



**Meeting Agenda of the
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (TAC)
September 12, 2023
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 Haunert

TAC Members Present: Aaron Willis, Geoff Guthrie, Shawn Winters, Lindsey Jaquez, Lachelle Davis, Ben Valdez

CAC Members Present: Don Bruestle, Cheryl Spinuzzi, Richard Arko

Others Present: Macario Torrez, Wendy Pettit, Chuck Lopez, Isabel Rollins, Luann Martinez, James Eccher, Sanjiv Gupta, Emily Barden, Jamie Grim, Scott Hobson

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

Richard Arko is from the Pueblo County Planning Zoning and Commission. Sanjiv Gupta is from CDOT HQ Safety. Emily Barden is from CDOT Division Transit and Rail.

3. Approval of Minutes

August 8, 2023 Minutes*

Action Required: Approve/Disapprove

Motion to Approve: Don Bruestle

Second: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Unanimous:

4. SB 23-1101 – TPR Boundaries – Jamie Grim

Action Requested: Presentation

Jamie Grim is with the Office of Policy and Government Relations. A review was added to look at the Transportation Planning Regions (TPR) structure, membership of Statewide Transportation Advisory Commission (STAC), membership of Transit and Rail Advisory Committee (TRAC), and the TPR boundaries. It was discussed if a representative from TRAC and STAC should be attending each meeting. There were no objections to this suggestion. There are quite a lot of boundaries in Colorado, these include COGs, AAA, TPRs, water conservation district, etc... Jamie said they started looking at Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) and bylaws. They wanted to know who was in which TPR and how they are voting. There wasn't a lot of consistency, and in 2017, CDOT helped a few TPRs with their IGAs. Jamie said that they will be creating a template IGA and then make suggestions for what can be in the bylaws. The report is due November 30th to the Transportation Commission (TC) and State Legislature. The plan is to present the draft report and recommendations at the November TC meeting. While looking at the TPR boundaries, they also looked at population, center line miles, VMT, tourism, affordable housing, access to Transit Orientated Development (TODs). There were observation meetings in each region to look at the TPRs. An example is Chaffee County is in the upper Arkansas COG but they are part of San Luis Valley TPR. The question was asked if Chaffee County has more in common with Central Front Range or with San Luis Valley. Jamie gave a few more examples of what was looked at. The questions asked if counties should be planned by one organization or split into 2 with PPACG. It was talked about Southeast and South Central admin combining, there were no recommendations yet but considerations. It was discussed to split up inner mountain TPR, so Garfield, Pitkin, and Eagle would combine, or Summit and Lake, or Summit, Lake Grand, Gilpin County or Clear Creek County. PPACG could do planning for non-Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPOs) in El Paso, or Combining Southeast and South Central. Statutory, CDOT is only allowed 15 TPRs in the state unless a new MPO is created. 10 Rural and 5 Urban TPR. The two suggestions in Region 2 will not impact funding, the money will remain. It was suggested that Huerfano County joins PACOG. Jamie thinks this wouldn't work because PACOG is a COG and MPO. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked how it would affect us, Eva Cosyleon said that it shouldn't affect us at all. Don Bruestle asked if there is an existing planning organization, James Eccher said it was Huerfano Las Animas COG. Wendy Pettit asked what CDOT Region 2 (Shane) thinks about these changes, Jamie said that Region 2 has the most TPRs, and to combine them means less travel and management. CDOT is responsible for all non MPO areas when it comes to GHG modeling. Wendy asked if the GHG will be in place when the 2050 plan gets developed or after, Jamie said that TC will decide. TC will review the recommendations and open the planning rules (public comment). TC is not required to open the rule until June 2024. Jamie said that all the materials they have created (maps, GIS tools) will be used as part of the 2050. Wendy asked if they have talked to Stephanie/John about being one TPR, Jamie said they are not thrilled and it would create an administrative challenge.

