

**Meeting Agenda of the
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
July 14, 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: Scott Hobson

Time of Call: 8:37 a.m.

MPO Members Present: Scott Hobson, John Adams, Hannah Haurert

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

CAC Members Present: Kristin Castor, Alan Nelms

Others Present: Robert Frei

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

No introductions or public comments were made.

3. Approval of Minutes*

Motion to Approve: Don Bruestle

Second: Alf Randall

Unanimous

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

There are no Policy TIP Amendment Notification for July

5. CDOT Region II TIP/STIP Administration Agenda Item(s)*

CDOT Region II has Notification of Five (5) Administrative Amendments of Roll Forward Project Funding to the PACOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the MPO/TPR area. Additional Information is Available in the Attached Letter and Spreadsheet.

Project Name: Greenhorn Bridge

STIP Number: SR250710.017

Project Location and Description: **Greenhorn Bridge**

Federal Program Funds: \$ **1,333,350**

State Matching Funds: \$ **0**

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$ **333,340**

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$1,666,700

Project Name: Arkansas River Trail – Phase 4

STIP Number: SR250790.058

Project Location and Description: **Arkansas River Trail – Phase 4**

Federal Program Funds: \$ **616,494**

State Matching Funds: \$

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$ **154,124**

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$770,618

Project Name: Pueblo West – Trail

STIP Number: SR250790.061

Project Location and Description: **Pueblo West – Trail**

Spaulding Ave – W McCulloch Blvd

Federal Program Funds: \$ **457,107**

State Matching Funds: \$

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$ **114,277**

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$571,384

Project Name: Pueblo West – Trail

STIP Number: SR250790.067

Project Location and Description: **Pueblo West – Trail**

Industrial Blvd North – Platteville Blvd

Federal Program Funds: \$ **400,000**

State Matching Funds: \$

Local Matching Funds: \$ **100,000**

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$500,000

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: \$ **2,516,620**

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$6,960,120

6. CDOT Updates*

- **Robert Frei – Environmental Manager - CDOT 10 Year Development Plan**

Robert Frei said that CDOT is trying to reduce the spending from \$8.5b to \$2.5b which \$477m will allocate for Region 2. In the packet, he is wanting to know which Plan would work better; Plan A or Plan B. He said that the two plans differ from each other in a sense that 1st St & 29th St along I-25 would not be top priority and be replaced by US 50 W. There are \$25m identified that is for the US 50 W project and another \$25m for a tier 2 project. Dan Centa asked if the Plan B \$130m and \$25m is included in the \$477m. Robert said that they both are included. It has been identified that \$50m is for tier 1 and tier 2 project. 29th St section of I-25 moved to the tier 2 project. Plan B, City Center to 13th \$30m is the match. Rob said that all projects are funded by the \$477m. Robert said Plan B was developed for PACOG specifically. Robert needs to know by August 12, 2016. He is wanting input on which plan would better suit TAC and PACOG in the future as a priority. Tier 1 accounts for 16% for Pueblo projects and over 40% in tier 2. Tier 1 would get an additional \$50m. Dan Centa asked about funding for 50 E for Pueblo, Robert said that is included. Dan wanted to know where that project would start and that is what Robert is wanting to know. There are a few differences in Plan 1 & 2 is that I-25: 1st St to 13th St is top priority in Plan A and I-25: 29th

St is top priority in Plan B. A few other plans that differ in priority is I-25: 1st St to 13th St and US 287. Scott Hobson said that we want to put that as our top priority even though the money may not be there right now. If money does come in, the project will be ready to go. Robert wants to update it annually or every other year. Wendy said that we should prioritize. Scott Hobson asked if the \$2m is for the Bustang, Robert said that is a completely separate plan and it shouldn't have changed. Wendy Pettit said that if money comes in, the projects will be advanced.

Scott Hobson said that we need to look at adding 4 more years to our plan, this will be a 4 year TIP plus a 10 year development plan. Our plan is to match up with CDOT plans.

Scott Hobson asked when TAC/PACOG would need a recommendation. Robert Frei said that he needs a decision by August or September. Pepper Whittlef made a motion on Plan B, Don Bruestle and Kristin Castor 2nd the motion.

Scott Hobson informed us that he wants to keep aligned with CDOT's priorities if our plan is different. Darrin Tangeman asked if we broke our plan into the 4 year and 6 year vs 10 year plan, which one would be advantageous. Scott Hobson said that being aligned with CDOT's plan would put us in a better position. He said that it is helpful to have one list to address the projects.

