

Minutes of February 5, 2009 Joint Meeting  
Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC)

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TAC Members present: Bill Moore, Todd Ahlenius, Alf Randall, Jeff Woeber, Pepper Whittlef, Rick Morgan, Brenda Broyles; and CDOT– Wendy Pettit and Irene Merrifield.

CAC Members present: Chuck Pelto, Brian Lucas, Laurie Clark, Bill Davis, Dale King, Eppie Griego, and Robert Leverington.

Others present: Dee Brown for David Lytle, Brad Henley, and Rose Marie Ibanez–UTPD support/minutes.

Mr. Moore called the regular meeting of the TAC to order on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 8:34 am in the Pueblo City Council Chambers.

**(1) Introductions.**

**(2) Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on December 4, 2008. (No meeting in January 2009.) Presented by Rose Marie Ibanez, Secretary to the TAC for action to approve/disapprove/modify.**

Motion to approve: Mr. Davis  
Second: Mr. Pelto  
Unanimous

**(3) [Standing Agenda Item, effective October 2008 - may not have specific items in some months] CDOT Region 2 requests for amendments to the PACOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and/or the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the MPO/TPR area. When required, details about the amendments will be attached in letters and spreadsheets.**

**a. SR25216.041. Addition of \$750,000 for the resurfacing project on I-25 south of Pueblo. This request will bring the project total to \$11,249,000. Presented by Wendy Pettit, Region 2 Planner and Bill Moore, MPO Administrator for action to approve/disapprove/modify.**

Ms. Pettit reported that the engineers estimated a \$750,000 shortage due to fluctuation in the cost of asphalt for resurfacing about 10 miles on the Stem Beach project located at mile marker 93. This addition allowed the project to advertise bid requests at the end of January 2009.

Motion to approve: Ms. Clark  
Second: Mr. Pelto  
Unanimous

**CDOT Region 2 notifications of Administrative Amendments.**

**b. SSP4001. Transfer of \$170,522 of 7th Pot funds from the storm drainage project at the I-25 - US50/CO47 interchange to right-of-way acquisition for the US 50 Morris/Fortino project under Group D (right-of-way) of the 7th Pot program.**

Ms. Pettit said this administrative amendment transfers \$170,522 of the 7<sup>th</sup> pot program that is left over in the project that is being moved into the right-of-way phase. The project originally had a 7<sup>th</sup> pot designation under US 50 improvements, group D in which the right-of-way acquisitions are funded and reporting the transfer complies as a public notification.

c. **SPB6296**. Additional roll forward of \$22,000 from phase one in FY 2008 to phase two in FY 2009. (This is in addition to the previous \$220,000, for a total this fiscal year of \$242,000 rolled forward on this project from 2008.)

Ms. Pettit said that the additional roll forward of \$22,000 is an administrative amendment is taking funds from a previous year (08) to 09 on this Defense Access Road project for the construction phase.

**(4) TIP Amendment originated by the MPO Staff to add a Local Projects section to the TIP and list the high priority roadway projects from the City, County, and Pueblo West Metropolitan District. This amendment is necessary to establish local projects as "federal-aid eligible" for possible funding under the federal Economic Recovery (i.e. stimulus package) legislation currently pending in Congress. Presented by Bill Moore for approve/ disapprove/ modify.**

Mr. Moore reported that the consensus expectation for stimulus funds is 100% federal without a local match. For any project to receive stimulus funds, it must be included in the TIP. He reported that not previously included were local-only projects because no federal funds were involved. Although no local funding may occur, including local projects in the TIP/STIP would make them eligible if funds do become available.

**The top Pueblo MPO/TPR "Locally sponsored roadway projects" in PACOG FY2008-2013 TIP**

\*Not prioritized

Extension of Dillon - overpass at I-25.

West Pueblo connector 24<sup>th</sup>-Tuxedo-D St.

Bridge reconstruction E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. over Fountain Creek and road reconstruction from Bradford to Hudson.

Widen and reconstruct median divided roadway Purcell Blvd - US 50 West to Joe Martinez.

Construct new roadway/parkway Joe Martinez - Purcell Blvd to Pueblo Blvd (CO 45) connects to West Pueblo connector by the City of Pueblo.