5. Teen and Pedestrian Crash Data*

Action Requested: Presentation

Hannah Haunert did a presentation on Crash Data, she included that there are two different years. 2016-2023 for the City of Pueblo and 2016-2021 for Pueblo County. City of Pueblo's data was corrected by Hannah and there is a new software called DiExSys

that is doing Pueblo County's data. City of Pueblo had 413 pedestrian crashes, 31 serious injury(A) crashes, and 29 fatal crashes. Geoff Guthrie asked if the serious injuries means that they are transported by ambulance, Hannah said more than likely. Of the pedestrian crashes in the City, 12 were alcohol use and 5 were drug use. Of the pedestrian crashes in Pueblo County, 1 was alcohol use and 2 were drug use. In the City of Pueblo, there were 1,432 teen crashes, 14 were serious injuries, and 7 were fatal. Pueblo County had 1,037 teen crashes, 27 serious injuries, and 11 fatal. These numbers are included in the total crashes. On the next page, there was a chart on the Top 10 locations in the City of Pueblo and Pueblo County. – teen vs pedestrians. These numbers are a rough draft because the officers didn't fill out the data. Hannah went over the heat maps on the next pages. Ben Valdez would like more information on Northern, time of month/day. This data will be used in grant funding. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked if Hannah still needs to input the data, Eva Cosyleon said that she will still double check the data. Since Hannah will not be doing this on a daily basis, she will start using TransCAD. Ben Valdez asked if CDOT, MPO, and City had talked about education on a roundabout. He said he is going to talk to his crew. He also suggested making a roundabout adequate for the overflow of semis. Don Bruestle said there should be public participation, this includes that the residents get notified of what is going to happen months before. Luann Martinez suggested talking to Haley for creating content for channel 17 and social media, Eva said that she will talk to her.

6. Federal Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)

Requested: Informational

Isabel Rollins (PACOG Grant Navigator) said that she is finishing an infrastructure survey. This survey will ask what the highest priorities is. Isabel said that she can help in any way, by looking over the NOFO or matching funds. This is only IJJA or IRA grants. Reconnecting Communities is due September 28th, Bridge investment program in the next couple weeks, Emergency relief has funding but Pueblo County may not qualify. Off-system bridge is due at the end of October. The MPO can help with letters of support or data. Don Bruestle asked about the West 11th Bridge, Luann said there are 2 applications for this bridge, MVPD and Reconnecting Communities. She said this is for a planning grant. This is for the corridor (Hwy 45 to downtown) and not just the bridge. Lachelle Davis said that the Off-system bridge is construction only (shovel ready). Transit on-demand pilot program is October 10th. Scott Hobson said that SB 23-213 may be resurrected and have a requirement of analysis of growth and transportation. This will need to be completed by 2025. He thinks that a lot of what they require has been done already and just minor updates.

7. TAC ByLaws draft*

Action Requested: Discussion

In the packet is the TAC ByLaws draft. A special meeting will be held for a vote, there will be no vote by email. Eva Cosyleon wanted to highlight voting, quorum, and membership. Don Bruestle said that proxy voting is when you designate somebody in your absence. Ben Valdez suggested that it should be from the same department. This is number one, then this is number two. There will be no email or mail voting. Quorum is 30% of the voting members (which would be 4 votes). Eva separated the City of Pueblo and Aviation. Don had a concern about the At-Large members to be term limited, he suggested consecutive and limitless. Cheryl Spinuzzi had a concern about the term of membership, she thought it was conflicting when it says they can serve

until they resign or get removed but cannot have more than 2 consecutive terms. Don said that you can have a term but can be served consecutive. Cheryl asked if they are elected or appointed, they would be appointed by PACOG Board. The chair would be able to vote to break a tie. Eva asked if anyone had a suggestion on the words, to think about it for next meeting. Don said Pueblo County has a book on their policies and wording on terms. There are no bylaws. One thing that would change is in the PACOG Bylaws would be removing the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC.) Don said that we need to revisit the CAC and ask why it is separate, basically staff and no staff. Wendy Pettit said that the larger MPOs have a CAC but it might be because of the size.

8. Other Local Agencies Updates

Action Requested: Discussion

Pueblo West

Shawn Winters said that TAP 3 construction is complete, just waiting to close it out, Joe Martinez trail is in design, Purcell Trail IGA request has been sent to CDOT, FLAP is complete besides the pedestrian bridge, this will be done before Christmas.

Pueblo Transit

Ben Valdez said that Transit was earmarked \$2.8m (state funding) for their facility out of SB 2-67. This money will acquire the property and the rest will be spent on design, around 7% design. The property is behind Val'U'Stay (10 acres). This will accommodate expansion and electric buses. There is already a categorical exclusion on the property. This facility will house maintenance, admin, and storage. Free Fare for All increased ridership by 30% in June, 35% in July and 15% in August. Transit cannot expand until they get their new facility. The new property is just over 3 times the current size. The new ridership does qualify for more formula funding – next fiscal year.

City of Pueblo

Macario Torrez gave an update on the table below.