7. Review Draft 2017 UPWP Scope of Work*

John Adams informed everyone that the changes in CDOT's consolidation plan has to be approved by PACOG in August/September. The CPG contracts that are approved by CDOT will take effect on October 1, 2016 and then the 2nd draft will be updated. There were some discussions in the last meeting, those were incorporated into the document. We are not going to do full pavement management and come up with a rating system with fair, good, or poor. This will also be for the bridge maintenance. This will be bringing in the existing conditions. There hasn't been any major changes from the previous year. We will develop the hard core within the next month and bring a document to share. Scott Hobson said there are a few changes in the Transit study. There is a project in 1643 that will be the Transit Accessibility Plan, this will be the ADA access to and from bus stop areas where we are deficient and where locations need to be approved. This is nationwide on MPO's and the next area for compliance. Pepper Whittlef was wondering if the consultant will do design plans or recommendations for stops. Scott said they will tell us where we are compliant and not. Pepper is wondering if it will be pathways to the bus stop. John Adams said it will look at that too. Scott said that \$120k funding will be spent down on this project. Dan Centa asked about the total. John said it is in the packet on page 9 under the Scope of Work part. Scott Hobson said that we already have a 2 year UPWP that is adopted for FY 16 and FY 17. Funding for FY 16 is \$825,672 and FY 17 is \$662,997. Pepper asked if Transit can apply for Capitol Project Account. Kristin Castor said yes and since Earl Wilkinson has completed the ADA Coordinator Training, there are more grants that can be applied for that program. She said that Citilift is running beyond capacity because people can't get to the bus stop. The only way to get Citilift in compliance is to improve the bus system. Scott said that the Federal Consolidating Planning Grant Funds are from Federal Highway Administration Planning Funds and Federal Transit Administration Planning Funds. Our grant is \$350k a year and \$288k federal and \$60k is match by City and County Funds. About \$90k of those funds are Transit Dollars.

Darrin Tangeman wants to know how they will determine what they are going to study and if that includes the students. Kristin Castor said that they have to consider that because the students are the major population on the buses. Scott said that will be factored in the study. He said the Scope of Work will be endorsed by PACOG to be presented to CDOT.

Wendy Pettit asked if Michael Snow gave us feedback. Scott said that he has not but we have been told that we need more participation in the Public Participation Plan. Wendy will find out if we need

any changes from Michael. Scott said that we may need to do some adjustments in the plan in September that can be carried into 2017.

Kristin Castor mentioned about the meeting times and hours should be different so that there can be a different population each time. This would need to be worked around Pueblo Transit hours. Scott said that we need to look and get public input on which times would be best for them. Don Bruestle motioned the Scope of Work to PACOG, Kristin Castor 2nd the motion. The Transit Study will be included in the Scope of Work. Kristin asked if the Transit Study would team up with other companies like the Airport Cab. Scott said that our Plan looks at how it connects but does not look at their operations, it does look at the connectivity to the bus system.

8. US 50 East Draft Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement*

Robert Frei said that the tier 1 EIS was back in June and there is a comment period through July 29th. There were 4 public hearings about the corridor from Pueblo to the Kansas State Line. There are safety improvements and agriculture conflict. US 50 will be the main highway that will impact the smaller towns. A 4 lane expressway from Pueblo to Kansas is preferred alternative and each town will have a reliever route. This is a high level document PL and those around town will have another document at an EA or EIS level before it can move forward. Improvements between towns can be done with a CAD X (Categorical Exclusion) with less controversy. Las Animas and Rocky Ford concerns about their land being severed and about the socioeconomic for going around the town. There are no designs for that, it will be looked at in the tier 2 level when funds are available. There are three alternatives included in the packet, there is a north route on Hwy 47 that goes around the northern part of Airport. Dan Centa would like Hwy 96 and Hwy 50 to be separate routes. Robert said that putting the 4 lanes would wipe out the smaller towns. Alf Randall is concerned about the operational conservations. Robert said that all 3 meet the service and need for improvement for safety and movement. Wendy Pettit said that if it is not picked up by another process then it will be torn up. Dan Centa said that Hwy 96 & Hwy 50 would be both destinations. Robert said that he would recommend to make a comment about the alternatives. Alternative 2, CAD x and Alt 1 & 2, would be considered EA. Dan said not to dismiss operational impacts. Robert said that Dan would be able to help with those. Scott asked about the timeline. Robert said July 29th but it was requested to be extended, if so, it will be extended another two weeks after. Scott asked when the extension would be. Robert said August 12th. Scott said we can make recommendations or comments at our next TAC meeting on August 11th. Alf Randall was concerned about the least amount of impact for the Airport. Robert said that they didn't know. Dan Centa said that we have to be careful about that because of impact of the plane runway. Scott said that we can check with the Airport and see if they have a copy of the EIS. Don Bruestle wants Don Vigil comments to be included.

