

Minutes of October 2, 2008 Joint Meeting  
Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC)

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TAC Members present: Bill Moore, Todd Ahlenius, Alf Randall, Jeff Woeber, Mike Tedesco, Brenda Broyles; and CDOT– Wendy Pettit and Irene Merrifield.

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

Others present: CDOT DTD – Elizabeth Stolz, Marissa Robinson, and CDOT Region 2 – Ajin Hu, P.E., DOT–Joy Morauski; and Rose Marie Ibanez–UTPD support/minutes.

Mr. Moore called the regular joint meeting of the TAC to order on Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 8:40am in the Pueblo City Council Chambers.

**(1) Approval of the minutes of the regular September 4, 2008 meeting. Draft minutes are attached presented by Rose Marie Ibanez, Secretary to the TAC.**

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

**(2) [Standing Agenda Item, effective October 2008 - may not have specific items in some months] CDOT Region 2 notifications of administrative amendments to the PACOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and/or the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the MPO/TPR area. When required, details about the amendments will be attached in letters and spreadsheets. Presented by Mr. Moore and Wendy Pettit as information only.**

Mr. Moore reported that CDOT Region 2 did not have any specific items to present today. He clarified the *Standing Agenda Item* as administrative amendments already in the TIP/STIP that need an internal adjustment. Ms. Pettit makes the adjustment that is followed by a notification form letter to the TAC and PACOG. Any new project (safety or enhancement) that is an addition or reduction of money in the TIP/STIP would need an amendment to approve, disapprove or modify by TAC and PACOG Board.

**(3) Presentation (TENTATIVE) – I-25 Corridor Freight Rail Relocation (R2C2) Study. Presented by Tammy Lang, CDOT DTD as information only.**

Mr. Moore reported that due to a travel schedule conflict, the presentation by Ms. Lang could not be scheduled today. She is scheduled to present at the PACOG Board meeting later this month and tentatively at the November TAC. This presentation would put to rest many of the misleading rumors pertaining to the ROW at 320-660 ft, when the ROW is 150 ft at the max. There are other public input meetings in the month of October throughout the state if any one is interested.

**(4) Colorado Statewide Traffic Data Committee. PowerPoint presentation – FHWA Traffic Counts for Local Roads. Presented by Elizabeth Stolz, CDOT DTD as information only.**

Ms. Stolz presented the Traffic Committee Program's Vision as a plan for communicating, scheduling; and collecting statewide traffic count data that would identify overlapping traffic

and a certification program. There are multiple government agencies and MPOs collecting traffic data but no statewide database coverage and no formal statewide traffic count committee for communication and coordination between local and state entities. Local, state and federal governments have a need for traffic data to help established federal reporting requirements. Also assess the needs of local governments, MPOs and state to formalize participation. The statewide traffic data committee would help develop standardized data collection documentation. There is also the need for volunteers who are interested in becoming a member of the traffic data committee and to attend the meetings. There are still opportunities to get involved with the committee and if you are interested in becoming part of the committee contact her by e-mail. There is a Traffic Data Committee e-Newsletter that is an electronic newsletter for traffic professional on traffic count data throughout the State of Colorado. In the future, local agencies can upload data from a web-enabled traffic count data portal, or "statewide repository" for traffic count data. The *Statewide Traffic Data* has an assessment survey that is an on-line survey that it is in the development stage but is ready for distribution and testing.

**(5) Update on the Rocky Mountain Rail Authority feasibility study and the Transportation Finance and Implementation Commission. Presented by Bill Moore as information only.**

Mr. Moore reported that the RMRA Consulting Team is progressing. The team is presenting statewide meetings for community leaders, concerned citizens, and local elected officials to participate in solving rail problems and addressing the needs of Colorado's transportation system. Participants will be asked to fill out a survey that states a preference in passenger rail. There is software being written that will assist the consultants along with a small group of passenger rail experts. The experts (a peer review panel of rail experts) from other parts of the country (that understand commuter rail needs) that would assist in making proposals that could help solve some of the issues that may be missed. Mr. Moore said he would keep the committee apprised when and where the outreach meetings will be hosted when he has the schedule.

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

Mr. Moore reported that AMPO appealed the PL rescission and the reply from FHWA is that they disagree with the AMPO interpretation, and the cuts still stand. The 5 MPOs have appealed the cuts to the Transportation Commission. He said that areas like us (excluding CMAQ and Metro funds) depend on PL funding. Our budget has a cut of \$43,000 out of the \$325,000 budget. The planning cuts first to go are traffic counts, but will maintain the traffic crashes. Also it may be another 6 months to fill the vacant position created by Don Vest's retirement. Mr. Vest has returned to work part time to complete several projects.

Mr. Ahlenius distributed the new map on the new transit route serving CSU to Albertsons on Highway 50W and to the Pueblo Mall.

Mr. Moore reported that the Highway 50W RFP has been released for the environmental planning and linking study from Baltimore to Swallows Road.

Mr. Davis's Railroad update on the FRA standard (rail traffic signal) governing opposing rail traffic both ways that is already being installed and will be completed in March 2009. It will be installed in over- head cab assisting the engineer by automatically setting the brake that helps solve *over- speeds* or *under- speeds*.

**(7) Adjourned at 9:39am**