

Minutes of April 5, 2007 Joint Meeting  
Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC)

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TAC Members present: Todd Ahlenius, Tim Williams, Don Vest, Jim Munch, Jerry Pacheco, Mike Tedesco, Dave Cockrell, Alf Randall, Jeff Woeber, Wendy Pettit, Pepper Whittlef, Brenda Broyles and Scott Gorman.

CAC Members present: Brian Lucas, Paul Brown, Chuck Peltó, Walt Gomez and Laurie Clark.

Others present: PW-Carol Cosby and Rose Marie Ibanez-UTPD Support/Minutes.

Mr. Ahlenius called the regular joint meeting of the TAC to order on Thursday, April 5, 2007 at 8:31 am in the Pueblo City Council Chambers.

(1) The minutes of the Feb 1, 2007 TTC/CAC meeting were approved.  
(March meeting was cancelled.)

Motion to approve: Mr. Brown

Second: Mr. Cockrell

Unanimous

2) Consider two policy amendments to the 2007-2012 TIP to reprogram Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) funds that were returned to the Region 2 Pool by Pueblo County.

- In the non-MPO PACOG TPR area, the policy amendment would provide additional TEP funding up to \$181,000 (~\$45,000 state/local funding required) for the Avondale Streetscape project on US 50C. The total project cost is \$775,000 with funding from CDOT, DOLA, and the County detailed in the attached CDOT letter/spreadsheet. Mr. Randall presented a Landscaping Plan showing locations of benches & tree w/ grates, flag poles and drip lines on the project. Mr. Peltó asked that the project landscapers review tree planting details shown and plant to ensure tree survivability.

- In the PACOG MPO area, the TIP amendment would add \$135,000 TEP funding (~\$34,000 additional local match required) for the McCulloch Main Trail Project in Pueblo West. Item is detailed in the attached CDOT letter/spreadsheet and map. Ms. Cosby stated the project covers the placement of a sewer line under the trail along with tying the trail to the existing McCulloch Trail.

Motion to approve: Mr. Munch  
Second: Mr. Gomez  
Unanimous

**3)** Discussion of Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for FFY 2008-2009 (Oct 1, 2007 to Sept 30, 2008). Estimated funding/budget levels will be developed cooperatively by CDOT DTD and the MPOs for use in the UPWP final draft up for action next month. Mr. Brown asked that any bus and rail transit issues discussed be noted in the 2035 Plan. Ms. Pettit stated that the current money freeze would not have any bearing on projects in the Region 2 MPO area such as “pool money”, safety, enhancements and 4<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge (goes to bid in June). The “safe routes to school” request by Mr. Cockrell could be presented for approval at its earliest date at the May 3rd TAC meeting then at the May PACOG board meeting.

**(4)** In open discussion, items by committee members, and future agenda items: Mr. Ahlenius said that for the purposes of the 2035 LRTP, he asked Jerry Brienza for an update on the Airport Masterplan and the potential for increased use at the airport. The members of committee expressed wanting to see the update at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and Mr. Munch asked that any rail extensions should be included.

Ms. Pettit stated in discussion of Gate 20 Project improvements were originally at \$55M to now at \$68M for Bridge SH16 and extending east to Peterson AFB.

Ms. Clark suggested planning a permanent Park ‘n Ride area at Purcell and I-25 that is transit oriented for car, bus and rail in anticipation of the increased traffic from growth in Pueblo County along North I-25.

**(5)** Adjourn at or before 9:15am.