New alignment of Lime Road - St. Charles Road to Railroad Tracks.

McCulloch Blvd – Joe Martinez to Baldwyn Drive.

Reconstruction of McCulloch Blvd – US 50 W. south to Joe Martinez Blvd.

Widening and reconstruction McCulloch Blvd – Baldwyn Drive west to US 50 West.

Motion to approve: Mr. Davis

Second: Ms. Clark

Unanimous

**(5) Draft Lake Pueblo Trails Management Plan and maps from Colorado State Parks. Presented by Brad Henley, Lake Pueblo State Park as information only.**

Mr. Ahlenius gave the background of the Lake Pueblo State Park proposed trails map that is not yet in the 2035 Non Motorized section that lists the trails in the City of Pueblo, Pueblo County and Pueblo West. He said he found out this past summer that Lake Pueblo State Park was preparing a draft for a Trails Management Plan for the park's trails and asked Mr. Henley to present the Draft to the TAC.

Mr. Henley distributed the Lake Pueblo State Park Draft Trails Management Plan and trails maps showing routes highlighted and the proposed trailheads. He reported that the park's trail system is in fair to good condition. His listed criteria for designated trails such as hard surface, mountain bike, equestrian, social trails, and trails that are accessible for ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act). A trail signage will help manage the trail system providing general information, regulations, warnings, trailheads, trail junctions, destinations, convergence points, and also the Division of Wildlife common boundaries. The trail user fees are for day use and seasonal passes (no over night equestrian pass). An envelope, receipt and wire tag system (similar systems used by the Forest Service or ski resort) to be displayed on a bicycle or horse. The Public "Open House for the Draft will be at 6pm on February 9 at Lake Pueblo State park Visitor Center, located on the south side of the reservoir, at 640 Pueblo Reservoir Road in Pueblo. They have extended the public comment period to Feb 28, 2009 because

they want to ensure pedestrians, equestrians, and mountain bikers have input in their quality recreational opportunities at Lake Pueblo. Their goal is to have a balanced maintenance plan and a routine trail inspection by park employees, volunteers, and advocacy groups to insure that the trail systems is sustainable and park visitors will return year after year to enjoy the park.

**(6) Discussion of federal stimulus package and FHWA/CDOT rescissions and state transportation finance (FASTER) legislation recently introduced in the General Assembly. Presented by Bill Moore, MPO Administrator as information only.**

Mr. Moore reported that an increase in state vehicle registration fees on vehicle weight, and \$2 fee a day for car rentals could amount to \$250M a year for CDOT to complete the 7<sup>th</sup> Pot (27 projects) for bridges and highway safety. He said that 21 of the 27 projects have been completed and that the 5-6 left range \$2B to \$9B.

**(7) Discussion of the need for changes in Roadway Corridor classifications in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the Pueblo Roadway Development Plan (PRDP). The current classification system of only five roadway corridor types needs to be modified for more flexibility in the right-of-way requirements for corridors and the recommended construction standards for classified facilities. This may include developing different standards for different geographic areas such as downtown, historical Pueblo, and new development areas. Presented by Bill Moore, MPO Administrator as information only.**

Mr. Moore reported there is a need for a roadway standard (ROW) for different parts of the City of Pueblo such as freeways (I-25), expressway such as Pueblo Blvd (300 feet) - interchange at I-25, principal arterial (125 feet). Also to look at 3 different downtown areas to include Mesa Junction and to reconstruct a core established in the Southwest & North. Look at new development areas such Sorrento Vista and Pueblo Springs Ranch. He proposed a volunteer sub-committee to help design roadway standards to identify issues and solve corridor issues for City of Pueblo, County and Pueblo to adopt into their plans. The standards would be administered by each local jurisdiction to be implemented. TAC members would be comprised from City, County and Pueblo West. CAC volunteers are Laurie Clark, Chuck Pelto and Dale King. Other members would include representatives of the development community and CDOT Engineers.

**(8) Open discussion, items from committee members, and scheduling of future agenda items.**

Mr. Moore reported that in March he would start developing the FY 2010-11 UPWP for TAC review, and a recommendation to be scheduled for adoption by the PACOG Board in July or August.

**(9) Adjourned at 10:25am.**