

Minutes of December 3, 2009 Joint Meeting  
Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC)

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TTC Members present: Todd Ahlenius, Alf Randall, Pepper Whittlef, Alf Randall, Rick Morgan, Wendy Pettit and Irene Merrifield.

CAC Members present: Rob Leverington and Bill Davis

Others present: UTPD support/minutes – Rose Marie Ibanez

Mr. Moore called the regular joint meeting of the TAC to order on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 8:35 am in the Pueblo City Council Chambers.

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

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

- (3) Standing Item) CDOT Region II request(s) for PACOG MPO/TPR TIP amendment(s) FY 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program. Requires TAC and PACOG Board action to approve/disapprove/modify. Additional details about the amendments appear in attached in letters and spreadsheets. Presented by Wendy Pettit, Region II Planner**

**Project Name: 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge**

**STIP Number: SR27001.006**

**Project Location and Description: Federal funds in the amount of \$728,000 are being added back in to cover the federal shortfall reduction in 2009.**

**Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): 2010 Bridge off system**

**Project Name: Crow Cutoff Bridge**

**STIP Number: SR27001.007**

**Project Location and Description: Advancement of funds from FY2011 to 2010**

**Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): 2010 Bridge off system**

Mr. Pettit pointed out that local match is a CCI (Colorado County Incorporated) commitment and the money has already been set aside for this project. Ms. Pettit assured Mr. Randall that the project would not be held to a FY2010 completion date since it would not start until mid-year or later.

**Project Name: I-25 Bridges in Pueblo over Ilex and Railroad**

**STIP Number: SPB6153**

**Project Location and Description: Addition of FASTER design funds**

**Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): 2010 FASTER Bridge**

Ms. Pettit reported that I-25 Bridge over Ilex and Railroad has an unsafe sufficiency rating and high traffic volume. The design is being done in-house (CDOT) because not much is going out to consultants because of funding.

Motion to approve all three: Ms. Whittlef  
Second: Mr. Ahlenius  
Unanimous

- (4) Standing Item) CDOT Region II notification of an administrative amendment to the PACOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the MPO/TPR area**

– no TAC or Board action required, but additional details appear in attached letters and spreadsheets. Mr. Moore presented as notification only.

**Project Name: Resurfacing - US50/SH96 to SH209 and Baxter Rd to Vineland**  
**STIP Number: SR25216.044**  
**Project Location and Description: MP 328-336 Resurfacing and Intersections**  
**Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): 2009 Regional Priorities**  
**Project Fund Addition: \$ 200,000 (e-mail request and concurrence 10/21/09)**

The project was funded by ARRA but the project had charges that cannot be billed anywhere other than the 2009 Regional Priorities fund.

**Project Name: Signal upgrade: Santa Fe at Ilex**  
**STIP Number: SR26867.008**  
**Project Location and Description: Bid adjustment**  
**Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): 2010 Regional Priorities**

**Project Name: Signal Upgrade: Santa Fe at Ilex**  
**STIP Number: SR25216.053**  
**Project Location and Description: Surface Treatment on ramp**  
**Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): 2010 Surface treatment**

Ms. Whittlef detailed the safety improvements for Santa Fe at Ilex as replacing the 35 year old signal and pole, possible some bump-outs, double left turn lane (no plan for right turn), ramp surface treatment, and a re-do of the radius and corner.

**Project Name: Veteran's Bridge**  
**STIP Number: SR25079.026**  
**Project Location and Description: Pedestrian Bridge on the River Walk**  
**Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): 2010 - Local Over match**  
**Revised total overmatch for the Veterans' Bridge project: \$560,000 (originally reported as \$432,797)**

Ms. Whittlef reported that ARRA, DOLA Grant, Harp Foundation donations and veteran plaques (purchased by the public) all fund the project.

- (5) **Update and discussion of adjustments to the FFY 2009 UPWP budget and the contract for the FFY 2010 UPWP budget, RMRA, I-25 EIS, US 50 West Planning-Environmental Linkage Study, Congressional actions on reauthorization, RMRA feasibility study, and other ongoing projects, programs or policy formulations. Mr. Moore presented as information only.**

CDOT has provided a contractual notice of \$94,315 (100%) in state funds that will be available to PACOG to restore FY 2010 UPWP funding to the pre-rescission level if additional federal funds are not restored. If FHWA funds are restored, then the state will take their funds back and we will be required to provide our 17.29% local match. I will give an updated version after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

The RMRA feasibility study has been delayed until January 2010 due contract issues.

Update on the I-25 EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) meeting between CDOT and CH2M Hill consultants gave a revised schedule for completion of the EIS process that would result in a Record of Decision by late 2012 or early 2013. The original I-25 corridor study started in 2000 and was completed in 2002 (before FHWA/EPA/CDOT had developed the formal PEL process to preserve the EA/EIS legal use of information and preliminary recommendations from "corridor studies"). The formal NEPA (EIS) process did not begin until late 2003/early2004. The I-25 Pueblo project has experienced several annual fund reductions/ postponement of fund availability resulting in unexpected delays.

- (6)(7) No items presented in the open discussion and adjourned at 9:32 am.