

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

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TAC Members present: Todd Ahlenius, Pepper Whittlef, Brenda Broyles, Jeff Woeber, PW– Rick Morgan; and CDOT– Wendy Pettit, Irene Merrifield and Marissa Robinson

CAC Members present: Bill Davis, Chuck Pelto and Laurie Clark.

Others present: CDOT– Mickey Ferrell, and Rose Marie Ibanez–UTPD support/minutes.

Mr. Ahlenius called the regular joint meeting of the TAC to order on Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 8:37am in the Pueblo City Council Chambers.

(1) Approval of the minutes of the regular November 6, 2008 meeting. Draft minutes are attached and presented by Rose Marie Ibanez, Secretary to the TAC.

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

(2) [Standing Agenda Item] 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.

CDOT Region 2 requests a TIP amendment to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) in the MPO/TPR area. CDOT Region 2 proposes the following revisions to the FY2008 to 2013 in *additional project funding* for the US 50 Morris/Fortino to Baltimore intersection project in the amount of \$82,000 that is needed in the design phase and adding \$500,000 to the second segment of the construction Phase. The total added to the project is \$582,00 and detailed in the attached letters and spreadsheets. Presented by Wendy Pettit for action requested to approve/disapprove/modify.

Motion to approve: Mr. Davis
Second: Ms. Clark
Unanimous

(3) The City of Pueblo requests an amendment to the 2008-2013 PACOG TIP to include a locally-only funded project for the construction of a walkway along Northern Avenue (State Highway 78) west of Pueblo Blvd to Encino. The estimated cost of the project is \$200,000 and will not affect the STIP or fiscal constraint. Additional details will be available at the meeting. Presented by Todd Ahlenius for action to approve/disapprove/modify.

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

This item was withdrawn with notice to Mr. Moore the day before the meeting. It will be re-submitted to the TAC for re-consideration at a later date.

(4) Discussion of the 2010 PACOG MPO/TPR UPWP Budget after Transportation Commission decisions about the CDOT budget for 2010 on November 20, 2008.

This item is rescheduled for the next meeting to be presented by Bill Moore as information only.

(5) Update on the Rocky Mountain Rail Authority feasibility study and the Transportation Finance and Implementation Commission.

This item rescheduled for the next meeting to be presented by Bill Moore as information only.

(Addendum Item) A presentation of data for the City of Pueblo's 2007 Top Crash Locations by Pepper Whittlef, Traffic Engineer.

Ms. Whittlef distributed the *2007 Top Crash Locations* data and maps for review. She reported that the data shows that accidents have decreased overall. The most improvement is at Hwy 50/Morris in that CDOT did a protected left turn. Hwy 50/Elizabeth's new traffic signals timing shows accidents decreasing by 30%. One of the areas targeted for needing changes are Hwy 50B/Norwood Ave (reporting 35% are broadsides) with a red light camera. An update for a project improvement for Hwy 45/Pueblo Blvd - Red Creek Springs Rd/Rutgers Avenue is out to bid right now.

(6) Draft update of the Non-Motorized Plan Map (2035 Plan) for the south portion of The Pueblo West Metro District Bike/Trails Map. Presented by Todd Ahlenius as information only.

Mr. Ahlenius reported that copies of the map were distributed electronically. He said he color classified the trails indicating riding suitability showing existing and funded paved trails for bicycle routes (on street) that are for all riders. Since most are dirt roads that are indicated for the experienced and expert riders. Mr. Morgan reported that the roadway minimum is 22 feet but most of them are just 20 feet.

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

Mr. Pelto said there is some conflicting information pertaining to the Pueblo I-25 Freeway project, and would like to have CDOT and CH2M Hill address the issues in a future agenda item. There are questions about the status of land procurement and information concerning when a *critical path analysis* would be completed. Mr. Ahlenius responded that any *critical path analysis* would come out when the draft EIS is finished. He said that an EIS is needed so that when funding is available, *on-the-shelf* projects can progress individually and would be CDOT funded. Ms. Whittlef reported that many bridges along I-25 downtown already have low sufficiency ratings and may need to be replaced for safety reasons. The EIS must be completed and approved before such replacements could be done.

(8) Meeting adjourned at 9:34am.