Scott said that in the future, we would need recommendations to add miles to the freight route. Hwy 50 would be considered a freight route. CDOT has 80 miles urbanized fixed route. CDOT will make recommendations and review them with us. Wendy Pettit said that meeting would start with Ajin.

9. West Pueblo Connector Review Update Alternatives*

Scott Hobson said that there were a few suggestions to modify the alternatives, at least 2 of the routes have had adjustments. The alternative 1 would be incorporated with the 18th St Bridge, alternative 2 would be crossing over the railroad around 15th St and then alternative 3 would be crossing over the railroad around 11th St. The maps for the alternatives are in the packet. Scott said that the meeting with the State Hospital Staff went well. There is a level 5 and level 3 facility located inside the Hospital, a few alternatives pass right by the level 5 facility. Don Bruestle asked about the two roadways that join or split off. Scott said that it's one way or another. These alternatives options have been provided to Department of Corrections. There have been no comments from DOC. He said that the alternatives that are close to the Hospital were the least favorable. All the alignments will be included in the study, and the comments will be passed on.

Kristin Castor concerns were about the residents' that are not in the locked ward, and that it is quite easy to escape. Any of the alternatives that utilizes the 18th St Bridge that is linked to 17th St wouldn't have to destroy the homes and instead move the intersection to the east on State Hospital property, it does not have future building plans. We are going to wait on public review until we get comments from DOC and State Hospital. Then we would look at scheduling public meetings for these alternatives. Kristin Castor would like an overall map with labeled streets. Alf Randall said that the turn radius could be tightened to lessen the roundabout to less impact the neighbors. Scott said that comment has been made by the Stakeholders. Dan Centa said that there will be another Stakeholder meeting. Kristin Castor was concerned about asking the people who live at the Hospital. Scott said that we can share that with the Hospital and DOC. He said that if everyone wants to provide their boards to get their input. Once we get DOC comments, Matrix will have another Stakeholder meeting. Kristin Castor said that she would think Friendly Harbor would be another option for outreach. Scott said that another part of the process would be the Fire Department response time. There is a response time of 8 seconds now but a bridge over 11th St would cut down that time to 6 seconds.

10. Staff Reports:

- **Pueblo Area Wide Transit Feasibility Study**

Last Thursday was the kickoff meeting with Nelson/Nygaard, they went over the Scope of Work. Dan Centa asked what was meant by the Area Wide in the study. Scott said that it is the existing Transit system, fixed route, and ability to provide connecting routes from Pueblo West, St Charles, Industrial Park and St Charles area. He said that we are looking to expand the Scope of Work for a circular route in Pueblo West, it would be an additional work item and cost. PACOG would need to approve it, and will be paid for. Wendy Pettit asked if the contract would need to be redone or a change order. Scott said that it would be a minor change to the UPWP.

Interviews were completed with the staff and the bus drivers. There will be a group of people to ride the Transit system, develop a survey and develop a couple of meetings with Transit riders at the Transit Station. Our most successful meeting was at the Transit Station. It was discussed of how students would ride the bus system since Pueblo City Schools let you choose the school you would like to attend. Ridership study would include the time now and when school starts for two different numbers. Kristin Castor explained that Brenda gets more federal funding with more ridership. The consultants think that there should be a better link with the University and PCC. There can be adjustments for better options and increase ridership. Kristin Castor pointed out that the University subsidized the routes. Scott said that there were a subsidy the University provided and ridership was higher, and that it will be looked at. After the analysis, they will come back to TAC for a report. There is talk about relocating the Transit building and Nelson/Nygaard would do another analysis for future development.

- **Discussion of scheduling of TAC meetings**

Scott Hobson said he would not recommend to change the time, and it has been decided not to.

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

- **City/School Regional Bus Transportation**

Scott Hobson said that we would need further information for the next TAC meeting.

12. Adjournment

Chairman Scott Hobson adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.