

**Minutes of the
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 6, 2015
8:30 a.m.**

Community Room of the Pueblo Municipal Justice Center, 200 S. Main St.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman: Scott Hobson

Time of Call: 8:37 am

MPO Members Present: Scott Hobson, Reyna Quintana

TAC Members Present: Alf Randall, Dan Centa, Don Bruestle, Wendy Pettit, Michael Cuppy, Pepper Whittlef, Jeff Woeber

CAC Members Present: Kristen Castor, Salvatore Piscitelli

Others Present:

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

Sal Piscitelli said variable message signs are needed prior to the construction area on I25 to avoid accidents and severe backups and delays. Wendy Pettit said she will talk to CDOT to insure proper measures are taken.

Scott Hobson mentioned that there was a question at the PACOG meeting last month regarding wheelchair access on the Bustang. He informed that there are 2 wheelchair spots available.

3. Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held on 7/9/15

Minutes have been emailed and will be included for approval at the September meeting.

Motion to Approve:

Second:

Unanimous

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

There were no Policy Notifications for August.

5. CDOT Region II TIP/STIP Administrative Notification

There were no Administrative Notifications for August.

Scott Hobson mentioned that the hope is to start doing STIP amendments only a few times a year. He also said that an administrative amendment needs to be made to move projects from last year's TIP to the current TIP that have not yet been completed. This would pair those projects with other CDOT projects. He stated that Wendy Pettit would send out a report of the projects in the PACOG area to the TAC and Friends of TAC.

Kristin Castor asked about the status on the Transportation Funds bill. Scott replied that the House proposed a six year bill and the Senate came up with a completely different bill. Because they were so different, nothing has been passed at this point and they are still trying to figure out what they are going to do.

6. Comments on Chapter 2, 3 and 8 of LRTP

Reyna informed that the consultants were given the comments from the last meeting and are working on the suggested changes. They are re-doing the confusing graphic in chapter 2 as well as the chart that corresponds to that graphic. Wendy Pettit asked if the updates will be sent out or placed on the website to be reviewed. Scott answered that the changes will be sent out as well as posted.

Scott let everybody know about the LRTP Public meetings which were held to date. The first was held at the Rawlings Library with a small turnout and the second was held at the Transit Center with a much larger crowd. There were many comments at the Transit Center with the largest comment being in regards to providing longer service hours during the week and also service on Sundays.

Any further comments on Chapters 2, 3 and 8 should be sent to Scott or Reyna.

7. Revised List of Projects and Roads for LRTP *

Reyna described the process of breaking down the vision plan into developer driven and fiscally constrained project lists. She informed that project costs had been changed from the last meeting due to high lineal foot costs associated with the projects. In addition I25 and US 50 projects were added to the vision plan spreadsheet because we need to show reasonable completion of both projects in the LRTP. Determination of adding the I25 and US 50 projects was from CDOT's SB228 list compared to our ten year CIP. Projects on the SB228 list that were missing from the ten year CIP were added to the vision plan.

Alf Randall inquired of the purpose of the fiscally constrained list and what projects are on the list. Scott replied that we identified funding sources from CDOT and that the fiscally constrained list has projects which can be funded through available CDOT funds. Alf identified 3 major projects that need to be removed from the fiscally constrained list. Scott replied that we will review the projects and funding sources and make appropriate changes. He stated that projects which are on the fiscally constrained list would be in the current TIP or CIP.

8. PowerPoint Presentation of Model With Fiscally Constrained Project Changes *

Scott went through the slides provided in the packet. Discussed 2040 "No Build" Conditions slide which shows what the system would look like in the future with no changes. The model takes into account projected population estimations as well as trips to and from major business areas. Traffic volume will increase if no major changes are made. Scott also showed a comparison of the 2040 Vision plan conditions map versus the 2040 Fiscally Constrained plan conditions map.

9. Public Outreach for the Public Transportation Plan

A meeting is scheduled for August 11 in Colorado City. Future meetings are being held on August 17 in Pueblo West and August 26 in Blende.

10. 2016 – 2017 UPWP *

Scott distributed a draft copy and discussed his work on the 2016-2017 UPWP he highlighted items that will be handled differently. Scott researched 6 MPO's of similar size to PACOG and compared UPWP's to modify PACOG's UPWP.

Scott went through the summary page for the new UPWP and discussed items which we will continue to work on that were not completed in the current UPWP. In addition he commented on areas of emphasis and items that will be reduced or deferred in the new UPWP. He then pointed out the main highlights for the new UPWP. The first on page 9 and merges the traffic count and crash data items into one funding account. The second was on page 11 to continue efforts of Travel Demand forecasting. Next on page 12 were the transit and West Pueblo studies and on page 13 CDOT is initiating work on a US 50 economic benefit study. This study would show the benefits of safety and capacity improvements from the Kansas border to the 285 Intersection. It would help the

sustainability of the eastern plains towns and our MPO would put approximately \$20,000 into the study. Discussion commenced on the economic benefit study and whether or not funds should be applied. It was decided that it would be best to leave this as an item in the UPWP and apply funds towards it.

Scott said his intention is to program funds to each section. He also mentioned adding a few more items to include an item for assisting Transit as well as helping with pavement management and bridge conditions. Dan Centa inquired as to what this would like. Scott replied that we would simply take the data from other entities, keep track and compile it into one data source and try to map it. He stated that he feels the MPO has value in putting all data into one system. Wendy Pettit mentioned that this could help in getting an RTA and suggested adding a work element for the RTA to the UPWP.

Scott stated that the final draft of the 2016 - 2017 UPWP will be going to the PACOG Board on August 27 with the dollar amounts applied to each item.

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

There were no items

12. *Adjournment*

Chairman Scott Hobson adjourned the meeting at 10:05 am