

**Meeting minutes of the  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (TAC)**

**December 10, 2024**

**1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**[CDOT Headquarters – 5615 Wills Blvd., Pueblo, CO 81008](#)**

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Noon on the Friday preceding the meeting.**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

*Chairwoman: Eva Cosyleon*

*Time of Call: 1:32 p.m.*

*MPO Members Present: Eva Cosyleon, Hannah Haunert, Dylan Goodman*

*TAC Members Present: Macario Torrez, Ben Valdez, Helen Dupree, Greg George, Shawn Winters, Amanda Hobson, Sean Maik, Sarah Skinner*

*CAC Members Present: Don Bruestle, Cheryl Spinuzzi, Richard Arko, Laura Leyba*

*CDOT Members Present: Aaron Willis, Geoff Guthrie, Lindsey Jaquez, Lachelle Davis, Jennifer Sparks, Scott Skinner, Scott Dalton, Laurel Jones, Morgan Olsen*

*FTA/FHWA Members Present: Emma Belmont*

*Others Present: Wendy Pettit, Luann Martinez, Saqib Gulzar, Danell Cressey, Abe Armendariz, Kurt Patrick, Mark Domingas, Isabell Smith, Scott Hobson, Kelly Grisham, Victoria Bray*

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

*Mark Domingas – RockSol Consultant. Scott Dalton is with CDOT. Danell Cressey is SRDA and Bustang. Isabell Smith – Intern at CDOT. Morgan Olsen is from CDOT HQ – Revitalizing Main Streets – Program Manager.*

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**November 12, 2024 Minutes\***

*Motion to Approve: Don Bruestle*

*Second: Laura Leyba*

*Unanimous*

**4. I-25 & Exit 108\***

**Action Requested: Presentation**

Eva Cosyleon said that this project is on our 10-year plan, the first 4 years were for design and the rest is for construction. Jennifer Sparks said that with the Train Derailment that happened, everyone had to detour. If this interchange was built, they could have used this instead. Jennifer said they are also looking at this area for a rest area, mobility hub, and truck parking. This is the exit that connects to Pueblo West (Purcell Blvd). The current infrastructure only allows one vehicle to pass at a time, and barely fits a semi-truck. This also has sight visibility, and flooding issues. Jennifer included a few pictures of the issues in her presentation. The new hub will include 100 parking spaces and services for traveling public/transit users, 50 freight parking, bus loop, shelter and benches. This combination will help reduce costs, increase safety, and mobility. Don Bruestle asked about EV Chargers, Jennifer said they are not going to provide these. Ben Valdez asked if this would include Bustang/Transit, Geoff Guthrie said they are having those conversations. Below is a picture of proposed funding allocation



## Proposed Funding Allocation

Allocation	Interchange Specific		Rest Area	Proposed Commingled			
	Fund Type and Year	10YP ID 2562 I-25 Exit 108		PACOG RPP Exit 108 and I25 Safety	Federal Redistribution Rest Area	10YP ID 2723 North Pueblo Mobility Hub	National Highway Freight Plan FR8
FY 22					\$ 5,924,000		
FY 23							
FY 24	\$ 2,000,000			\$ 10,000,000			
FY 25							\$ 4,000,000
FY 26	\$ 9,000,000	\$ 500,000				\$ 6,000,000	
FY 27						\$ 5,000,000	
FY 28		\$ 800,000					
FY 29		\$ 1,800,000					
<b>Type Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,550,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 5,924,000</b>	<b>\$ 11,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,000,000</b>	
<b>Allocation Total</b>	<b>\$14,550,000</b>		<b>\$10,000,000</b>	<b>\$20,924,000</b>			
<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>\$45,474,000</b>						

CDOT is short about \$5m. Jennifer included a picture of the schedule with beginning construction by January 2027 for the interchange, and start the rest area in January 2028 with a completion by end of 2028. Eva Cosyleon asked about the freight money, Jennifer said that money went to the Hwy 50B interchange, this will be new freight money. Don asked about security, Jennifer said that it would be similar to the other rest areas, this includes lights and just maintenance. Greg George asked about alternative delivery, Jennifer said the plan is to design, bid, build. Some of the funds are outyear. They haven't figured an exact location for this hub. Eva said that she would like to keep RPP as an emergency fund, Jennifer said that the 2029 RPP (\$1.8m) is not allocated yet.

