needed). On page 8 in the packet, this page is construction only and the next page is design only. There is a hybrid plan that includes construction and design.

John Adams informed everyone that there might be another hybrid program to include signage and parking. Joe Garcia recommended the construction of I-25. Wendy Pettit said that project is in that list and that we have 3 more years after that. The list will be updated regularly. Pepper Whittlef asked what Robert needs from us. Robert Frei wants to know which projects should be advanced. The other project is Hwy 50 E over by the Airport and the need is unknown. Hwy 50 W & I-25 from City Center Dr to 13<sup>th</sup> St was advanced. Pepper Whittlef said that Hwy 50B bridge will be prepared. She said that Hwy 47 should be a current project instead of I-25 project. If the bridge or roadway was damaged, where will the traffic go? Robert Frei said that there are a few miles unallocated for emergencies.

## **7. TIP/STIP Administration Modifications Agenda Item(s)**

Notification of Four (4) Administrative Amendments for a Roll Forward Project Funding to the PACOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the MPO/TPR area.

**Notification: No Action Required**

**Project Name: Transit Bus Replacement and Related Equipment**

**STIP Number: SST6740.031**

**Project Description: Transit Bus Replacement**

**Federal FTA Section 5309 Funds: \$260,000**

**Local Match: \$ 65,000**

**TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$325,000**

**Project Name: Paratransit Vehicle Purchase**

**STIP Number: SST6740.032**

**Project Description: Replacement of Paratransit Vehicle**

**Federal FTA Section 5309 Funds: \$96,000**

**Local Match: \$24,000**

**TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$120,000**

**Project Name: Pueblo Way Finding Signage**

**STIP Number: SPB3865SR25079.031**

**Federal Fiscal Year: 2017**

**Project Location and Description: Wayfinding Phase II – Various Locations**

**Federal Program Funds: \$41,000.00**

**Local Matching Funds: \$10,000.00**

**TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$51,000.00**

Notification of One (1) Administrative Amendment for additional local "OVERMATCH" Funding to the PACOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the MPO/TPR area.

**Notification: No Action Required**

**Project Name: Pueblo West-Spaulling to West McCulloch Trail\***

**STIP Number: SR25079.061**

**Federal Fiscal Year: 2017**

**Project Location: Spaulling to McCulloch – Pueblo West**

**Federal TAP Program Funds: \$304,000.00**

**Local Match: \$76,000.00**

**Local "OVERMATCH": \$124,070.25**

**TOTAL PROJECT FUNDS AS AMENDED: \$504,070.25**

*Wendy Pettit said that if there is more money coming in, it would need to be added again.*

#### **8. CDOT Region II Updates\***

- **FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Projects \***

*Wendy Pettit said that there is a letter from her to the MPO (this has been updated). There are several projects that were rolled forward into 21: the Hwy 50 drainage and Corridor Management design. All the TAP projects that were awarded are included. Northern Ave and the Levee project was awarded at the end of last year. There will be two surface treatments that will be coming to 2020. A section from Elizabeth between Eagleridge to Ridge Dr will be paved. I-25 to Colorado City will be in 2020. There will be work on the bridges. There are a group of projects that will be done in 2019-2021, these are FASTER bridges. All the dollar amounts are estimates.*

*Dan Centa asked about if the Federal Land Access Program has to be identified in the TIP. Wendy Pettit said that it is Federal money so you would need to make an amendment with the award letter. John Adams said you would need to let PACOG know as an informational line item.*

#### **9. Public Participation Plan "DRAFT" \***

*John Adams said that the Public Participation Plan needs a recommendation to move the draft forward for public comment. Public comment will be made in a 45-day period and be brought back to TAC for a motion. PACOG will adopt the draft if there aren't any concerns regarding public comment. Motion to move from Dan Centa and 2<sup>nd</sup> from Joe Garcia. PACOG received the list at their last meeting to have time to review it.*

#### **10. Staff Reports:**

- **Transit Functionality Study – Update**

*There has been recommended routes that will be going to the City Council on February 27, 2017. If everyone can take the survey at <http://pueblotransitstudy.com/survey/>. Kristen Castor suggested that there be another public hearing after City Council's session. She also mentioned that the new routes will have added walking distance. She also heard that people would want Sunday service over evening service.*

*Wendy Pettit said that if the rail comes in, then the Trolley project can be looked at; it is already funded. Bart Mikitowicz asked if that happens, would I-25 have to be redesigned. Wendy said that is not CDOT.*

*After the routes went to City Council, someone will go out and see how many amenities there are and ADA accessible. The study would see which stop would need what kind of amenities.*

*John Adams said there was an amendment for that study and that is to extend Pueblo Transit into Pueblo West. There are SP 228 funds for extending Bustang to Pueblo. The consultants were asked for the best location for that.*

- **State Senate Bill Introduced Establishing the Southwest Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission\***

*The bill will expire in June 2017, it was introduced to the House and State to predesignate that to the North Front Range. This will keep the AM-track service in Colorado. On February 14, there will be a floor discussion. When it comes to Pueblo, the items will be talked about at the next PACOG meeting.*

- **House Bill Introduced 2/6/2017 – Submit a ballot question to the voters November 2017 to Issue Revenue Anticipation Bonds – NEW ITEM**

*A bill was introduced on February 7, 2017, it is for trans funds to go out and get noted on projects. I-25 project is a high priority project. John Adams wants to know if this should be on the ballot for the next voting session. A lot of the projects are in the Long Range Plan. We need to make sure that I-25 is included in the trans bill.*

- **FY 2018-2019 Work Activities for the UPWP – Discussion Only**

*This is a document that we developed with CDOT and Federal Highway. This shows what the MPO will be doing. We are going to update our bicycle and pedestrian plan. John Adams said we might look at an Intelligent system for some major roadways to increase traffic flow, and reduce accidents. John is wanting input for recommendations within the next couple months, deadline is in June.*

### **11. April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 TAC Meeting Location**

*John Adams informed everyone that the Police Community Room will not be available for use on April 13, 2017. He suggested to use the Planning Community Room. Wendy Pettit said that she will see if one of their room's available and will let us know.*

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

*There were no items for future agenda items.*

### **13. Adjournment**

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