

**Meeting minutes of the  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (TAC)**

**April 9, 2024**

**9:00 a.m.**

**211 E D Street, Pueblo, CO 81003**

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**1. Call Meeting to Order**

*Chairwoman: Eva Cosyleon*

*Time of Call: 9:01 a.m.*

*MPO Members Present: Eva Cosyleon, Hannah Haurert, Dylan Goodman*

*TAC Members Present: Aaron Willis, Geoff Guthrie, Shawn Winters, Lindsey Jaquez, Lachelle Davis, Melanie Turner, Ben Valdez, Greg Pedroza, Scott Skinner*

*CAC Members Present: Don Bruestle, Richard Arko, Laura Leyba, Cheryl Spinuzzi*

*Others Present: Macario Torrez, Wendy Pettit, Isabel Rollins, Lachelle Davis, Sarah Skinner, Emma Belmont, Andrew Hayes, Chuck Lopez, Danell Ward, John Holsworth, Rob Frei, Scott Hobson*

**2. Self-Introductions and Public Comments (non-agenda items only)**

*Judy Leonard is from the Pueblo County Planning and Zoning. Chuck Lopez is the Operation Supervisor for Pueblo Transit. John Holzwarth is from Bolton and Menk, INC.*

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**March 12, 2024 Minutes\***

*Motion to Approve: Don Bruestle*

*Second: Ben Valdez*

*Unanimous:*

**4. Updated Transit Routes\* – Ben Valdez/Chuck Lopez**

**Action Requested: Presentation**

*Chuck Lopez said that they have been working on a North and South Shopping route. This will reduce time from 60 minutes to 15-20 minutes. In the presentation, Chuck included more information of the*

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times and a map of both routes and stops. These new stops will have a wait time of 2-10 minutes, since the wait time is short, there will be no amenities at these locations. These will be released in the middle of next month. There will be a lot of learning and educating the drivers and the riders. There will be a double transfer route and will need a transfer ticket (\$1.25 at most) (request instead of a regular bus ticket). The transfer will work on all routes except Irving which Transit is currently working on. North route transfer will include eastside #1, Belmont #10, University #9, Mall #6, Hwy 50 #8, and Mall #6. South route transfer will include Bessemer #2, Berkley #4, Highland Park #7, Red Creek #10, and Lake #12. This route will also provide services to the surrounding schools and the Regency neighborhood. There will be 14 transfer points, currently there are 3. There will be a trial run of 12 months before the amenities will be added, most of these stop locations are ADA accessible. Transit is working on the ADA pads that are missing. Don Bruestle asked what brought on this thinking, Chuck said it was listening to the public. Ben Valdez said that it was based upon what you can provide without adding cost to your budgetary line. The Bessemer 2 and Berkley 2 were underperforming, these will be the new routes. Don also asked about a hard copy schedule, Ben said they have been sent to print. The educational piece for the public and riders will be rolled out next week. They have already worked with an external marketing organization. Melanie Turner asked if there will be QR codes on all the bus stops, Ben said not yet, they need the poles in the ground first. Don asked if there is any other information at the bus stops to give more information, Ben said not at the stop. Chuck said that the biggest part of the educational piece is for people to use the website. Laura Leyba asked about the return bus to CSU-Pueblo, Chuck said that is in phase 2. This means they will have to return to the Transit Center.

## 5. 2021 Top 25 High Crash Locations\*\*

### Action Requested: Presentation

Eva Cosyleon said that we are postponing till May, we got new software and has been tricky.

## 6. 2025-2028 Draft TIP\*

### Action Requested: Informational

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is every 4 years; money/funding have been identified for these projects. This includes but not limited to Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), Safe Streets for All (SS4A), Safe Routes to School (SRTS), Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Option Funds (MMOF), and etc... This means that this is a living document, ever changing (funding, years). This is on our website [pacog.net](http://pacog.net). There is a button at the top of the website that says TIP Tracker. It is a big file and a bit hard to read. The new TIP Tracker will be better to read. The TIP document is separated by corridors, off system is not on CDOT's corridors. Melanie Turner asked how often this document gets updated, Eva Cosyleon said every few years but could be amended every year. Wendy Pettit had a concern if the PACOG Board should release for public comment (chieftain), Aaron Willis said he will look into it. Laura Leyba asked if this would be in for 10 days or just once, Eva said it is just once, but comment period is open for 30 days.

