

Minutes of January 3, 2008 Joint Meeting
Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC)

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TAC Members present: Todd Ahlenius, Dave Cockrell, Alf Randall, Jeff Woeber, Jerry Pacheco, Mike Tedesco, Scott Hobson, Pepper Whittlef, Brenda Broyles; and CDOT– Wendy Pettit and Angie Drumm.

CAC Members present: Brian Lucas and Shirley Ozzello.

Others present: Ted Freeman, Sue Nunn, Blue E. Pate, Don Vest and Rose Marie Ibanez–UTPD support/minutes.

Mr. Cockrell called the regular joint meeting of the TAC to order on Thursday, January 3, 2008 at 8:37am in the Pueblo City Council Chambers.

(1) Approval of the minutes of the December 6, 2007 TAC meeting.

Motion to approve: Mr. Pacheco
Second: Mr. Tedesco
Unanimous

(2) Request for TIP/STIP Amendment – TE Grant Project Union Avenue Streetscape. The TIP was amended in October to reflect an additional \$47,000 of local overmatch. The City of Pueblo is requesting the TIP and STIP be amended to reflect an additional \$28,000 in local overmatch bringing the project total to \$200,000. Support material detailing this proposed amendment is attached. Presented by City of Pueblo, Scott Hobson.

Motion to approve: Mr. Tedesco
Second: Mr. Ahlenius
Unanimous

(3) Public and TAC member questions and comments on the draft 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Presented by MPO Staff as information only. Mr. Cockrell reported that Chapters 1-7 of the draft are available for public comment and are on the PACOG.net website. He said that Chapter 8, the Preferred Plan and Chapter 9, the Constrained Plan would be delivered January 8th. Mr. Cockrell invited TAC committee members and the public to speak. Ms. Broyles comments were that the bus routes in Chapter 5 / Transit section reflects 2005 data and should be updated to 2006 data. Mr. Randall's comments were that there are some Pueblo County Bridge replacements that have already been completed but not reflected in section 2-21 and said he would get a list of the bridge completions to Mr. Ahlenius. Mr. Freeman (425 W. 23rd-Pueblo) commented that he has been trying to interest the Railroad in moving the eastern tracks to the western side of the city. He also questioned who would pay for any West US-50

connectivity such as Joe Martinez and 24th street connection since the Dillon Flyover was supposed to be paid by the Kohls developers. Mr. Pacheco's comments were that the maps of the Northeast Quadrant identify Pueblo Springs Ranch and area streets. The main concern expressed was that the data in Chapter 2 and Chapter 5 need to be updated and that chapter 8 and 9 were not complete. Mr. Ahlenius stated that he would delete all references to Pueblo Springs Ranch and make all the necessary modifications.

(4) Recommendations to the PACOG Board for adoption of the draft 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) presented by MPO Staff.

Ms. Drumm said there are two issues for adoption into the Statewide Improvement Plan (STIP). A SAFETEA-LU compliant Long Range Transportation Plan must be adopted first, and then the Transportation Improvement Plan must be in the STIP. Ms. Pettit clarified that in the past the new STIP took effect in the beginning of the fiscal year in June, but because of the federal freeze that has been in place, we opted to have the STIP and TIP information become operational by April 1st to take advantage of the construction season. Mr. Randall said he did not like the sound of losing the construction season. He emphasized that failure to adopt the LRTP and the TIP in January due to minor discrepancies in the Plan would hold up the \$6 million Highway 47 project. He said this project has congressional authorization and is not in the plan yet. He said construction costs would go up, and the project would have to go back to congress for authorization. He suggested a special meeting to get the LRTP and TIP approved by PACOG in January. Ms. Drumm suggested updating and completing Chapters 8 and 9 and then to schedule a special meeting for a motion to approve. Mr. Cockrell stated that the plan would be finished for delivery on January 8th and suggested January 15th for a Special Meeting in the City Council Chambers since it is the same date as the Pueblo Convention Center Public Meeting. Everyone agreed to 4pm and Mr. Cockrell asked for a motion.

Motion to approve: Mr. Pacheco moved to table approval to recommend the LRTP and the TIP to the PACOG Board for adoption at a Special Meeting of the TAC on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at 4:00pm in the Pueblo City Council Chambers.

Second: Mike Tedesco

Unanimous

(5) Open discussion, items from committee members, and future agenda items. There were no items presented.

(6) Adjourn at 9:50am.