

Minutes of July 2, 2009 Joint Meeting
Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC)

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TTC Members present: Bill Moore, Todd Ahlenius, Jeff Woeber, Brenda Broyles, Pepper Whittlef, and CDOT– Wendy Pettit and Irene Merrifield

CAC Members present: Debbie Rose, Dale King, Laurie Clark, 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, July 2, 2009 at 8:37am in the Pueblo City Council Chambers.

(1) Introductions.

(2) Approval of the minutes of the regular June 4, 2009. Presented by Rose Marie Ibanez, Secretary to the TAC.

Correction to the last name of Eppie Garcia to Eppie Griego

Motion to approve: Mr. Davis as modified

Second: Mr. Griego

Unanimous

(3) (Standing Item) CDOT Region 2 notification of an administrative amendment to the PACOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the MPO/TPR area. CDOT Region 2 proposes the following revisions to the FY 2010 St. Charles bridge project, SPB5151. Details for TIP amendment requests are attached in letters and spreadsheets.

Bridge on System Program Pool Notification only

The engineering estimate has come in \$750,000 higher than the amount we currently have in the Statewide transportation improvement plan. We are adding \$750,000 of bridge funds to the St. Charles Bridge on system project so that we can take the project out to bid in August 2009. Presented by Wendy Pettit, Region II Planner.

Ms. Pettit reported that the \$750,000 has been added to the \$2 million St. Charles project (green bridge) due to increased prices for heavy construction materials and a change in scope to comply with the new standard on all bridges projects to prevent scouring "bridge undersides" and "support structures". Mr. Moore reported he has included this for notification to the next PACOG Board meeting on July 16, 2009.

(4) Final presentation and review of the FFY 2010-2011 UPWP with work tiers and budget scenarios. Information only presented by Bill Moore, MPO Administrator.

Mr. Moore gave an overview of 6 budget scenarios that he pared down from 128 and identified the UPWP priorities by a color code. The required Federal & State mandates are highlighted in green and must be done regardless of the budget level. The normal level would fill the planner position for accomplishing some of the internal work that is critical for updates to LRTP and the TIP that must be completed by April 2011. The work is highlighted yellow. The third level would accomplish other internal work such as modeling, plus sub-regional planning including Quadrant Plans and/or Neighborhood Plans (not been funded since 2004) are highlighted in pink and require high budget levels.

Motion to approve: Ms. Clark
Second: Ms. Rose
Unanimous

- (5) Discussion of federal (re) authorization proposals from Secretary LaHood on behalf of the Administration and from Chairman Oberstar of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Information only presented by Bill Moore, MPO Administrator.**

This item is deferred to the next TAC meeting because Mr. Moore and Ms. Whittlef had to leave at 9am to attend a CDOT meeting in Colorado Springs on Dillon-Eden Interchange EA and funding.

- (6) Discussion of new bicycle/non-motorized plan and mapping. Information only presented by Todd Ahlenius, MPO Senior Planner.**

Mr. Ahlenius distributed the new updated bicycle/non-motorized plan map. He said that Pueblo Active Community Environments (PACE) group that has been working through the Pueblo County Health Department for increasing the awareness for a "healthier Pueblo" thru bicycle use. A *Bike to Work Day* was promoted last month and there will be other *Bike to Work* days in the coming months. Two Bike Routes Open House Public Meetings were held in June at the Pueblo West Public Library and at the Pueblo County conference room on North Santa Fe Avenue. Each had about twenty people that filled out questionnaires for improving bike routes and provided feedback on issues and routes that were missed. Pueblo County Planning and Pueblo County Road/Bridge Public Works still need to review the plan. Pueblo West Metro District also needs to review it because The Pueblo West Parks and Recreation Plan (which is not the CDOT recognized Plan) has been incorporated into the map plan because it contains new trails and we also need to identify existing trails and committed trails.

The Map also shows the Lake Minnequa Park with a fairly extensive trail system that should be useable in this calendar year. PACE has \$3,500 grant money available for printing the new maps but an additional \$4,000 is still needed. The maps would be distributed at bike shops, health clubs and parks/recreation offices. Ms. Pettit suggested this could be a Transportation Enhancement Project application, and Mr. Ahlenius said the City of Pueblo might have some CDBG money available for printing the maps. Mr. Ahlenius reported that approximately 30,000 bike riders on the north side of Pueblo do not have good bike access to the bike trail along the river. He reported that Ms. Whittlef is planning on adding bike lane striping on some road repaving projects and is looking at adding signs with the *bike symbol/two arrows* that signify a shared *bike/lane* for more intermediate travel.

- (7) Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.**

