

Minutes of September 4, 2008 Joint Meeting  
Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC)

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

CAC Members present: Bill Davis, Chuck Pelto, and Shirley Ozzello.

Other Present: Citilab – Keith Hangland, VPSI – Nick Sands; and Rose Marie Ibanez–UTPD support/minutes.

Mr. Moore called the regular joint meeting of the TAC to order on Thursday, September 4, 2008 at 8:40 am in the Pueblo City Council Chambers.

**(1) Approval of the minutes of the regular August 7.**

Motion to approve: Mr. Davis

Second: Ms. Whittlef

Unanimous

**(2) CDOT Region 2 requests a TIP amendment to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan in the Pueblo MPO Area. This amendment entails the addition \$125,000 in Hazard Elimination pool funds to cover a short fall in the SH 45/Red Creek Springs Road project, the total cost of the project is now \$875,000; and a budget reallocation to roll forward \$20,000 to 2009 from the construction phase to design phase on the McCulloch Trail project. The following revisions to FY 2008 to 2013 Hazard Elimination Program are detailed in the attached spreadsheet. The administrative amendment presented by Wendy Pettit, Region 2 Planner as information only.**

**SH 45/Red Creek Springs Road.**

Region 2 has been given another \$125, 000 in Hazard Elimination pool funds to cover a shortfall in the SH 45 Red Creek Springs Road Project. Due to the rising cost of asphalt and the increased cost of the signal materials, the estimated cost of the project is \$125,000 more than we have budgeted. The total cost of the project is now \$875,000.

**McCulloch Trail**

We have \$20,000 that needs to be rolled forward to 2009 from the construction phase to the design phase in the project.

The administrative amendment presented by Wendy Pettit, Region 2 Planner as information only. She reported that 3 years ago the original cost of the SH 45/Red Creek Springs Road project was \$250,000 to now \$875,000.

Mr. Moore reported that the new supplement to the MOA has just been signed with CDOT that eliminates 70%-80% of the routine amendments to the PACOG Board that needed a formal resolution. The new process would be to provide a public notice to the TAC and PACOG in a notification letter. He said he would work on the new notification letter and forms with Ms. Pettit, and would have them available at the October meeting.

**(3) Pueblo Transit and CDOT Region 2 request for a TIP amendment to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan in the Pueblo MPO Area. This amendment includes funds for the SB1 rolling stock projects. In order for these projects contracts to be executed, all TIP's must be updated to reflect these projects. The attached spreadsheet further details the distribution. Presented as information only by Brenda Broyles, Pueblo Transit.**

Ms. Broyles reported that Pueblo Transit has been granted state funds to purchase three buses. Mr. Moore said provisions in the TIP were made for bus replacement listed as matching federal

funds, and we now need to amend the TIP to move that line item to state funds. He said the local matching share would stay the same.

**(4) Presentation of the CitiLabs Cube 5 integrated transportation and land use planning model. Power point presentation by Keith Hangland, Citilabs.**

Mr. Hangland said he is the Regional Director for North America with an office in Denver area and citilabs home office is in Alameda, California. His power point outlined the Cube Flower graph: **Base** (system interface), **Voyager** (passenger forecasting), **Cargo** (freight forecasting), **Land** (landuse), and **Analyst** (matrix estimation). He reported that the suite program works in Windows Vista and XP. In questions about costs, he said that Base and Voyager cost \$5,000 each and the other programs cost between \$2,000-\$12,500. Maintenance is \$600-\$1,000 a year. He offered to come and demonstrate the operational model when it is ready.

**Amending the order of item 5 with the presentation by Nick Sands of VPSI Inc.**

Mr. Sands said they operate the world's largest vanpool program with locations in more than 30 US and Western European markets. VPSI is working in partnership with state and federal agencies to advocate changes in government polices and regulations that shape industry, and are vital to solving traffic congestion, parking, employee transportation and air pollution challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. He reported that in Fremont County, prison, federal employees using vanpool receive a \$115 subsidy. Vanpool would benefit the local airport businesses such as Innotrac, and Chemical Depot. A group of 5-15 who commute together would have a Primary Volunteer Driver/coordinator, and an Alternate Driver of the vanpool vehicle. The Primary Drivers receives a free commute and some personal use of the van on the exchange for assuming driving responsibilities. The riders share the cost of operating the vanpool, or an employer could set up a three party agreement that sets up a spending account. Vanpool is for the same exact people and is not a shuttle. The vans that are leased 4-5 years are also provided with insurance and maintenance.

**(5) Update and discussion regarding the CDOT PL fund cuts, including the AMPO national protest of PL rescission to the FHWA, and impacts on Colorado MPOs' budgets, projects, and work programs. Review of the draft Resolution for the PACOG Board. Presented by Bill Moore, MPO Administrator.**

Mr. Moore gave an update and said that AMPO has done a very formal legal analysis of way the PL rescission law was written and what the exemption are. FHWA has exempted State SPR planning funds from PL fund cuts. Because fund cuts are still up in the air at the national level, the five State MPOs affected are united and have formed a formal organization to deal jointly with CDOT on issues like this.

**(6) Update and discussion of transportation-related ballot issues for the November election. (TAC members) Presented by Bill Moore - MPO Administrator as information only.**

Mr. Moore informed the committee that there at least 2 ballot initiatives that directly impact transportation. He offered to discuss them with anyone wanting to do so. You can find ballot text information in the Ballot Analysis Booklet (Blue Book) that is impartially prepared by the legislative council staff coming out the first part of October.

**(7) Open discussion item from committee members, and scheduling of future agenda items (if any).**

No items were presented for discussion.

Adjourned at 10:15am