

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

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

CAC Members present: Bill Davis, Brian Lucas, and Chuck Pelto

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

Mr. Moore called the regular joint meeting of the TAC to order on Thursday, September 6, 2007 at 8:37 am in the Pueblo City Council Chambers.

(1) Approval of the minutes of the August 2, 2007 TAC meeting.

Motion to approve: Mr. Davis

Second: Mr. Pelto

Unanimous

(2) CDOT TIP Amendment – requesting a policy amendment for programming of \$216,000 in local overmatch funds for the Transportation Enhancement Projects for the Arkansas River Trail – Phases 2 and 3. Ms. Pettit said the TIP amendment entails the addition of previously approved local funding to this project.

Motion to approve: Mr. Randall

Second: Mr. Pacheco

Unanimous

Mr. Moore reported he had been authorized by the PACOG Board to propose establishing a policy about handling TIP administrative amendments in order to minimize future agenda lengths or meeting frequency. That recommendation (probably in the form of a draft Resolution) would be placed on the agenda for the Board to consider at a future meeting.

(3) Presentation of draft Environmental chapter and maps of the 2035 Plan with supporting information. Mr. Williams presented and distributed a supplemental DVD with large-scale formats of the corresponding environmental maps.

(4) Presentation of Freight and Rail chapter and additional parts of the Human Services Coordination/Transit Elements of the 2035 Plan. Mr. Ahlenius presented and distributed draft copies of the Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan and the Freight and Rail Systems. He said both sections are continually being updated as he receives and researches relevant information. Mr. Vest presented the

draft copies of Population Forecasts by Transportation Analysis Zone (5-year Forecasts, 2005-2035) and corresponding color maps.

(5) Discussion of Regional Development Plans, Projects, and Issues: Mr. Ahlenius is looking at projects and issues in the City of Pueblo, Pueblo County, and specifically north where growth is expected with Pueblo/Springs Ranch annexation of 23,000 acres (roughly comparable to the existing size of the City of Pueblo). He reported that the Banning-Lewis Ranch in El Paso County is of similar scale and the need for a parallel facility to I-25. Mr. Moore said this could eventually lead to a request to the state to add a new facility parallel to I-25 because it has more of an inter-regional or statewide implication rather than a local one. Mr. Pacheco said that the City of Pueblo is hiring the professional services of a consultant to assist the city departments to analyze the proposed annexation (\$1.2M) that will take a year to complete.

Mr. Williams gave a brief update regarding regional issues identified during the Fountain Creek Vision Task Force meetings and the proposed development in northern Pueblo County. He said the group has broken up into four separate groups to discuss issues and concerns in water quality, quantity, landuse and the environment. He said the groups would merge back into one group with an end date sometime in 2008. Mr. Williams reported that T.H.K Associates has been awarded the study project. The official presentation of the vision plan and scope would be presented at the end of September. He said the paid sponsors are Colorado Springs Utilities and Lower Arkansas Water District. He said that the Fountain Creek Vision Task Force is the over-sight committee.

(6) Update on Statewide Transportation Finance Panel and Committees: Mr. Moore gave an overview on road commutes (travel time) around the state. He described some of the options for tax funding. He said the next Blue Ribbon Panel would meet September 25th in Windsor, Colorado. The advisory committee is scheduled to meet several times in October and early November with the Blue Ribbon Panel giving their final recommendation to Governor Ritter prior to the January beginning General Assembly.

(7) Open discussion, items from committee members, and future agenda items. Mr. Pacheco reported that the Common Development Code has not been completed due to issues deriving from the acceleration of the Pueblo Springs Ranch Annexation.

(8) Adjourned at 10:30 am.