

**Minutes of the
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
May 11, 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: 8:34 a.m.

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

TAC Members Present: Dan Centa, Darrin Tangeman, Don Bruestle, Pepper Whittlef, Wendy Pettit, Shawn Winters

CAC Members Present: Joe Garcia

Others Present: Salvatore Piscitelli

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

Sal Piscitelli had a few concerns about re-marking of the streets, bus stops without amenities, and what was happening on Overton Rd. Pepper Whittlef said that every summer for about 3 months they re-paint the yellow and white lines. Wendy Pettit said that we do not own the ROW to place a bus amenity there. Wendy said that it is to clean out the Fountain River and if Sal wants more information to call Larry Small.

Joe Garcia wanted to know about the rumble strips by 29th St, the erosion control in Beulah, and the bus stop Hwy 45 east of the new Walmart. Wendy Pettit said that they do have FHWA approval for the rumble strips but they might become vertical rather than horizontal.

Dan Centa had a concern about the widening of Hwy 50 W and that Pedestrians would have a hard time crossing. Joe Garcia suggested an overpass. Wendy Pettit suggested talking to Ajin or Karen about these issues. She said that there will be \$1.6b out of the Legislator but is not sure where it will end up. There will not be enough in the TAP to help. Darrin Tangeman said that there is a GOCO Grant to help with the trails. Dan asked if it is possible for a grade separation. Wendy said that it probably will not work. Joe said that a grade separation would cost \$25m.

Wendy Pettit said that with the new bill, \$50m would need to be drawn from other accounts.

Don Bruestle asked about the activation pedestrian crosswalk light on Santa Fe & Mechanic, he said that the west side light is not working. Pepper Whittlef said that it is not working and CDOT does not want to replace it. CDOT wants to put an in-roadway pedestrian crossing sign, they are the flexible sign. Pepper would need to a volunteer to place and remove it, the Convention Center will give her an answer tomorrow.

3. Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held on April 13, 2017

Motion to Approve: Sal Piscitelli

Second: Don Bruestle

Unanimous

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

CDOT Region II request(s) for PACOG MPO/TPR TIP amendment(s) FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program

Project Name: **US 50 Bridge Asset Management-Culvert Program**

STIP Number: SR26710.044

Project Location and Description: US 50B bridges K-18-BY and K-18-BZ at MM 318

Fund Source(s): **Bridge asset management**

Federal Program Funds: **\$ 41,395**

State Matching Funds: **\$ 8,605**

Local Matching Funds: **\$**

Other Project Funds: **\$**

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$50,000

This amendment provides for channel stabilization countermeasures to be installed in the channel downstream to protect the bridges. Work to be included is as follows:

- Structure design
- Survey/ROW plans to identify easements
- Environmental clearance

Motion to Approve: Joe Garcia

Second: Don Bruestle

Unanimous

5. CDOT Region II TIP/STIP Administrative Notification

PACOG did approve the 2018-2021 TIP.

6. CDOT Region II Updates

Wendy Pettit said that the roll forwards will be in the June meeting.

7. Legislative Update

There was a Hospital bill that passed (Bill 17-267) and it allocates \$1.6b over 20 years. Wendy Pettit said that the 228 money goes away completely and that the FASTER money stays intact. Leasing and Bonding State property will help the fund.

Southwest Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission

There has been a push to get the AmTrak to Pueblo and will expire on July 1. Fort Collins and Trinidad would be included.

8. CDOT Infrastructure Tour – May 16, 2017 at 10:00 am*

There is a tour for the Ilex construction and streetscape project, this will include the new Traffic Signal at D St. Ilex NB onramp will be shut down for a few days and will be reopened.

9. Staff Reports:

Safety Performance Measures Setting Targets

There are a set of goals and objectives for each category. We need to either accept CDOT's targets or come up with our own goals. There are 3 categories: Number of Fatalities, Serious Injuries, or PED-Bicycle Crashes are included in the safety goals. CDOT's fatalities is 1.2/100m miles traveled. John Adams looked back on a 5-year rolling average (2012-2016) and our rate is 1.99 fatalities/100m miles traveled. He wants to know if we should accept CDOT's or our own. CDOT has more lane miles than we do. If CDOT does not meet their goals, then they would need to use the FASTER Safety money.

Pueblo West Transit Demand Analysis

There is a good amount of student population for Transit demand. Darrin said that June 16th is the meeting to go over the survey. 42% in favor of transit and 58% were not. There will be a circular service in Pueblo West and then head into Pueblo. There were over a thousand students from PCC and CSU-P.

West Pueblo Connector Update

The study has been completed and will have another public hearing in June.

Active Transportation Activities

We are going to get a quote from Trillian and Nelson/Nygaard to put our maps (Bike & Transit Routes) into Google Maps.

Tellis will be running our TIP, a web-based application.

ADA public workshop is next Thursday, May 18th.

Bike to work day is May 19th.

The use of Pueblo.gov would be a landing page for the different departments and the MPO.

A Bike Map GIS workshop will be held in July. Wendy Pettit said to use Dan Dahlke for help.

TOD Committee – Transit Oriented Development – Focus would be on the Union Depot and a half mile radius around it for the regional Transit into the City. Pepper Whittlef said she would like to be on this committee.

John Adams and Bart Mikitowicz will be taking inventory for the different areas that need attention and for the bike map and other maps.

Dan Centa asked about the enhancement for the Levee and if it was structure. Pepper Whittlef said that it was taken care of. Wendy Pettit said it was for a structure. Dan asked about the TAPER projects. Pepper said there are two: Trail and Median on Northern Ave between Hollywood/Lehigh and the trail on Northern by Cambridge/Moore towards the State Fair Grounds. The trails will be concrete. Shawn Winters updated that McCulloch between Joe Martinez and Industrial Blvd will be concrete and gravel on the side. There will be a bid for TAP Trail 1, it runs from Spaulding to west utility corridor and ties into West McCulloch and will be asphalt. TAP 3 will need a scoping meeting with CDOT. It will run N McCulloch between Industrial Blvd and Platteville.

Don Bruestle wanted to know about the money that would come from Ballot Issue 1A. Darrin Tangeman will know more the next day.

FY 2017 Mid-Year Review Summary

John Adams said that it went very well. We will get a replacement for Michael Snow within a month. The deadline was extended and there have been 11 applications.

10. June 8th, 2017 TAC Meeting Location

We will do a survey on the location.

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

General discussion on what is happening in everybody's community.

Transportation Planning Education – A class that will present an overview of what Transportation Planning is and its' specific processes.

12. Adjournment

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