

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

November 12, 2024

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

[City Council Chambers - 1 City Hall Place, Pueblo, CO 81003](#)

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1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairwoman: Eva Cosyleon

Time of Call: 1:33 p.m.

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

TAC Members Present: Melanie Turner, 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, Kathleen Collins, Lachelle Davis, Rob Frei, Scott Skinner

FTA/FHWA Members Present: Emma Belmont

Others Present: Wendy Pettit, Luann Martinez, Saqib Gulzar, Danell Cressey

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

Danell Cressey is from Senior Resource Development Agency (SRDA + Bustang Outrider).

3. Approval of Minutes

October 8, 2024 Minutes*

Motion to Approve: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Second: Richard Arko

Unanimous:

4. 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-25A 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	\$1,638,000	\$1,638,000
RPP - State	0	0	0	0	0	\$162,000	\$162,000
Total	0	0	0	0	0	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000

Notes: Adds planned RPP Funds to project as a placeholder

Motion to Approve: Don Bruestle

Second: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Unanimous:

Wendy Pettit asked about the percentage between Federal and State, Lindsey Jaquez said it depends on the corridor, but it is 91% (Federal) / 9% (State).

5. TAC Bylaw ADOPTION and next steps (timeline):

Motion to Approve: Don Bruestle

Second: Laura Leyba

Unanimous:

Dylan Goodman talked about the timeline and the confirmation letter. The letter needs to have two signatures of other members. Approval from PACOG by January and official start in February. Ben Valdez asked how many people are still on the panel, Dylan said a quorum is 5 voting members and there are 14 members. This includes City of Pueblo Director and Traffic Engineer, Transit, Pueblo County and Aviation Director, Pueblo County Deputy Director, Pueblo West Director of Operational Support, and Colorado City and with 6 Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) members.

Eva Cosyleon said that confirmation letter is for the CAC members, two other board members need to sign. Any changes to the members will need approval from the Board. Sarah Skinner asked if the new CAC members are term limit, Dylan said terms are 3 years with no term limits. This new term will be 2 years and 11 months since it will start in February. Don Bruestle asked if someone already submitted an At Large application if they will need to resubmit, Eva said that we can reuse the old one but with a new signature. We do prefer everyone has an alternate. Sarah asked where the application will be posted, Dylan said it will be posted on the front page of our website, pacog.net. Luann Martinez asked if these forms have been sent to the attorney, Eva said the Bylaws have but not the other forms. We will send them to her. The PACOG members did receive the Bylaws.

6. TAC Orientation Draft*

Dylan Goodman wanted to go over the draft orientation and to receive feedback. The full presentation can be found in the packet. Laura Leyba requested along with the video if there is a written document too. Don Bruestle said that to add involved in the Who and what is PACOG. He also suggested that the TAC page, to add policy recommendations. Geoff Guthrie said that he thinks it should say Advise the MPO on the planning process and vote to send policy amendments to the TIP forward to the PACOG Board of Directors. Eva Cosyleon said that this section will need to be changed, this will need to include UPWP (United Planning Work Program) or other documents. Geoff suggested adding what MPO means and is a census place of more than 50,000 people. He also added that on the TPRs and our Planning Region page is to add Rural planning organization designated by state legislator. Primary documents to include word smithing outline shows federal and state funding within PACOG. LRTP to add a 25-year plan to add sets project priorities, and BPMP add bike and pedestrian infrastructure. Geoff had a concern about the BPMP that identifies all corridors and only on street bike