## 5. I-25 & Hwy 50B Interchange\*

### **Action Requested: Presentation**

Scott Dalton is the Project Manager for this project. There was a study for I-25 through Pueblo back in 2000. This looked at improving safety and mobility and addressing deteriorating roadways/bridges. In August 2013, FHWA and CDOT published the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). Don Bruestle asked if this would take away right-of-way from Mineral Palace Park (MPP), Scott said that this project does not. There are 5 different phases that include: I-25 North Hwy 50B to 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Hwy 50B Interchange, Downtown improvements, Dillon Dr extension, and Ilex Bridge to 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Jennifer Sparks said that I-25 and Hwy 50B does impact MPP. The Ilex Bridge Project included D Street, Thomas Phelps Creek Trail, BNSF tracks, and Gruma Drive. This was completed in 2019. Don asked about HARP (Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo) would extend down to Runyon Field, Scott said that he is unaware of their plans, but it was designed to include that. Don also had a concern about Santa Fe Ave and City Center Dr, Jennifer said that CDOT is working on a Vulnerable Road User (VRU) study. Eva said she would like to hear from HQ about the VRU Study.

The new interchange will replace 3 bridges: over I-25, over the railroad, and over the Fountain Creek. This will realign the bypass and rebuild a section of I-25. The new interchange will be a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI). Construction budget is around \$114m with a total overall budget of \$170m. Freight movement avoids this bridge because it is not tall enough. The detour is along La Crosse Ave to 4<sup>th</sup> Street to Hwy 47/Hwy96/Hwy50B interchange. Don asked about the minimum height for the I-25 bridge, Geoff said he thinks it's 16 ½ feet. There will be a trail connection to Santa Fe Ave, run along the southern side of the new interchange, this will cross two traffic signals. There is another trail connection to Fountain Creek. Eva Cosyleon asked about lighting along the trail/sidewalk, Scott said there is no additional lighting, just regular streetlights. The sidewalk (8 to 10feet) is protected with a concrete barrier. Don asked about cleaning of the sidewalk, Jennifer said the same amount that their maintenance already do. Don asked about the Dillon extension, Scott said they have purchased the Right-of-Way for it in the future, but it is not part of this project. The plan is to have lane shifts but keep I-25 and Hwy 50B open. Left turn movements are eliminated with DDIs. Laura Leyba said she is going to look at this at their next ADA meeting. There will be a noise wall with a design. The 26<sup>th</sup> St. railroad crossing will be closing. Ben Valdez asked if the City is going to maintain the trail, Jennifer said they have a trail agreement. CDOT is very close on the Railroad reviews, approvals, and agreements. Construction will begin this week and will go through July 2027. This will take place adjacent to the roadway. There will be two lanes open in each direction on I-25 and one lane open in each direction on Hwy 50 during peak hours. Expect single lane closures, ramp closures, and shoulder closures during off peak hours. Work is Monday through Friday 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Overnight and weekend work is expected.

