

**Minutes of the  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION  
April 13, 2017  
8:30 a.m.**

**CDOT's Creekside Conference Room at 905 Erie Ave, Pueblo, CO 81001\***  
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: Alf Randall, Darrin Tangeman, Don Bruestle, Pepper Whittlef, Wendy Pettit, Ian Turner*

*CAC Members Present: Kristen Castor, Joe Garcia*

*Others Present: Shawn Winters, Salvatore Piscitelli, Karen Rowe, Aaron Greco*

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

*Introductions were made for Aaron Greco and Karen Rowe.*

**3. Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held on March 9, 2017**

*Motion to Approve: Sal Piscitelli*

*Second: Kristen Castor*

*Unanimous*

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

***There are no Policy TIP Amendment Notifications for April.***

**5. CDOT Region II TIP/STIP Administrative Notification**

***There are no Administrative TIP Amendment Notifications for April.***

**6. CDOT Updates**

*Wendy Pettit informed us that I-25 from City Center Dr to 13<sup>th</sup> St and I-25 from 13<sup>th</sup> St to 29<sup>th</sup> St are the two projects that will be funded if the House Bill 17-1242 passes. She also said that the bond will be \$3.5b. There will be a complete project if this bill passes. More information is in item #8.*

**7. 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Projects\***

*John Adams informed everyone that the TIP is out for public comment and will go to the PACOG board on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. There were no public comments. John said that it is incorporated in the Statewide Improvement Program. Wendy Pettit said that the Statewide hearing will be held in Denver on April 20<sup>th</sup>.*

**8. Proposed New State Transportation Infrastructure Funding Bill (HB17-1242) – Discussion Only\***

*Aaron Greco said that the bill, in the packet, has been passed by the House. There will be a .62% sales tax increase which is \$700m new dollars into the State and Local System. \$375m of that goes to CDOT to cover Bond Payments, this will be new bonds. \$50m annually of their budget to*

*bonding, the rest will go towards qualified projects that were on the priority list, maintenance, and safety. \$98m will go to Multi-Modal Transportation Option Account, that is 30% of the revenue. TAC will be responsible on how that money is spent. The City and Counties of Colorado will each receive \$114m annually. CDOT's FASTER Safety money and Senate 228 Bill will be eliminated. Pepper asked if Local Safer FASTER money will still be available and Aaron said they will be. Kristen Castor asked if there are opportunities to improve Transit, Aaron said there is. The local government shares are very flexible. Wendy Pettit asked if we can use it for a match and Aaron wasn't very sure but he would think so. Pepper Whittlef asked how the 30% will be spent by CDOT, Aaron said that there is a board that dictates on how that is spent and that it could go to local projects. Joe Garcia asked if can go to existing projects and Aaron said yes. City of Pueblo would get \$3.5m annually and Pueblo County would get \$3.5m annually. Pepper Whittlef asked about HUTF money, Aaron said that it will be untouched. She also asked if there was a formula that calculated the \$3.5m. Wendy said it was used from the same HUTF formula. There are two more committees that it needs to go through to become a bill. Alf Randall asked if this structure would be a separate payment from HUTF or an increase to HUTF. Wendy Pettit would think it would just be an increase. Alf asked about TAPER and Aaron said it does not count against it. Kristen Castor asked about the Hospital Provider Fee, Aaron said that it is another source of revenue. Shawn Winters asked when it sunsets and Aaron said it is a 10-year bill. There is 2 more years left on the 228 money.*

## **9. Staff Report:**

### Pueblo West Transit Demand Analysis\*

*John Adams said that we modified the needs to incorporate Pueblo West in the consultant's study, there has been a few open houses for comment. There is currently a survey out on PACOG.net. The concentration of employment doesn't match the lowest point with the City of Pueblo and this indicates that there isn't a demand for a fixed route within Pueblo West.*

*In the packet, there are a few different types of vehicles that can be used as a Transit vehicle. It was suggested that there will be a feeder route with a commuter express or even a local circulator. We will know more information in the next couple of weeks.*

### West Pueblo Connector

*John Adams said that we will know more in early May for the preferred alternative and then there will be an open house for public hearing. We will know more in a few weeks from the consultants.*

### Active Transportation Activities

*Bart Mikitowicz said that they are currently updating the Bike Map and the Bike Friendly Application. They are working on the current plan to identify and modify the application for easement and prioritize outreach with different parties. PACE (Pueblo Active Community Environments) will formulate the plans. Their plan is to get people healthy by walking, riding their bicycle or any of forms of activity.*

*Bart Mikitowicz mentioned having a Transit HUB located at Union Depot but he would need some input for land use and transportation experience. He said that there are already developmental ideas and plans in that area. Kristen Castor said that Victoria Ave will not be able to handle the traffic and the Union Shops do not want the noise pollution.*

### HEAL Cities

*We are in the top 6 for the healthy activity that includes Farmer's Market, public garden, or trail projects.*

### CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan)

*Update is on the April 24<sup>th</sup>, this is the walkability within the City to decrease obesity from the Health Dept.*

*Sustainability Committee*

*The process of aligning all our plans into one plan with the other Committees, and Commissioner Hart is the head of it.*

*Bessemer Neighborhood*

*They are moving to the Building Blocks on June 6<sup>th</sup>, this committee is how to revitalize Bessemer Neighborhood. There will be two EPA's at the meeting.*

*FY 2017 Mid-Year Review – May 2, 2017, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.*

*John Adams said that the review is every 6 months and this will be will on May 2, 2017 located in the Planning Conference Room (211 E D St). They will be going over a new 2 year UPWP Plan for 2018-2020. Tim Kirby will be present, he is the temporary replacement for Michael Snow.*

**10. June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 TAC Meeting Location**

*Another meeting place would be at HR (B St), CDOT, Pueblo West, Pueblo County, and Health Dept. John Adams will see if HR is available.*

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

*None.*

**12. Adjournment**

Chairman John Adams adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.