

Minutes of February 1, 2007 Joint Meeting
Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC)

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TAC Members present: Bill Moore, Don Vest, Tim Williams, Todd Ahlenius, Dave Cockrell, Mike Tedesco, Pepper Whittlef, Alf Randall, Jeff Woeber, Scott Gorman, Scott Whittlef, Brenda Broyles and CDOT-Wendy Pettit.

CAC Members present: Bill Davis, Chuck Pelto and 2010-Paul Brown

Others present: CDOT-Ann Skinner and David Miller, SEH-Ray Polkinghorn and Rose Marie Ibanez-UTPD Support/Minutes.

Mr. Moore called the regular joint meeting of the TAC to order on Thursday, Feb 1, 2007 at 8:37 am in the Pueblo City Council Chambers.

(1) The minutes of the December 7, 2006 TTC/CAC meeting were approved. (January meeting was cancelled.)

Motion to approve: Mr. Davis

Second: Mr. Ahlenius

Unanimous

(2) Mr. Moore said this amendment to the 2007-2012 TIP designates and clarifies the US50W corridor (W. McCulloch to Baltimore) funding in FY 2008 specifically for an Environmental Assessment corridor study. It modifies only the title of the project and does not change the funding level (MPO, Pueblo County, CDOT). A \$1 million in funding was always intended for a US50W corridor study, and this amendment provides for a specific use for the EA.

Motion to approve: Mr. Davis

Second: Mr. Williams

Unanimous

(3) The MPO Staff presented some of the preliminary comments from the 2035 LRTP Listening Sessions on January 9th in Colorado City, January 23rd in Pueblo West; and the 30th, and 31st in City by Pueblo. Mr. Ahlenius said he received mainly road comments. The Colorado City issues were with transit service and safety on Highway 165. Some of the Pueblo West road comments

were divided between Purcell should be straightened out to drive faster, or something should be done to slow down speeds. Several people asked about an interchange for US 50 west as congestion grows. Mr. Williams said he received easement questions about conservation bordering Fort Carson and the Grupo Cemento plant south of Pueblo. Good feedback on the environmental maps and handout sheets. Mr. Vest received comments on demographic change correlating to roads. He said Mr. Saling answered the Pueblo West road issue questions about the Joe Martinez extension. At the library meeting, concerns were about transit extending their "time schedules", and adding additional routes. Mr. Moore reported that the survey form can be filled out on the PACOG website. He said that there would be presentations at future City of Pueblo Council and Pueblo County Commissioners work sessions to share the listening session comments, and get additional input and direction from the elected officials.

(4) Mr. Moore said that instead of having topical committees appointed, it would be more appropriate to have the 2035 LRTP briefings at the monthly regular TAC meeting. An ad-hoc committee could be formed if needed to keep the 2035 LRTP on schedule.

(5)(6) Ms. Skinner presented the (PEL) Planning and Environmental Linkages. She said that Colorado has been designated as a focus state. The comprehensive process integrates planning concepts that pertain to a wide array of issues and topics. The program characterizes watershed level ecological processes and habitats that could be incorporated in a Fountain Creek Corridor and Powers Blvd South cooperative study with PPACG, CDOT, FHWA, and PACOG. Mr. Moore said there are at least four studies being conducted in this area.

(7) Mr. Moore said that February is the advertisement month for (CAC) applications and re-appointments to the 2007 TAC Committee. There will be more information on PEDCO and 2010 appointments (Mr. Brown is moving out of state) after the next PACOG meeting.

(8) Supplement item to the Agenda: Consider Region 2 requests a policy amendment to FY 2007-2012 Pueblo non-MPO area of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan in Pueblo County for SH50C and 20th Lane. - \$268,334 FY 07 Signal Pool, \$58,000 Hot Spot funding. The project upgrades the existing signal from an old span wire signal. A truck hit one of the signal poles last year and a power company power pole is being used to hold the span wire temporarily. The \$268,334 was added to the project in August 2006 and this will cover the added costs of \$58,000 associated with the completion of the project

Motion to approve: Mr. Davis

Second: Mr. Williams

Unanimous

(8) Adjourned at 9:40