

Minutes
PUEBLO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, February 27, 2025

A meeting of the Pueblo Area Council of Governments was held on Thursday, February 27, 2025. The meeting was held in person and on Zoom. The meeting was called to order by PACOG Vice- Chairman, Chris de Luca at 12:10 p.m.

Roll Call: (Wendy Pettit)

Members Present were:

Dennis Flores-City Council	Zach Swearingen -County Commissioner
Ed Gutierrez-Salt Creek Sanitation	Mike Cafasso-Board of Water Works
Joseph Latino -City Council	Harry Hochstetler-Colorado City
Chris DeLuca-Dist. 70	Paula McPheeters - County Commissioner
Brett Boston -City Council	Miles Lucero- County Commissioner
Roger Gomez -City Council	

Members Absent:

Regina Mastri – City Council	Sarah Martinez -City Council
Mark Aliff- City Council	William Thiebaut -Dist. 60
Doug Proal -Pueblo West	

Staff and Executive Directors:

Sabina Genesio, Pueblo County Manager	Carmen Howard-PACOG Manager
Heather Graham, City Mayor	Hannah Haurert-PACOG MPO
Eva Cosyleon PACOG MPO	Dylan Goodman PACOG MPO
Wendy Pettit, PACOG Recording Secretary	Harley Gifford-City Attorney

Also Present Were:

Sarah Skinner -Pueblo County	Jacob Topping-Sen. Hickenlooper's office
Bryan Wallace-PMB	Sarah Skinner-Pueblo County
Laura Leyba, ADA committee	Terry Hart-Transportation Commissioner
Don Bruestle PACOG TAC	Jacob Topping-Senator Bennet's office
Doug Schwenke-RESPEC	Karim Ayoub-EPAC
Sherrie Storey-EPAC	Rich Mans
Aaron Willis-CDOT	Bine Terefe
Paz Hall	Shane Ferguson-CDOT
Acacia Kerr	Maureen Paz de Araujo, - Wilson and Co.
Lisa Macchietto-city Attorney	Dawn Trip Sina
Claire Shad	Kacey Dikes-CDOT
Gus Garcia	Reed Webber

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Comments were made regarding regular agenda item 4b, the removal of Pueblo Human Relations Commission committee member, Andrea Naglich. Support of the removal were Dawn Trip Sina, and Thomas Newton. In support of retention were Councilor Joe Latino, Reid Webber, Gus Garcia Acacia Kerr, and Andrea Naglich.

CONSENT ITEMS (Carmen Howard):

1. Minutes January 23, 2025, Meeting - Approved (Motion by Councilor Boston, seconded by Commissioner Lucero)
2. ADA minutes: December 2024 - Approved (Motion by Councilor Boston, seconded by Commissioner Lucero)
3. A Resolution for Appointing Two New Representatives to the Environmental Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC) - Approved. The new appointees, Mr. K Ayoub and Ms. S. Storey, introduced themselves. (Motion by Councilor Boston, seconded by Mr. Cafasso)

MPO CONSENT ITEMS: (Eva Cosyleon)

1. A Resolution Assigning Federal Highway Administration Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant in the Amount of \$11,520,192.00 and Assigning Citizens Energy Matching Funds in the Amount of \$2,80,048.00 for the Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment - Approved.
2. A Resolution to Adopt the Pueblo Area Council of Governments (PACOG) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Safety Performance Measure Targets - Approved.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. PACOG 604B and 9 – Element’s Watershed Documents - Doug Schwenke, RESPEC
The presentation was made regarding annual reports and project status.
2. Meadowbrook CDPHE Application for Site Location, New Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facility- Presentation by Adam Sommers, Aquaworks.
A motion was made by Mr. Cafasso and seconded by Commissioner Lucero. For the project to move forward. APPROVED

REGULAR ITEMS:

1. Chairperson’s Report:
 - o Lunch Appreciation - Thank You to the City of Pueblo for providing Lunch.
2. Transportation Information:
 - o Terry Hart – Transportation Commission Update
 - o State Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) February 2025 Meeting update – Wendy Pettit

- CDOT update: a. Project List information b. US 50 passing lanes project presentation on SHIFT Grant-Jennifer Sparks
 - Front Range Passenger Rail Station, Presentation by Jim Koncilja
 - a. Station Area Analysis Draft
 - b.: Station Comments: No additional comments were received.
 - c. Appendix A - Conceptual Station and Trackwork – 06252024
3. MPO Staff Report (Eva Cosyleon, MPO Manager):
- Special Recognition – Don Bruestle
 - CDOT 2050 LRTP – Aaron Willis
 - Access permits – CDOT – Jason Nelson
 - Other Transportation Matters
 - a. MMOF Call for Projects – Discussion
4. Ballot Votes for Board Vacancies and Committee Actions:
- Community Services Advisory Commission (CSAC) - Approved by ballot vote.
 - Pueblo Human Relations Commission:
 - Vote to accept a resolution to remove Commissioner Naglich or reject the resolution to retain Commissioner Naglich on the PHRC. The vote was tabled for further discussion by city and county representatives.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.. The next meeting of the Pueblo Area Council of Governments is scheduled for Thursday, March 27, 2025, at the County's Emergency Operations Center, 101 West 10th Street, 1st Floor Conference Room, 12 pm. The meeting will be held in person and virtually via Zoom.