## 6. 2022-2023 Pueblo County's Top Crash Locations and Fatalities\*

### **Action Requested: Presentation**

Hannah Haurert said in her presentation there is a list of 2022-2023 Top Crash Locations, the top 5 are pretty much the same every year. These locations are always the same because higher traffic volumes = more likely a crash to happen. Number one and two include Hwy 50 & Elizabeth Street (30 crashes), and Hwy 47 & Dillon Dr (24 crashes). The presentation included a few maps, the one map includes a square and number of crashes per square. Hannah said she did Pueblo County crash location, this is new. The top 2 locations were Purcell Blvd. & Industrial Blvd. with 20 crashes, and McCulloch Blvd. & Spaulding Ave. with 18 crashes in 2022. Don asked about the directions of crashes at Purcell and Industrial, she said that she will look into that. She mentioned that Pueblo County is working on interim signal improvements. She presented a few more maps of Pueblo West locations, 2022 crash data from DiExSys, and Pueblo County Fatalities. McCulloch Blvd and Spaulding is in the wrong location, it is the 1<sup>st</sup> intersection closer to Hwy 50 West. There might be more fatalities in a crash. 2023 Crash data had a little bit more crashes at Hwy 50 & Elizabeth with 46 crashes, and Hwy 47 & Dillon Dr with 32 crashes. Sometimes the Top 5 includes Northern Ave and Prairie Ave, Hwy 50 & Club Manor Blvd, Hwy 50 & Bonforte Ave/Hudson Ave, Hwy 45 Pueblo Blvd & Northern Ave, and Hwy 45 Pueblo Blvd & Hwy 96. In 2023, Pueblo County had 25 crashes at McCulloch Blvd & Spaulding Ave, and 16 crashed at Purcell Blvd & Industrial Blvd. She included a Fatality Summary for 2022-2023. Approach Turn is where both vehicles are going towards each other and one turns left. She also included a 3-year comparison of crashes. This crash data could help with

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grants. Geoff Guthrie asked if outside City limits, if they are all located in Pueblo West, Hannah said yes, there would be more volume at these locations. Don Bruestle asked about what we are doing to mitigate the fatal crashes that includes speeding, Eva Cosyleon said that the City or County apply for grants, (HSIP, SS4A, etc...) or study the locations. This includes roundabouts. The City did a study at 15 locations for near misses. The Long-Range Transportation Plan will include safety issues, will also include the Performance Measure (PM1). We could also include road diets. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked what is around McCulloch and Spaulding, there is Loaf-n-Jug, businesses and restaurants. Shawn Winters said that the issue at these intersections is that there are a lot of turning movement conflicts, driveway close to intersection. Eva said that the County is aware of these issues because of the walk audit that was conducted.

## 7. Northern Ave Trail Phase 3\* – request for additional funds

*Motion to Approve: Tabled till next month*

*Second:*

*Unanimous*

*Eva Cosyleon said that this is an existing project, the scope will continue along Northern Ave to Prairie Ave and north to Mesa Ave. Curb ramps and signal work is included. Kelly Grisham said that it goes down to Purdue. Don Bruestle asked about the bus stop, Ben Valdez said that it has been moved. Kurt Patrick said that they finalized the scope and were \$300k over budget. SEH worked on bid alts and that took out \$120k. There are about \$160k contingencies. It has passed all CDOT clearances. Ben Valdez asked about timeline, Kurt said that if they get the funding it is ready to go but in the springtime. Kelly said that the Arkansas Trail will be returning \$194k. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked if this was returned back to MMOF, Lachelle said that the project has not closed yet but will get returned. Kelly said that they are waiting for BlackHills to put in the lights. Ben Valdez asked if this could be reallocated, Lachelle said no. Lachelle asked if the City is offering match, Kelly said \$125k from TAP funds but no match for MMOF. Shawn Winters said that the Pueblo West District provides overmatch. He recommended the normal process for MMOF in February. Kelly said that they didn't want to wait for the call of projects because of the long process and may be another shortfall of inflation. Lachelle said that when it's awarded, it should take a few weeks. Kelly said that last time this happened they needed an IGA amendment, Lachelle said that they no longer have that requirement. Kelly said that construction would be around 4-6 months. Ben Valdez said that this section has the most ADA issues, he said with the other money returning it will be a wash. Don Bruestle asked when it is complete (markings, signage), how it will look, Kurt said that the ADA ramps and traffic signal poles are getting upgraded to be fully accessible. Cheryl Spinuzzi was wondering if they can request less contingencies, Kurt said that it is possible, and they will monitoring it. Shawn said that when they put out the TAP 3, they put out a base bid and their alternates. By the end, everything was completed. Kelly said that the medians are a bid alternate, Purdue north, contingencies reduction. She said they spent \$778,656 out of \$970,618. They are giving back \$191,961. Lachelle asked when will Blackhills close out the project and would it be before the call for projects, Kelly believes so and was scheduled for December. Amanda Hobson asked if these funds would get sent back to the city to reuse for another project. Don had a concern about a pedestrian refuge going across Northern at Cambridge. Shawn said that if the funding will go back in the pot then he doesn't have an issue. Eva said that we will have to confirm with Michael Snow.*