network. Wendy Pettit suggested that it references FHWA and their 5-year requirement. Geoff also suggested that TAC is coordinating and tracking all TIP admin and policy amendments. Kathleen Collins said that the MPO updates the LRTP every 4 years, Wendy said that only if it's air quality zone, it is 5 years. Geoff said to add that the TIP can be tracked by public, and the LRTP is all sources of funding. He also suggested adding consider recommendations on PACOG responsibilities. Scott Skinner suggested adding gathering crash/count data. Luann Martinez said that they are using active transportation to include ped/bike/rolling. Melanie Turner said that the LRTP to add future corridors instead of new corridors, Eva thought maybe proposed corridors. Eva also said that in our 2040 LRTP, we had a vision map, this is the future roadways. She thinks we will make this public but with a big disclaimer. Melanie said that they call this map Pueblo Roadway Development Plan or PACOG Corridor Preservation Plan. She also suggested to explain more of what the LRTP is or include the maps. She also suggested to include a list of who is serving. Dylan Goodman said that this presentation is bare minimum, and everyone can ask for more information. Laura Leyba suggested to use links to get more information. Wendy Pettit suggested that the links should be valid after time has passed.

7. MPO Updates

Action Requested: Informational

Eva Cosyleon said that she attended AMPO (Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations) and SRTS (Safe Routes to School). AMPO included Land Use, Housing with Transportation, and affordability. She wants to start talking with our Housing and to work together. WACO, Texas has used Carbon Reduction funds for trees/shade. One MPO for their public participation plan included a story map/GIS hub. This is a live map and the public adds input (hazards). She thinks it's important to look at the progress from the past 5 years and how priorities have shifted. SRTS included high injury network, try to see if there is a trend. The roundabout campaign will start soon. We are also going to work on the LRTP (Long-Range Transportation Plan) 2050 RFP (Request for Proposals), going out for bid possibly in January. Eva is also working on a Safety Education Campaign (youth – driving under influence, speeding, distracted driving, and seatbelts) with the Health Department. The MPO received help from FHWA, they will find peers to come and talk about Complete Streets. Melanie Turner asked if they missed the deadline for SRTS, Eva said that Luann applied for the other two phases of Monument Ave. Around \$187k was requested. Don Bruestle asked about Jackson and Adams beautification, Melanie said there will be no landscape.

8. Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Updates

Requested: Informational

There were no updates.

9. Other Local Agencies Updates

Action Requested: Informational

Shawn Winters said that TAP 4 and 5 Trail (Joe Martinez Trails) is ready to start construction (waiting on dry weather), Purcell Phase 1 and 2 Trail - 30% review completed and coordination with Pueblo County, Civic Center Trail - district manager signed IGA with CDOT. Laura Leyba asked when will the ADA be involved in the planning stage, Shawn said they are in the design stage and will sit down with her.

Greg George said that the Art Center Project (Carbon Reduction – Electric chargers) is requiring level 3 chargers and he was unaware of this, so they might have to descope the project or find more funding. This changes the transformer sizing and constant load. RAISE grant meeting this week, stakeholder meeting next step. Medal of Honor has utility going in. Purcell & Industrial interim is up, and signal arrows installed in the next weeks. There will be a new ADA curb ramp for the Art Center.

Melanie Turner said that their budget for paving has been cut in half, so about \$5m. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked how come, Melanie said that she thinks there were a few years they did not do as many projects so now that they are finally catching up. Concrete projects still in the works to prepare for the paving projects (Bonforte, 29th St, Elizabeth). Ben Valdez asked if Melanie knows of the installation plan for fiber, Melanie said it is random and there are a few companies. Greg said the contracts have another few more years, they do not have schedules or

priorities. *Safe Streets 4 All (SS4A) Action Plan - officially hired DiExSys, starting soon. In house design W 18th Street (close to Cheyenne). Melanie would like to request to add the La Crosse Bridge to LRTP.*

Luann Martinez said that the City was awarded \$13,713,060 to demo and rebuild the Union Ave Bridge. They applied for a SPAN grant for a demonstration project for the bike lanes along Elizabeth St between 18th and 24th. They also applied for the Mel Harmon bridge from the Off system bridge grant, and the Safe Routes to School along the monument corridor. Pending reconnecting neighborhoods grants, Hudson/Bonforte over Hwy 50. Might submit Low Carbon Grant (asphalt for Lime Rd or maybe La Crosse). NOFO for RAISE just came out and will apply for Capital Funds based on current grant for 24th St bridge. Melanie had a question about the buffer for Elizabeth, Luann said it is only demonstration project will include the asphalt art (delineation). Lachelle Davis said that there is a \$100k in the BIP Grant from previous and wants to know if the City will give back since it's fully funded, Luann said she thought this was to make repairs. Geoff Guthrie wanted clarification on the overpass Hwy 50 Hudson/Bonforte, Luann said planning (submitting a grant).

