

Minutes of June 4, 2009 Joint Meeting
Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC)

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TTC Members present: Bill Moore, Alf Randall, Jeff Woeber, Rick Morgan, Brenda Broyles, Pepper Whittlef, and CDOT– Wendy Pettit

CAC Members present: Dale King, Chuck Pelto, Brian Lucas, Eppie Griego and Bill Davis

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

Mr. Moore called the regular joint meeting of the TAC to order on Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 8:40am in the Pueblo City Council Chambers.

- (1) Introductions.**
- (2) Approval of the minutes of the regular May 7, 2009. Presented by Rose Marie Ibanez, Secretary to the TAC.**

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

- (3) (Standing Item) CDOT Region 2 proposes the following revisions to the Regional Priorities Program for FY 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Plan in the Pueblo MPO/TPR area as a result of CDOT statewide FY 2010 budget reductions. The other Region 2 pool programs will have additions to the budget to be incorporated into the TIP and CDOT's Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan. Details about the TIP/STIP amendments are shown in the attached letter and spreadsheet. Presented by Wendy Pettit, Region II Planner and Bill Moore, MPO Administrator**

MPO Area

Regional Priorities Pool - Reductions

CDOT Region 2 proposes the following revisions to the FY 2010 RPP pool, SR26867, SPB3726, SPB3865, and SPB7000.

Balance in the unassigned portion of the RPP pool in FY2010 will be reduced to zero in the STIP for Region 2 affecting the following projects:

**SPB3726, US 50 West, the \$500,000 programmed for 2010 will be reduced to zero.
SPB3865, I-25 through Pueblo, the \$500,000 programmed for 2010 will be reduced to zero.
SPB7000 US 50 Fortino to Wills, the \$3,000,000 programmed for 2010 will be reduced to zero.**

Hazard Elimination Pool - Additions

In FY 2010, there will be additional HES funding for the following projects in the Pueblo MPO area:

- 1. I-25 (MP 96.36 ~ MP 99.71) Guardrail, FY2010 HES fund, \$250,000. The project is going to install guardrail to improve safety along selected segments of I-25 in Pueblo.**
- 2. SH45 (Pueblo Blvd) at Goodnight Avenue - Upgrade signal, install NB right turn deceleration lane on SH45 and pedestrian path. FY2010 HES fund, \$725,000.**
- 3. SH50B at Bonforte Blvd. - Extend the WB acceleration lane, install guardrail and a flashing warning beacon. FY2010 HES fund, \$600,000.**

Total additional HES pool funding in Pueblo MPO = \$1,575,000.

Ms. Pettit reported that back in April the transportation commission adopted the final budget that proposed a reduction in the 2010 Regional Priorities Pool to shift funds for the necessity of road maintenance and snow removal. The US50 Fortino to Wills project has been rolled forward due to

the issues in the project for the purchase of the gas station ROW and also the hazard cleanup has not been started. The I-25 project through Pueblo is moving along from existing committed funds, and the \$500,000 reduction does not hold up the completion of the environmental document. The \$500,000 held in reserve for the PEL Study in FY 2010 for US 50 West, is now delayed due a funding shortfall and new restrictions in being able to contract out to consultant firms. There was a \$6.5M loss region-wide and the loss of \$4M in this area should not have a major effect if or when budget funds return and the economy improves. These three major projects will remain in the TIP and STIP as committed but unfunded projects in FY 2010. Mr. Moore said that the State FASTER Money could be approval later in the year that would be more flexible for funding these types of projects in the 2011-2012 TIP.

Motion to approve: Mr. Davis
Second: Mr. Lucas
Unanimous but reluctantly

Non-MPO Area Informational Item:

Bridge On-System Pool - Addition

The Saunders Arroyo bridge improvement PN5597 will need an additional \$900,000 of bridge on-system funding for the project in fiscal year 2010 due to increased costs associated with the reconstruction of the bridge. This will allow for the project to be advertised for bids with sufficient funding to be awarded. Presented by Wendy Pettit, Region II Planner and Bill Moore, MPO Administrator as information only.

Ms. Pettit reported that the Saunders Arroyo bridge is located between La Junta and Walsenburg (Highway 10).

(4) Review draft FFY 2010-2011 UPWP with alternate budget scenarios that may affect the kind and amount of work that can be accomplished. Presented as information only by Bill Moore, MPO Administrator.

Mr. Moore detailed alternate budget scenarios needed for the next Long Range Transportation Plan. He gave an account on past budget amounts that are needed to hire staff to do the next Long Range plan. He also said that with a federal transportation authorization bill there is a possibility that defining MPO's for regions will require a population above 200,000. The smaller MPO's such as Pueblo could become function of CDOT Region II. Mr. Moore reported that the PACOG Board approved the inclusion of the Front Range Travel Survey into the UPWP to insure that Pueblo can participate as a partner in the survey/inventory/study project for a total cost of \$110,000 (\$88,000 federal and \$22,000 local) spread over the fiscal years 2009-2013. The average is \$22,000 per year (only \$4,400 local funds) with some annual variation based on actual UPWP budgets prepared for the Board's consideration each year and the Travel Study contains "escape clauses" if there is no UPWP federal or state funding.

(5) Updates on transportation legislation, funding issues, RMRA activities, the Front Range Travel Behavior inventory project, and other activities. Presented as information only by Bill Moore, MPO Administrator.

Mr. Moore reported the RMRA 2nd peer review was held yesterday. Mr. Andy Mountain's recent e-mail has the schedule for another round of workshops meetings this summer. The study and evaluation report will be wrapped up the end of August.

(6) Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