## 8. TAC Bylaw – At-Large Representatives

**Action Requested: Discussion**

*Reminder for representatives.*

## 9. Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Updates

**Action Requested: Informational**

*Eva Cosyleon said that we will need the confirmation letter from everyone. Dylan Goodman said he still needs the confirmation from CAC, County P&Z, Pueblo Plex, City of Pueblo, Aviation, Pueblo County, and Colorado City.*

*Don Bruestle said that he would like to see more EV chargers, he is glad that the developers at W 31<sup>st</sup> Street Apartment Complex will be installing a few of them.*

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Greg Pedroza left a chat message saying that they do not have an official announcement for the Airline yet. They may have funding for a terminal renovation and can share more next month.

**10. Other Local Agencies Updates**

**Action Requested: Informational**

Ben Valdez said that Veteran’s ride free applications started Monday, and they have a steady stream. The Bus Solar Lights at selected bus stops went to City Council last night. Vanpool is in the recruiting stage.

Amanda Hobson said that she will have better numbers next month on the budget.

Sean Maik said that they have about \$100k for the Union Bridge Emergency Repair work. Lachelle Davis said that the project was cleared and was sent out to bid but it was never awarded. This can only be used for Union Bridge unless there is a request for a scope change. He said that they are reviewing RFP’s for roundabouts. The SS4A grant selected DiExSys for the safety action plan.

Shawn Winters said that their TAP 4 & 5 (Joe Martinez Trail) are in construction – between McCulloch Blvd. and Hahns Peak. They are also coordinating with Wilson at Purcell and Joe Martinez. Purcell Blvd Trail Phase 1 & 2 is at 30% design. Civic Center Trail Phase 1 will start design in first quarter in 2025.

**11. CDOT R2 and HQ Updates**

**Action Requested: Informational**

Morgan Olson is from CDOT RMS Program. She said that they are working with the City of Pueblo on the Bessemer Commerce Revitalization, and the Asphalt Art and Gateways Project. One has an extension, but they will need an updated construction schedule prior to expiration. It is set to expire at the end of the month. Kurt Patrick said he will get her an update by the end of the week. Don Bruestle asked if Pueblo Urban Renewal involved with Northern Ave, Kurt said no.

**12. FTA & FHWA updates**

**Action Requested: Informational**

**13. CDOT request(s) the following amendment projects into the FY 2025 –2028 Pueblo Area Council of Governments Transportation Improvement Program (PACOG TIP)\***

TIP Amend 2024.006.02

Project Name: I-25 Pueblo Safety Improvements

STIP Number: SR26867.138

Project Location and Description: Holding planned, unprogrammed, RPP Funds

Fund Source(s): RPP

Fund Source	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
RPP - Federal	0	0	0	0	0	\$1,641,780	\$1,641,780
RPP - State	0	0	0	0	0	\$158,220	\$158,220
Total	0	0	0	0	0	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000

Notes: Adds planned RPP Funds to project as a placeholder

TIP Amend 2024.001.04 Administrative Amendment

Project Name: I-25 through Pueblo

STIP Number: SPB3865.999

Project Location and Description: Reconstruction of an existing interchange at US50B and I25A.

Fund Source(s): FY25 Region 2 Regional Priorities Program (RPP)

Fund Source	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total

RPP - Federal	0	\$1,400	0	0	0	0
Total	0	\$1,400	0	0	0	0

Notes: Programs an additional \$1,400 RPP federal funding Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 to the Right-of-Way Phase of this project from the Region 2 RPP Pool.

**Action Required: Informational**

- 14. **Next TAC meeting – January 14, 2025 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – CDOT**  
**Deadline for presentations is January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5 p.m.**

**Action Requested: Informational**

*Please check in.*

- 15. **Items from TAC Members or scheduling of future Agenda Items**  
**Roundtable Discussion**

- 16. **Adjourn at or before 3:30 pm**

*Adjournment was at 3:37 p.m.*