

**Minutes of the  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
January 8, 2015  
8:30 a.m.  
City Council Chambers, 1 City Hall Place**

**1. *Call Meeting to Order***

Chairman: Scott Hobson

Time of Call: 8:40 am

TAC Members Present: Pepper Whittlef, Joan Armstrong, Dan Centa, and Wendy Pettit

CAC Members Present: : Megan Murillo and Don Bruestle

MPO Staff Present: Scott Hobson

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

No introductions were made.

**3. *Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held on December 4, 2014***

Motion to Approve: Don Bruestle

Second: Megan Murillo

Unanimous

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

There are no Policy Notifications for January.

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

CDOT Region II Has Notification of One (1) TIP/STIP Administrative Amendment 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 Letters and Spreadsheets.

Project Name: **Dillon Drive Interchange Project**

STIP Number: SPB6397

Project Location and Description: Dillon Drive Interchange

Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): **FY 2015 Local Funding**

Federal Program Funds: \$

State Matching Funds: \$

Local Matching Funds: **\$ 567,115**

Other Project Funds: \$

**TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$567,115**

Mr. Scott Hobson reported the bids for the Phase 1 of the Dillon – Eden Interchange were opened the week of December 16<sup>th</sup> and the most responsive low bid was for \$13,517,278 which included the Base Bid, plus project Alternate No. 2. The bid amount was \$817,115 over the engineer's estimate for the construction of the project. The project engineers agreed to reduce the percentage of construction contingencies from 10% to 7.5% which left a remaining balance of \$567,115 to

award the project. The City of Pueblo agreed to provide the additional amount of \$567,115 for the project from the City's HUTF project allocation. The Administrative TIP Amendment is to add the \$567,115 of additional local funding into the TIP for the project. All other parameters and information reported on this Project remain the same. Mr. Hobson reported that the amount of the bid above the engineer's estimate was less than a number of other projects that were bid within the State of Colorado. CDOT Region 2 Planner, Wendy Pettit indicated that a large number of the RAMP projects that were bid came in 15%-20% above the engineer's estimates. She indicated that the Transportation Commission had put those projects on hold temporarily until other funding such as RAMP contingency funding might be authorized, so that these projects could be awarded. Mr. Centa also commented on the number of projects being bid within a short period of time. The project is anticipated to be awarded in February or early March, with construction beginning the summer of 2015. The timeframe for the construction is estimated to be 24 months.

### **No TAC Action Required**

#### **6. *Update on CDOT Region 2 – December 19, 2014 Joint MPO and TPR Regional Priorities Program Funding for FY2016-19, FY20-FY25, and Beyond 2025 Projects***

Mr. Hobson reviewed the changes to the PACOG On-System Projects list for FY2016 through FY2040 based on the joint MPO/TPR meeting held by CDOT on December 19, 2014. He explained the potential funding source of using Senate Bill 228 funds involving excess state revenues for transportation projects. Based on the projected estimates for the SB228 funds over a six-year period, the amount of \$60 million for an additional phase of I-25 was removed from our list. There was still \$50 million of SB228 funds for another section of I-25 remaining on the list. There is no guarantee of any SB228 funding, although each MPO is programming projects that were identified by CDOT that could be funded. An additional \$10 million was added from FASTER safety funds within FY16-FY19 for the US 50 West 3<sup>rd</sup> lane projects. \$10 million in Regional Priority Funds (RPP) was added for I-25 between 1<sup>st</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Streets for the beyond 2025 timeframe. Three projects along the SH78 and SH96 corridors were moved into the beyond FY2025 timeframe in order to balance the estimated allocations for the RPP funds. Overall, PACOG ended up gaining \$7.9 million in project funds, not taking into account the \$60 million SB228 reduction.

#### **7. *Projects Scheduled for Construction 2015-2017***

Mr. Hobson briefly reviewed the list of construction projects that were slated to be completed between 2015 and 2017 with the committee. He noted that the overall list of projects totaled over \$162 million in roadway construction and upgrades, as well as 12 transportation alternatives projects. Mr. Bruestle asked if there was a plan to notify the public when construction was going to occur on specific roads and when lane closures or roadway closures would be happening. Mr. Hobson indicated that there have been preliminary discussions between PACOG staff and CDOT staff about developing a strategy to inform the public. Ms. Pettit indicated that any strategy for notifying the public of CDOT construction activities would need to be managed and coordinated with the CDOT Policy Office.

#### **8. *Meeting #2 – Long Range Trail Project Priorities – Pueblo West/Lake Pueblo focus***

Mr. Hobson notified the committee members that the second meeting to update the trails map showing existing trails and future trails for the 2040 Long Rang Plan will be held on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at the City Planning Department Conference Room. The meeting will focus primarily on the trails within Pueblo West and Lake Pueblo State Park. Mr. Bruestle and Ms. Murillo expressed their interest

in also looking at the potential trail linkage to the School District #70 schools in Pueblo West and on the St. Charles Mesa in light of the school district's new busing policy for students. Mr. Centa indicated that the school district's busing policy has been discussed by the County Commissioners in relationship to the St. Charles Mesa, but those similar issues will also have potential impacts related to the school children in Pueblo West. Mr. Hobson indicated that he had previously been part of the consultant team that worked on the County's eastern trails plan in the 1990's. The south side of Highway 50 provides more opportunities for trails and connections to schools, while the north side of Highway 50 has some significant limitations. Those limitations include ditches and utilities along the edges of roadways and limited right-of-way of the county lanes. Ms. Armstrong and Ms. Whittlef also talked about some of the limitation of using the rights-of-way for access to the schools. Mr. Hobson indicated that access to schools on the St. Charles Mesa and Pueblo West would be included on the agenda, if time allowed.

**9. *Items From TAC Members Or Scheduling of Future Agenda Items.***

Mr. Hobson notified the committee members that Rob MacDonald, Executive Director of the Pikes Peak MPO would be giving a presentation on the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority at the January 22, 2015 PACOG board meeting. The meeting starts at 12:15 p.m. Mr. Bruestle notified the PACOG meeting for January was going to be held at the Health Department instead of the EOC Building. Mr. Hobson indicated that he would send out an email to make sure the people of the PACOG transportation mailing list are aware of the change in location for the meeting.

**10. *Other Staff Report Items***

Mr. Hobson informed the committee of an ADA complaint that was filed with CDOT related to the US50 West additional lane project and the Pueblo West Transportation Alternatives projects that bordered US50 in Pueblo West. Mr. Hobson indicated that the US50 West projects were primarily not within the Pueblo City limits, and did not fall within the jurisdiction of the City. Mr. Centa indicated that the transportation alternatives projects were planned in the future to provide ADA accessible linkages to US50 West, but those are separate projects that are not specifically tied to CDOT's US50 West improvements.

Mr. Hobson asked if the committee would like a presentation from Mark Lovin, Director of the Pueblo Airport at one of the future TAC meetings. The members indicated that would be a good item to include on a future agenda.

**11. *Adjournment***

Chairman Scott Hobson adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am.