Sarah Skinner said she submitted an off-system bridge grant for Burnt Mill Road. Awarded rural technical assistant program grant (RTAP) to help Beulah for Parks Rec and Grounds. Also looking into putting in for the Community change grant. Amanda Hobson said that they are receiving RTAP Grant, this will include CSU Boulder students coming down to do a recreation tourism study for Beulah. They are currently putting together stakeholders list and a community meeting in March. The students will develop a plan of recreation tourism action.

Ben Valdez said that they will get \$110k for the Transition Plan, he needs to sol source for the current company they are using. He said they have to follow DTR and CDOT guide which is confusing because they contradict that. Kids Ride free 2025 and Solar Light project will go to City Council next meeting. Ben also mentioned that they are proceeding forward with Veterans ride free 2025. Waiting on Vanpool Contract thumbs up from Michael Snow to sign contracts.

Melanie Turner asked if the \$100k can be used for the Union Bridge, Lachelle Davis said she is unsure. Luann Martinez said that they are getting 80% funding from BIP (Bridge Investment Program), and \$1.7m-\$2.5m from DOAL (LOMA fund). The gap is \$1.7m. She thinks the gap is covered. It is Federal funding from the current administration (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – BIL). There is 2 years left but might change with new congress.

Don Bruestle said that the voters in the Pikes Peak Area renewed the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) for 10 years. He said that they got a 70% voter approval for 5.7 cents per \$100 (tax - sport cars, etc...).

10. CDOT R2 and HQ Updates

Action Requested: Informational

Geoff Guthrie said that the electronic signs tell the public that the Hwy 50B and I-25 project will start November 18th. \$167m is programmed towards this project. Eva Cosyleon asked about vehicle impact, Geoff said that at least one lane in each direction will stay open. She also asked about the interchange, Geoff said he doesn't know and will have more answers in December. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked if all the buildings were demolished, Geoff said he thinks there might be one left.

Scott Skinner said that DTR is coming out with a planning grant in February. The Clean Transit Enterprise is coming out with a planning grant too. They are working on the Transit Connecting Study for Bustang/Outrider (early next year). Don Bruestle was wondering if the State is considering places to add shelter, Scott said that they are currently improving the stops between Trinidad and Pueblo. Don also suggested restrooms. Geoff said that the State has Strategic funding for stop improvements. Laura Leyba said that restrooms for a person in a wheelchair needs quite a bit of room.

11. FTA & FHWA updates

Action Requested: Informational

Emma Belmont is from Federal Transit Administration (FTA – Region 8) as the Pre-Award Manager.

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

TIP Amend 2024.010.02 Administrative Amendment

Project Name: US50C & Baxter Rd

STIP Number: SR26646.999

Project Location and Description: Intersection improvements at US50 (Business) and Baxter Road

Fund Source(s): FY25 & FY27 Region 2 Hotspot Pool (HOT)

Fund Source	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
HOT - Federal	0	\$358,838	0	(\$358,838)	0	0
HOT - State	0	\$74,593	0	(\$74,593)	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

Notes: Moves Hotspot funding from FY27 to FY25.

13. Next TAC meeting – December 10, 2024 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – CDOT HQ – San Isabel Room – 5615 Wills Blvd, Pueblo, CO 81008

Deadline for presentations is November 29th at 5 p.m.

Action Requested: discussion

Please check in before entering.

14. Items from TAC Members or scheduling of future Agenda Items

Roundtable Discussion

Purcell & Industrial Presentation

I-25 & Hwy 50B interchange

Fiber

15. Adjourn at or before 3:30 pm

Adjournment was at 3:33 p.m.