

**Minutes of the  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**October 1, 2015**

**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: Scott Hobson*

*Time of Call: 8:38 a.m.*

*MPO Members Present: Scott Hobson, Reyna Quintana*

*TAC Members Present: Dan Centa, Don Bruestle, Jeff, Woeber, Joan Armstrong, Mike Castellucci, Michael Snow, Pepper Whittleff, Wendy Pettit*

*CAC Members Present: Kristen Castor, Salvatore Piscitelli*

*Others Present: Dan Dahlke*

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

*Introductions were done to benefit Mike Castellucci.*

**3. Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held on September 3, 2015**

*Minutes were inadvertently omitted and will be brought to the next meeting for approval*

*Motion to Approve:*

*Second:*

*Unanimous*

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

*There were no Policy Notifications for October.*

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

*CDOT Region II had notification of one (1) administrative amendment of Roll Forward Project Funding to the PACOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the MPO/TPR area.*

Project Name:	<b>SH 231 Bridge Repairs</b>
STIP Number:	SR25164.047
Project Location and Description:	Bridge Asset Management
Federal Program Funds:	<b>\$ 480,000</b>
State Matching Funds:	<b>\$ 120,000</b>
Local Matching Funds:	<b>\$</b>
Other Project Funds:	<b>\$</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT:</b>	<b>\$ 600,000</b>

*Dan Dahlke explained the reason behind the administrative amendment. He explained that an increase in material costs has caused higher bids than anticipated for many CDOT projects. The estimate for this particular project was completed a year and half ago and therefore is outdated due to the increased material costs. He explained that due to CDOT policy, it is easier to add money into the project fund before the bids take place rather than after.*

## **6. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Discussion – Financial Plan \***

*Scott stated that an email was sent out for comments on the chapters previously handed out but the only suggestions we received were from Pepper. He informed that the plan is still under works and we can still take suggestions but we want to have final approval of the plan by the end of the year.*

*Additional handouts were given by Scott at the beginning of the meeting regarding the financial plan for the 2040 LRTP. Scott explained the first handout which showed all of the state and federal highways within the TPR region. He then stated that he looked at the cost to complete one rotomill with a 3" overlay as well as two chip seals within the 25 year period and estimated a cost per lane foot. He used this to get a total estimate for the 25 year period. Wendy notified Scott that chip seal cannot be used on I-25. Scott replied that he can make adjustments and asked for suggestions to make these estimates better.*

*He then discussed the opposite side of the handout which showed the number of lane miles for principal arterials, minor arterials, and collector roads. Estimates for total cost within the 25 year period were completed in the same way. Scott confirmed that these estimates were done in 2015 dollars and were not inflated costs. He mentioned that he could also break these routes out into their separate entities (county, city, state) but no TAC member seemed to feel this was necessary. He asked for the TAC members' opinion on the estimation process. Kristen Castor stated she feels that we need this type of forecasting to help keep roads from deteriorating in the future. Mike Castellucci felt that this information was good to look at but he is not sure if it is relevant due to the many factors involved. He feels that the numbers are pretty much useless. Scott replied that he would state in the plan that projects costs would increase but currently the gas tax remains flat, and we need to look at how else we can fund transportation. Michael Snow stated that he thinks this is great because we need to show people what it would cost to make the roads better for motorists. The general public does not know or understand all that goes into making better roads, the more public information the better. Discussion continued regarding the lack of public education on these issues and the need for more education on what we have versus what we need.*

*The next handout showed the project list for the 2040 LRTP. Scott discussed the costs and estimates within the list. He feels that the estimates for the locally funded projects may be a bit too low because they are projects which cannot be funded by developers. He also stated the he feels this list is pretty aggressive in its number of roads for the next 25 years, but we have decreased the amount of roads by nearly 50% from the 2035 plan. He then asked the TAC to look at the Home of Heroes project which was shown in the developer driven category. He asked for input from the TAC as to whether we should move half of this project into the locally funded category. After discussion all members agreed the change should be made. Scott stated he would finalize the financial chapter and send it out for review and comments.*

## **7. Staff Reports**

- **Pueblo County Safe Routes to Schools Planning\***

*Jeff Woeber gave an overview of the Safe Routes to School Plan and handed out a map which showed a one mile radius around each of the three schools in Blende. The one mile radii shows the areas in which students are required to walk to school. He stated that he feels at this point we need to do site visits to see what there is to work with as well as meet with District 70 officials and other county departments. Don Bruestle suggested the need for outreach and awareness to the home owners within the radii. Kristen Castor stated that even simple bike lanes rather than sidewalks could benefit everyone whether you bike, walk or are in a wheelchair. Wendy Pettit suggested applying for design money through the newly funded Safe Routes to Schools Grant Program and get consultants on board so we can get some infrastructure built.*

- **Colorado Parks and Wildlife 2015 – 2016 Grant Application Notice\***

*Scott discussed the attachment with information regarding the Parks and Wildlife Grant application. He stated we may apply for funding through this grant to use for the Wildhorse Creek connection near the YMCA.*

- **CDOT's 2015 Transportation Summit\***

*Scott informed TAC members of the 2015 Transportation Summit event which will be held on October 28, 2015 in Denver at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. He stated PACOG has paid for a table for 10 people which he would like to fill with PACOG Board and TAC members. He asked for individuals to let us know if they are interested by October 14. Kristen Castor stated she was interested in going but would need a driver.*

**8. Items from TAC members or scheduling of future agenda items.**

*Scott stated we will be placing an application to fill Meagan Murillo's position on the PACOG website.*

*Scott suggested moving the monthly TAC meeting from the first Thursday of the month to the second Thursday of the month starting in January. He said an email will be sent to obtain input.*

*Scott stated that PACOG has approved a Regional Planning Grant to look at restructuring PACOG and their bylaws, as well as set up a Transportation Planning Committee and a Water Policy Board. Don Bruestle would like to see what PACOG's role is. Scott said we could include the bylaws in next month's meeting packet which would explain PACOG's role.*

*Scott informed that the RFP for the West Pueblo Connector received two submittals which would be reviewed next week. This project is to come up with alternatives and design for a road from West 18<sup>th</sup> Street to West 8<sup>th</sup> Street.*

*Kristen Castor informed TAC Members of the lack of parking at the Judicial Building and the need for some sort of change.*

**9. Adjournment**

Chairman Scott Hobson adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.