## 7. Other Local Agencies Updates

### Action Requested: Informational

Greg Pedroza said that the conversations are continuing and in a holding pattern, but the Air Races are going to come back and visit. There is some concern about the terrain (north and east) not being level if something were to happen and they needed to land quickly. They will be coming Friday to look at the land. They had a concern about the power lines running east/west to the north of the property. They want to make their decision by the end of April but not surprised if pushed back. Melanie Turner still had a concern about the international issues with the flights, Greg said to try again and let him know. He did say that they did fix it. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked if there were any improvements on the

connection flights, Greg said that there are still a lot of cancellations and needs a lot of work done. It is still bound to Denver and back twice a day. DOT is going to re-open the solicitation of bids in June/July.

Shawn Winters said that the TAP 4 and 5 (Joe Martinez Trail) is in the final design, construction in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Purcell Trail and Civic Center is waiting on the IGA with CDOT. The Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) is the new pedestrian bridge over Nichols Rd and the Railroad. They set the bridge but still needs some work done for access.

Melanie Turner said that the W 18<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge doesn't have any updates. Adams and Jackson roundabout awarded bid to Beltramo. The Arkansas River Trail (Rapids Place) construction is completed, waiting on close out. Bessemer Commerce Revitalization is working on constructions, this is to put lights and artistic wraps on Northern Ave. SEH is working on the design of Dillon and Eagleridge roundabout. Grand and 13<sup>th</sup> roundabout – draft IGA with CDOT, should be approved on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Haaff Safe Routes to School (SRTS) – design Jerry Murphy and Chinook, Dibble held kickoff meeting April first, working on ROW plans, acquisitions and temporarily easements. Lake and Jones received draft IGA from CDOT, will be approved on April 20<sup>th</sup> at City Council. Lake and Orman roundabout kickoff meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup>, Dibble got awarded, surveys were done this week. Mel Harmon Bridge design is held up with Railroad, has approved plans. Northern Ave Trail Phase 3 (Cambridge and Prairie up to Mesa) plans complete but awaiting CDOT to sign off on top half of 128 form. Prairie Ave concrete improvements construction is 90% done. Prairie Ave to Minnequa Lake Trail awaiting for landscaping. E 8<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge rehab is for structural (\$100k). Geoff Guthrie asked how much would be needed and Melanie said around \$1m. There is a discussion with City and County for the Active Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Program (ATIIP) Grant. \$15m is the max. Safe Routes to School Rock and Roll Grant along Monument, approved on July 2023 by City Council. RAISE Grant – working with FHWA on direct recipient. This was put out to bid for data collection for 10 or so intersections. This will include red light runners, near misses, etc... Union and Main Streetscape, BHI is working on compiling a design package and working with CDOT on environmental. Union Ave Bridge Repair rehab for \$100k, this will need a new bridge eventually. Wendy Pettit asked if this was a WPA (Work Project Administration), Melanie didn't know. Wendy asked when the RAISE Grant expires, Melanie said she doesn't know. Wildhorse Trail, request for proposals for design (18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>). Paving will include Alan Hamel (Union to Santa Fe Dr), and Northern Ave (Prairie Ave to I-25). Don Bruestle asked about new development along Dillon north of Eagleridge, Melanie said there were a few businesses interested. The new bridge over Fountain Creek will connect to Home of Heroes Blvd.

## 8. CDOT Updates

### **Action Requested: Informational**

Aaron Willis said they will not have an April Statewide Transportation Advisory Commission (STAC). May will be in person and will have a full agenda. CDOT is beginning the process of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the 10 year plan. CDOT, FHWA, FTA will be awaiting the Mid-Year Report.

## 9. TAC ByLaws\*

### **Action Required: Finalize**

- a. Term of Membership – no term limit for At-Large Citizen
  - i. Consecutive terms
  - ii. Appointment – can be removed at the request of the organization or PACOG
- b. Absentee – miss 3 consecutive meetings or 4 meetings in a 12-month period
  - i. Add inexcusable absent

- c. *Alternate – attend a meeting*
- d. *Officers – Chair/ViceChair*
  - i. *November yearly paper ballot*
  - ii. *Spell out Pueblo Area Council of Governments Board*
  - iii. *Runs TAC Meeting, attends PACOG meeting, approves TAC Agenda, Runs subcommittees, 3-4 hours additional per month?*
  - iv. *Voting member*
  - v. *Vice Chair responsible for sub committee*

**10. Next TAC – May 14, 2024 - Planning Conference Room, 211 E D St 81003**  
**Action Requested: Informational**

**11. Items from TAC Members or scheduling of future Agenda Items**  
**Roundtable Discussion**  
*Passenger Rail*

**12. Adjourn at or before 11:00 am**  
*Adjournment was at 11:00 a.m.*