

Minutes of April 5, 2012 Joint Meeting
Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC)

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TAC Members present: Scott Hobson, Alf Randall, Rick Morgan, Jeff Woeber, Earl Wilkinson, Pepper Whittlef, Amy Schmaltz, and Wendy Pettit.

CAC Members present: Don Bruestle, Chuck Pelto, Raymond Seybold, Kristin Castor, Laurie Clark and Eppie Griego.

Others Present: Rose Marie Ibanez –Secretary to the TAC.

Scott Hobson called the regular joint meeting of the TAC to order on Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 8:35 a.m. in the Temporary City Council Chambers, 301 West B Street.

(1) Introductions and Public Comments (non-agenda items only). New members introduced were Ray Seybold replacing England Porter (representing City P & Z) and Chuck Pelto replacing Charles Davis (representing 2020 Commission).

(2) Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 2, 2012. (No TAC meeting in March)

Motion to approve: Eppie Griego
Second: Jeff Woeber
Unanimous

(3) Standing Agenda Item: CDOT Region 2 request(s) for amendment(s) to the PACOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the MPO/TPR area. Additional details about the amendments appear in attached CDOT letters and spreadsheets.

**CDOT Region II request(s) for PACOG MPO/TPR TIP amendment(s)
FY 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program
Requires TAC and PACOG Board action to approve/disapprove/modify**

**Project Name: I-25 and 29th Street Bridge Deck Repairs
STIP Number: SR26867.035
Project Location and Description: I-25 and 29th Street Bridge Deck Repairs
Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): Surface treatment –Bridge Deck Repair –State Regional Priority Funds
Federal Program Funds: \$
State Matching Funds: \$ 700,000
Local Matching Funds: \$
Other Project Funds: \$
TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$700,000**

CDOT Region 2 had determined that there is need to add a surface treatment/bridge deck repair project to the I-25/29th Street area. We are proposing to add \$700,000 of Regional Priority funds to the project to make the needed repairs to the bridge deck and do a two-inch mill and fill procedure to the surface of the bridge on I-25. This project will be completed in conjunction with the Baltimore to Wills project.

Ms. Pettit reported that this project was pooled in this TIP request to manage as on one project so both projects can go out to bid. The money is 100% state money that came from elsewhere in the state's program funding. There will be a future TIP request to complete the Baltimore/Wills project.

Motion to approve: Laurie Clark
Second: Chuck Pelto
Unanimous

Standing Agenda Item: CDOT Region 2 notification of administrative amendments to the PACOG

- (4) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the MPO/TPR area. Additional details about the amendments appear in attached CDOT letters and spreadsheets presented by Wendy Pettit, CDOT Region 2 Planner.

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FY 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program

Administrative notification of Roll Forward Project Funding or TIP/STIP Policy amendment(s) in the MPO and TPR area(s) –no TAC or Board action required.

Project Name: SH 45 turning lanes
STIP Number: SR26644.033
Project Location and Description: Add turn lanes at Intersection at SH 96 and SH 45
Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): Regional Priorities
Federal Program Funds: \$ 248,370
State Matching Funds: \$ 51,630
Local Matching Funds: \$
Other Project Funds: \$
TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$300,000

Region 2 has a shortage in the engineering estimate for the addition of the turn lanes at the intersection of SH96 and SH45. We are asking to add \$300,000 in Regional Priority funding to cover the shortfall and to be able to take the project out to bid in August of 2012.

Project Name: DOT Road to Pueblo Chemical Depot
STIP Number: SPB6296
Project Location and Description:
Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): Roll forward DAR Discretionary funds
Federal Program Funds: \$ 590,679
State Matching Funds: \$
Local Matching Funds: \$
Other Project Funds: \$
TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 590,679

The \$590,679 in DAR Federal funding is available and now ready to be added into phase 4 of the DAR project.

Project Name: I-25/US50/SH47 Interchange slab repair
STIP Number: SR26867.029
Project Location and Description: Addition of Surface treatment funds for ramp repair work
Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): FY 2012 Surface Treatment funds
Federal Program Funds: \$ 1,824,200
State Matching Funds: \$ 175,800
Local Matching Funds: \$
Other Project Funds: \$
TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 2,000,000

It has come to the attention of Region 2 staff that the original funding from our maintenance program for the surface treatment portion of the project cannot be transferred in a timely manner to meet the schedule of the I-25/US 50/SH47 slab repair project. Region 2 is asking that we back fill the maintenance funding with surface treatment funds from the region 2 pool.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions about the proposed Amendments or the Administrative Notifications.

- (5) MPO Staff Report – Scott Hobson and Pepper Whittlef

(a) TIGER GRANT – Presented by Pepper Whittlef, MPO Staff

Ms. Whittlef reported that CDOT submitted the Pueblo Dillon Flyover project application to the Transportation Commission. It was one of two requests from Colorado for the TIGER IV grant program and has a good chance getting awarded the federal grant. Phase 1 of the project completes half of the bridge and is scheduled to start in the spring of 2012. A TIGER IV grant would make it possible to complete Phase 1 & 2 of the Dillon Flyover and save money on the project.

(b) Long Range Transportation Plan – Presented by Scott Hobson, MPO Staff

Mr. Hobson presented the key elements of the 2040 Long Range Transportation plan for 2012. He said that the 2012 Demographic information, scope of work and timing of the public information process are some of the preliminary elements. MPO staff is conferring with CDOT on how to use salary savings as transportation planning funds to contract consultants to complete certain scopes of work. The last MPO request was a UPWP transfer of \$30,000 for the *Downtown Pedestrian Transportation Plan Study*. The timeline for presenting the 2040 LRTP to the state is by the end of 2014 for final approval in 2015.

(c) Regional Transportation Authority Update – Presented by Earl Wilkinson, Director of Public Works

The city and county of Pueblo are in the planning process for an RTA (that promotes a *local* solution to state and federal funding shortfalls) for voters to approve the *levy* of a 1-cent sales tax. Percentages would be defined and identified for allocation to a list of projects such as capital improvements, maintenance and metro transit that can be accomplished without the restrictions in using federal and state funds. Ms. Castor suggested scheduling several public meeting because the public needs to be educated on the benefits of RTA in order to pass it. Mr. Wilkinson reported that public meetings will be scheduled.

(d) 2012 Transportation Enhancement Grant Information – Presented by Wendy Pettit, CDOT Region 2 Planner

Ms. Pettit gave the schedule of the Transportation Enhancement applications process for 2013 funds. They are due April 20, 2012 and the review period follows thru the final review date of June 29, 2012. At present there are four applications for the City of Pueblo and one from Pueblo West applying for the available funds for 2013. She also reported that Pueblo West was awarded funds from the Safe Route To School program for school *crosswalk flashing signals* in the 45 mile posted traffic zones.

- (6)** TAC members did not schedule any items for a future meeting but any requests for may can be E-mailed to Scott Hobson or Rose Marie Ibanez.
- (7)** Meeting adjourned at 9:25 am.

THE US 50 W PEL TAT WAS NOT SCHEDULED TO MEET THIS MONTH AFTER THE TAC ADJOURNED.