

Minutes of December 6, 2007 Joint Meeting
Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC)

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TAC Members present: Bill Moore, Todd Ahlenius, Don Vest, Dave Cockrell, Alf Randall, Jeff Woeber, Jerry Pacheco, Mike Tedesco, Pepper Whittlef, Tim Frank; and CDOT– Wendy Pettit and Angie Drumm.

CAC Members present: Chuck Pelto and Bill Davis.

Others present: Rose Marie Ibanez–UTPD support/minutes.

Mr. Moore called the regular joint meeting of the TAC to order on Thursday, December 6, 2007 at 8:44am in the Pueblo City Council Chambers.

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

Motion to approve: Mr. Davis (Note: date corrected minutes)

Second: Mr. Pacheco

Unanimous

(2) Consideration of the following TIP Amendments requested by CDOT Region 2 presented by Ms. Pettit:

Safe Routes to School Program – Highland Park Neighborhood Schools Walk/Bike to School Note:(this item was presented at the Nov. 1st meeting)

Transportation Enhancement Program – Santa Fe Avenue/First Street Streetscape: This project was awarded last month to the City of Pueblo for the first phase (1B) which is the east side of Santa Fe from 2nd Street to Hector Garcia Place was awarded \$327,000 in federal funds.

On-System Bridge Program Pool – Salt Creek Bridge, additional funding to complete repairs: The bids for the Saltcreek Bridge repair are 20% over the current budget. The short fall of \$140,000 (to CDOT) needs to be added to award the project.

Railroad Crossing Program - CR302 (Lime Road) – E of I-25 near Comanche Power Plant, CR110 (Pace Road) – E of I-25 at Pinon Exit; and Vision Lane - located S of E 4th Street (SH96). The changes that needs to be made to the Railroad crossing pool that effect three projects in fiscal year 2008 in the Pueblo MPO/TPR are for *Baker Ave N/O SH96 near Boone, RR Company UPRR-Pace Rd near Pueblo; and BNSF Company at Pace Rd near Pueblo* The two projects in fiscal year 2009 are the PACOG TIP and STIP are for Lime Rd project near Pueblo and Vision Lane project near Pueblo. Support material from Region 2 detailing these proposed amendments is attached.

Motion to approve: Mr. Davis (Note: Highland Park Safe Routes was presented and approved on Oct. 6th)

Second: Mr. Pacheco

(3) CDOT Region 2 STIP non-MPO Policy Amendments as Information Only:

Railroad Crossing Program – Baker Ave north of SH96 near Boone
Safety Enhancement/Surface Treatment Program - I-25 Colorado City south to Cedarwood *This information was presented by Wendy Pettit-CDOT.* She reported that the \$564,000 of safety enhancement funds that would be added to the surface treatment project on I-25 from Colorado City-South to Cedarwood.

Mr. Moore moved to Item 5 to allow more time for item 4.

(5) Updates of various statewide committees and recommendations. Mr. Moore presented and handed out the Summary of the Transportation Panel Recommendations of 11/20/07. The General Overview portion reported that Colorado's gasoline tax, the primary source of transportation funding, has not increased since 1991. The Panel's recommendations deal with funding threshold and potential revenue sources, identifying an additional \$1.5 billion/yr. as the target future funding level

(4) Discussion of additional or revised Chapters and supplemental information for the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. Presented by the MPO staff. Mr. Ahlenius reported that Mr. Cockrell has edited and organized all the previous draft information into a good quality draft. Mr. Cockrell handed out the draft in CD form and a hard copy of the table of contents. He gave an overview of which chapters are finished and those that are still in progress. He invited everyone to take a section to review and get back to staff with their comments and offered to make a hard copy for anyone needing one. Mr. Moore said that the draft document would be available for viewing on the website but would not be an open document for text editing. Staff will explore the security of having a *markup* from PDF reader (sticky-note type) by the public. Mr. Tedesco volunteered for non-motorized section. Mr. Davis will review the RR section. Mr. Pacheco will review the landuse component. Mr. Moore gave an overview of the fiscally constrained portion of the plan (& dollar forecasts), and Mr. Ahlenius the preferred plan (& dollars needed). Mr. Ahlenius handed out copies of draft maps, and The Adoption Schedule outline as: **December 21st**. The legal Notice of Public Hearing and Draft for review at PACOG MPO/TPR Office and on PACOG.net website release of the Draft to TAC – via mail. Post Draft PACOG 2035 LRTP on website. **January 3rd**. TAC Meeting – Public Hearing **January 15th**. The Open House at the Convention Center for PACOG MPO/TPR 2035 LRTP and Statewide Transportation Plan on PACOG Board. **January 24th**. A Resolution to Adopt PACOG MPO/TPR 2035 LRTP.

(6) Open discussion, items from committee members, and future agenda items: Mr. Cockrell reported that Mr. Vest had invited him to attend the yearly State Demographers Conference where it was announced that Mr. Vest had been to every such conference in the course of his career. He was given a plaque and full ovation in recognition for being one of the most influential Socioeconomic Planners in the state. The TAC gave Mr. Vest a ovation in recognition for his work. Mr. Vest said that he was especially honored because it has been a pleasure to work with city and county planning staffs. Mr. Moore reported that Mr. Vest retires at the end of Dec and today is not his last meeting because he is invited as guest on January 3rd for the next TAC Meeting.

(7) Adjourned at 10am