

Minutes of August 2, 2007 Joint Meeting  
Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC)

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TAC Members present: Bill Moore, Todd Ahlenius, Don Vest, Tim Williams, Mike Tedesco, Dave Cockrell, Jeff Woeber, Pepper Whittlef, Brenda Broyles, Wendy Pettit and Angie Drumm.

CAC Members present: Bill Davis, Chuck Pelto and Shirley Ozzello.

Others present: Bill Zwick–City of Pueblo Planning Department; and Rose Marie Ibanez –UTPD support/minutes.

Mr. Moore called the regular joint meeting of the TAC to order on Thursday, August 2, 2007 at 8:35 am in the Pueblo City Council Chambers.

(1) Approval of the minutes of the June 7, 2007 TAC meeting. (July meeting cancelled)

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

(2) Final recommendation for the FY 2008-2009 UPWP. Mr. Moore gave an overview of some of the staff changes and re-organization of the Planning Department that are reflected in the budget of the Final Draft of the FY 2008-2009 UPWP. For the next three years until the next Long Range Plan Update, the MPO will return to operating as more of a “local service” level.

**Corrections to the Final Draft:** Change 2030 to 2035 on second to last bullet on page 15 and complete the sentence on the last bullet on page 16.

Motion to approve: Mr. Davis (as amended)  
Second: Ms. Whittlef  
Unanimous

(3) CDOT TIP Amendment – requesting a policy amendment for 2007 Transportation Enhancement Project funds to be rolled forward into 2008 fiscal year for budgeting purposes. Three projects are involved – McCulloch Trail Phase 2, Pueblo Way-Finding sign project, and the Arkansas River Trail Project presented by Ms. Pettit.

It was noted in discussion that there has been an increase in the number and frequency of “pure housekeeping” Administrative TIP Amendments because of recent changes in CDOT and FHWA financial accounting procedures. Ms. Pettit reported that other MPO Boards have developed policies agreeable with CDOT and FHWA that permits these types of amendments to be processed directly after review by MPO staff members then submitted as information to the Board as in periodic basis.

Mr. Moore said that he would discuss establishing a policy in order to minimize future agenda lengths at the next PACOG Board meeting. He could develop a formal recommendation (and draft Resolution) in consultation with interested Board Members, CDOT, and the PACOG attorney for consideration at the following Board meeting.

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

**(4)** Annual review and discussion of the 2 Enhancement Grant Applications that were received for prioritization.

Mr. Zwick presented the two applications in detail from support material.

a. I-25 & First Street Interchange Landscaping

The First Street Interchange at I-25 project includes “western-scaping with drought resistant, primarily native plants along the exit ramp at First Street to Santa Fe Avenue as a primary aesthetic improvement. An alternate plan, if necessary for I-25 requirements, would move the planting scheme to Santa Fe Avenue, north and south of the First Street intersection.

b. 4th St. Landscaping – Santa Fe west towards Midtown/4<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge

The West 4th Street project for FY 2008 will include a design study and survey from Santa Fe Avenue west to the 4th Street Bridge with improvements on sidewalk planting, curb and aesthetic treatment at intersection from Santa Fe to Court Street. Future project will be completed in multiple phases approximately one to two blocks long to include necessary drainage improvements providing infrastructure to support the landscaping and aesthetic treatments.

Mr. Ahlenius recommended High for **Item (4.)** a. I-25 & First Street Interchange Landscaping **and** b. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Landscaping–Santa Fe west towards Midtown/4<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge

Motion to approve: Mr. Pelto–High  
Second: Mr. Cockrell  
Unanimous

**(5)** Distribution of draft sections of the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Ahlenius and Mr. Williams distributed five draft sections of the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Ahlenius said that four are in chapter 2; and the fifth portion is the section of Coordinated Public Transit–Human Services Plan that is a new Federal requirement that augments the transit section. Environmental Considerations portion of the plan: Mr. Williams said he is working on changes to the map layouts in a 11 X 17 format which will be available in PDF files.

**(6)** Brief discussion regarding regional issues identified during the Fountain Creek Vision Task Force meetings and proposed development in northern Pueblo County. Mr. Williams will discuss this item at the September TAC meeting.

**(7)** Open discussion: Mr. Moore said that the Minneapolis bridge that collapsed and was reported in the news today had been inspected annually. The sufficiency rating was 50 in the rating of 0-100 He said that the Pueblo area has bridges with lower ratings but these bridges do not have daily traffic of 200,000 vehicles on them, and that makes a great difference how a bridge wears. He said the replacement of the elevated section of a Denver bridge replacement at I-70 viaduct over the Stockyard Arena is a multi-billion dollar cost, the same as all of T-REX. He said it could become the number one claim on future revenues for bridge replacement. Ms. Pettit said bridges are generally out-dated by evolutionary changes and needs, and not by defective structural designs.

**(8)** Adjourned at 10:35am.