

Minutes of March 4, 2010 Joint Meeting
Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC)

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

CAC Members present: Chuck Pelto, Brian Lucas, Eppie Griego, Laurie Clark, Rob Leverington, Bill Davis, Charles Davis and Debbie Rose.

Others present: Kim Arline and Rose Marie Ibanez–UTPD support/minutes.

Mr. Moore called the regular joint meeting of the TAC to order on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 8:35 am in the Pueblo City Council Chambers.

- (1) Introductions
- (2) Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 4, 2009. Presented by Rose Marie Ibanez, Secretary to the TAC.

Motion to approve: Ms. Rose
Second: Mr. Griego
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. Requires TAC and PACOG Board action to approve/disapprove/modify. Additional details about the amendments appear in attached CDOT letters and spreadsheets. Presented by Wendy Pettit, CDOT Region 2.**

Project Name: US 50 Widening

STIP Number: SR26644.004 / SR26867.006

Project Location and Description: US 50 - Morris/Fortino to Baltimore

Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): **The addition 2010 FASTER Safety funding, and the reduction of 2010 Hazard Elimination funds and the reduction of 2010 Regional Priorities funding**

Addition of FASTER Safety

Federal Program Funds: \$
State Funds: \$ **2,300,000**
Local Matching Funds: \$
Other Project Funds: \$

Reduction of RPP

Federal Program Funds: \$ **-414,000**
State Matching Funds: \$ **-86,000**
Local Matching Funds: \$
Other Project Funds: \$

Reduction of HAZ

Federal Program Funds: \$ **-689,092**

State Matching Funds: \$ -76,566
Local Matching Funds: \$
Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 1,034,342.00

Motion to approve: Mr. Griego
Second: Mr. Bill Davis
Unanimous

Project Name: Design of US 50 /SH 45 Intersection Improvements

STIP Number: SR26768.014

Project Location and Description:

Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): **2010 Regional Priorities Program**

Federal Program Funds: \$ **124,185**

State Matching Funds: \$ **25,815**

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 150,000

Ms. Pettit reported that CDOT wants to do an internal improvement study in identifying the US 50/SH 45 for a divergent intersection. This design eliminates the need for a left turn lane by allowing vehicles to continue on to a limited access ramp, rather than having to stop at the intersection. Ms. Whittlef stated this intersection is at capacity now and this design could improve congestion. Members of the TAC would like to have a more visual presentation of this project before voting. Ms. Pettit stated the study could wait until the next meeting to be approved. She will schedule a visual presentation simulating traffic at a divergent intersection.

Project Name: Dillon Drive Interchange

STIP Number: SPB6397

Project Location and Description: **Dillon Fly over I-25**

Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): **2010 Regional Priorities Program**

Federal Program Funds: \$ **6,209,250**

State Matching Funds: \$ **1,290,750**

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 7,500,000

This total is the first phase that allows some construction out of the project total of \$10 million. The EIS is completed and the PIP is scheduled for one month to six weeks out.

Motion to approve: Mr. Griego
Second: Mr. Rose
Unanimous

- (4) **Standing Agenda Item: CDOT Region 2 notification of administrative amendments to the PACOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the MPO/TPR area. No TAC or Board action required, but additional details appear in attached letters and spreadsheets. None scheduled for March 4 meeting.**
- (5) Review and recommendation for the interim bike and trails maps so it can be included in the

amendment of the 2035 Plan. The Pueblo Active Community Environments will talk about how to improve *walkability* and *bikability* in the Pueblo area. Presented by Mr. Ahlenius.

Mr. Ahlenius said that the map needs a few minor adjustments before it goes to print that is scheduled to be distributed at the 1st Spring Campaign event. Ms. Arline outlined the Walk –n- Pueblo events that are also on the website www.activepueblo.net that went live March 1st. The Spring Campaign calendar lists other rides, walks, runs and events that promote active living. Sponsoring link are listed on the website. The map has been created by Todd Ahlenius and with help from PACE, Livewell, Pepper Whittlef and Cathy Dehn. Other suggestions were directional arrows, PDF file format for students, GPS KML files and to post on websites such as PACOG, PACE and PW.

Motion to approve: Ms. Clark

Second: Mr. Pelto

Unanimous

- (6) Open discussion.** Mr. Ahlenius reported that the new transit map now shows a bus stop at the YMCA (map is on the website). Mr. Moore reported he will present a transit administrative amendment for 1 bus in the amount of \$80,000 with a \$20,000 local match for approval by the March PACOG board meeting first before it comes back to TAC next month. The PACOG board may not meet in April.

Ms. Clark reported that she has sent out a letter and grant application for additional picnic shelters for the recreation department at city park.

Mr. Moore reported that the RMA is taking action to release the details of the study and the main document (334 pages) will be on the PACOG website.

He said that he has not scheduled anyone from CDOT (due to staffing constraints) to present on the current transportation impacts as requested at the last meeting. Action 22 has some good reporting information and you can get to their link on the PACOG website. Mr. Morgan said the website has several links leading to some great information.

- (7)** Adjourned at 9:30am.