Project Name	Update
Asphalt Improvements – Prairie Avenue Pueblo Blvd to Mesa Ave	Paving should start 9/25/23
Asphalt Improvements – Joplin Ave	Paving should start 10/10/23
Asphalt Improvements – Baltimore Ave	Paving should start 10/10/23
Asphalt Improvements – Regency Crest	Tentative start mid. October
Asphalt Improvements – Crestview Hills	Tentative start mid. October
Asphalt Improvements – W. 11 th Street	Paving has been completed for this project
Asphalt Improvements – Starlight Drive	Tentative start mid. October
Asphalt Improvements – 6 th Ave	Paving has been completed for this project
Asphalt Paving – City Park Pool Parking Lot	Paving has been completed. Waiting for BHE Light Poles
Asphalt Improvements – Troy Ave	Paving has been completed for this project
Asphalt Improvements – Prairie Ave Farabaugh to Prairie Hawk	Tentative start late October
Asphalt Improvements – Lime Road	Bids came in over budget. Will rebid n 2024
Adams and Jackson Roundabout	FOR plans finalized – waiting for environmental and ROW clearance
Arkansas River Trail Phase 4	Construction at 75% completed, sidewalks and asphalt next
Bessemer Commerce Revitalization Grant	Approved by City Council and working on bid docs
Dillon and Eagleridge Roundabout	FIR review with CDOT on September 21 st
Grand and 13 th Roundabout	Preparing IGA docs
Jerr Murphy and Chinook (SRTS)	Bids due September 15th
Lake and Jones Roundabout	IGA docs
Lake and Orman roundabout	Submitted bid document for review, bid once approved
Mel Harmon Bridge improvements	Finalizing design
Northern Ave Trail Phase 3	Design along Prairie Ave, FOR complete
Prairie Ave Concrete	Construction is about 30% done
Prairie Ave and Lake Minnequa Trail	Construction is about 65% done
8 th Street Bridge	IGA with CDOT
RAISE Grant	Working with FHWA on agreement
Monument SRTS (Walk and Roll)	Forms submitted, IGA checklist
SS4A (Safe Streets for All) Grant	Approved by City Council, working on transportation studies
Union and Main Streetscape	Temp easements and ROW, utility conflicts,
Union Ave Bridge repair	No bids received, rebid in spring 2024
Westside Trail	Bid out on September 2023

Don Bruestle suggested to look at the City Council meeting because a few complained about the roads. Ben Valdez said they talked about the curb infrastructure around the State Fair. It was also talked about South Pointe. Ben said that he is going to pull the buses off Prairie when they repave, it is not safe. There will be advanced notification to the public. There will be a call for projects for 2023 MMOF, this could be used around the State Fair. Don said there was accumulation of water around that area.

9. CDOT Updates

Requested: Informational

Aaron Willis said there are still conversations about the Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) distribution. CPG includes Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds that operate all the MPO's. Lachelle Davis said the funding deadline for PACOG is low risk. Geoff Guthrie said they are reconciling the 2 MPO TIPS with the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). They are getting ready for the next Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). STAC is still talking about program distribution, this is future money from different funding programs that are distributed statewide to the MPOs/Rural. There will be a tentative project list for Fiscal Year 2028 in October TAC. Eva Cosyleon said that the previous MMOF did not include 65+ years old. Transit performance measures were changed. See the new formula below.

Criteria	Rural Share
% Population	20%
% School-Aged Children (5-17)	5%
% Population in DI Communities	10%
% Disabled Population	10%
% Population 65+	10%
% Zero Vehicle Households	5%
% Transit Revenue Miles	0%
% Transit Unlinked Trips	15%
% of Bike Crashes	10%
% of Pedestrian Crashes	10%
% of Jobs	5%

Don Bruestle asked if this is state, Geoff said this is State's projected revenue. Ben Valdez asked if this is all modes operate or just fixed, Aaron said he will have to check. Fixed route vs van-pool (unlinked). Unlinked trips are head counts.

10. Federal Highway and Federal Transit Updates (If needed)

Action Requested: Informational

11. CDOT Region 2 request(s) for PACOG MPO/TPR TIP amendment(s)*

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FY 2023 - 2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Administrative notification to roll forward:

a) **TIP Amendment #2023.047**

Administrative Action:

Project Name: Pueblo Transit Vanpool

STIP Number:

Project Location and Description: Provide Pueblo employers with a subsidized vanpool.

Fund Source(s): FY24 MMOF State funds

Federal Program Funds: **\$ 249,800**

State Matching Funds: **\$ 150,200**

Local Matching Funds: **\$**

Other Project Funds: **\$**

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 400,000

This amendment is redistributing previous Federal MMOF from \$400,000 to \$249,800 and to State MMOF of \$150,200. This is not additional money towards this project.

Federal funding has an expiration date. This will provide more flexibility on the funding. Don Bruestle asked who designated the funds to, Ben Valdez said this will go to the Industrial Estates (south and east).

b) **TIP Amendment #2023.048**

Administrative Action:

Project Name: US50B & US50C at SH231 Safety Improvements

STIP Number: SR27002.078

Project Location and Description: Safety improvements at the intersections of both US50B and US50C at CO231

Fund Source(s): FY25 Region 2 FASTER Safety Allocation (FSA)

Federal Program Funds: **\$**

State Matching Funds: **\$ 445,122**

Local Matching Funds: **\$**

Other Project Funds: **\$**

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 445,122

This administrative action adds funds to the construction phase of this project

c) **TIP Amendment #2023.049**

Administrative Action:

Project Name: I-25A Pavement Rehabilitation MP 92 – 102.6

STIP Number: SR25216.178

Project Location and Description: Pavement rehabilitation I-25 vicinity Salt Creek bridges to north of Eagleridge

Fund Source(s): FY24 Region 2 Surface Treatment Pool (SUR)

Federal Program Funds: **\$ 319,235**

State Matching Funds: **\$ 30,765**

Local Matching Funds: **\$**

Other Project Funds: **\$**

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 350,000

This administrative action programs funds to the design phase of this project

d) **TIP Amendment #2023.050**

Administrative Action:

Project Name: Adams and Jackson Roundabout

STIP Number: SR26644.104

Project Location and Description: Design and construction of new roundabout

Fund Source(s): FY24 Region 2 Hazard Elimination- Local Projects (HLZ)

Federal Program Funds: **\$ (110,714)**

State Matching Funds: **\$**

Local Matching Funds: **\$**

Other Project Funds: **\$**

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ (110,714)

This administrative action transfers project savings from design phase to construction phase in FY24

e) **TIP Amendment #2023.051**

Administrative Action:

Project Name: Adams and Jackson Roundabout

STIP Number: SR26644.104

Project Location and Description: Design and construction of new roundabout

Fund Source(s): FY24 Region 2 Hazard Elimination- Local Projects (HLZ)

Federal Program Funds: **\$ 900,000**

State Matching Funds: **\$**

Local Matching Funds: **\$**

Other Project Funds: **\$**

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 900,000

This administrative action programs \$900,000 to the construction phase in FY24

f) **TIP Amendment #2023.052**

Administrative Action:

Project Name: SS4A

STIP Number: TBD

Project Location and Description: SS4A Safety Action Planning Grant Match

Fund Source(s): FY24 Federal Multimodal Mitigation Option Funds

Federal Program Funds: **\$ 85,200.00**

State Funds: **\$**

Local Matching Funds: **\$**

Other Project Funds: **\$**

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 85,200.00

This amount is contributing 10% of the total 20% matching funds need for the \$852,000 Federal SS4A grant. The city will contribute the other 10% match. This amendment is swapping MMOF state to MMOF federal.

g) **TIP Amendment #2023.053**

Administrative Action:

Project Name: Transit Youth Ride

STIP Number: TBD

Project Location and Description:

Fund Source(s): FY 24 Federal MMOF

Federal MMOF Funds: **\$ 65,000**

State Program Funds: **\$**

Local Matching Funds: **\$**

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 65,000

This is to provide free youth rides for Pueblo Transit. This amendment is swapping MMOF state to MMOF

federal.

h) TIP Amendment #2023.054

Administrative Action:

Project Name: Pueblo County Blvd Extension Trail

STIP Number: SR27017.001

Project Location and Description: Design & construction of new shared use path along Medal of Honor Blvd

Fund Source(s): FY24 Region 2 Carbon Reduction Program (6PU)

Federal Program Funds: **\$ 539,770**

State Matching Funds: **\$**

Local Matching Funds: **\$**

Other Project Funds: **\$**

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 539,770

Amending a previous TIP Amendment to demonstrate that match was provided through MMOF and no local match was needed.

Action Requested: Informational

12. Next TAC – October 10, 2023 - Planning Conf Room, 211 E D St 81003

Action Requested: Informational

13. Items from TAC Members or scheduling of future Agenda Items

Roundtable Discussion

14. Adjourn at or before 11:00 am

Eva Cosyleon adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.