

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

**June 13, 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, Lachelle Davis, Rob Frei, Geoff Guthrie, Melanie Turner, Andrew Hayes, Ben Valdez, Shawn Winters*

*CAC Members Present: Don Bruestle, Cheryl Spinuzzi, Heather Norton*

*Others Present: Macario Torrez, Wendy Pettit, Chuck Lopez, Rob Frei*

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

*Chuck Lopez is the new Operation Supervisor for Pueblo Transit.*

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**May 9, 2023 Minutes\***

*Motion to Approve: Cheryl Spinuzzi*

*Second: Wendy Pettit*

*Unanimous:*

**4. Pavement Condition Study – Greg George**

**Action Requested: Discussion**

*Greg George was not able to attend, Wendy informed us that Pueblo County (PC) took over the Pueblo West roads and were looking on how to assess the current paved roads. Greg is working on a better estimate. Shawn Winters said that he sent over that data over to Tanis. Shawn also said that retroreflectivity was added to the signs and also sent that over. Eva Cosyleon asked when the pavement study was done, Shawn said maybe 2019-2020. Andrew Hayes asked if this was County wide, Shawn said it was only Pueblo West on paved/chip sealed roads. Wendy said that it will be County wide but will start on Pueblo West. Andrew said that there study, they had 500 City miles, and it was \$100k. The company is called Roadway Asset Services. Geoff asked if this is all roads, Eva said it was paved/chip sealed roads only. Shawn said there are about 200 miles paved/chip seal and 200 miles gravel.*

## **5. Safe Streets for All Grant & RAISE Grant Update – Andrew Hayes Streetlight Simplified**

### **Requested: Informational**

*RAISE Grant is focusing on West Pueblo. The scope is to design and build two roundabouts, design and construct Sun Mountain new roadway, planning study and design 24<sup>th</sup> St bridge, and Transit accessibility improvements (70 stops). There were a few pictures of the roundabout. This development is called Pikes Peak Park. Medal of Honor Blvd will be a new roadway from Joe Martinez and 24<sup>th</sup> Street. The City has already bought the Right-of-Way by 24<sup>th</sup> Street. There is already a hand drawn bridge that can be used. There will be a new corridor south of High Street and 24<sup>th</sup> Street connecting to Francisco Street. The Transit portion will look at the ADA accessibility, shelters, benches, and etc... Wendy Pettit asked if these will be rented or bought, Ben Valdez said this will fall under the same contract. The current 18<sup>th</sup> Street bridge is not safe and not user friendly, a lot of blind spots. Both are currently being awarded from FHWA. It should be approved by late this year.*

*Safe Streets for All (SS4A) should be approved by July. This is for a Comprehensive Safety Plan for Pueblo County. This will help with other infrastructure grants. The plan will include video recording at intersections to help look at it into more than depth. Streetlight Simplified will set up cameras and track each movement (ped, red light, near miss, etc...) through the intersection. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked about the Red Light Camera, Melanie said the one at Hwy 50 & Norwood will be pulled, and the only one to remain will be Prairie and Northern. There are cameras at all signalized intersections, but they are for detections.*

## **6. Other Local Agencies Updates**

### **Action Requested: Discussion**

*Andrew Hayes said that the HSIP Pueblo & Mirror has been pulled but will look into design of that intersection. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked if the application was withdrawn, and Andrew said that the award has been rescinded.*

*The other two HSIP Grants were 13<sup>th</sup> and Grand and Lake and Jones. Completion will be 2025-2026. Prairie Ave has begun concrete repair. There is a lot of paving projects. Kayak Park finally has been awarded the design. Ben Valdez asked about Cheyenne, Andrew said he will send those to him. Revitalizing Main Street Program awarded to update pedestrian lighting along Abriendo from Orman to I-25. Melanie Turner asked if the next grant will be for other big projects.*

Ben Valdez said that Free Fare has increased ridership by 2500-3500 in the first 2 weeks. He said that he has seen former riders that haven't rode in quite a few years. He also mentioned that is he partnering with El Centro Del Quinto Sol for extra service for students to get them to mineral palace pools on certain days. This is also offered to El Jente. Melanie Turner asked when it ends, Ben said end of August. Ben is also rewriting the scope for the Vanpool. They are a little bit behind.

Wendy Pettit said that Pueblo County is having their last meeting for Hwy 50 and 36<sup>th</sup> Lane on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Shawn Winters said that the TAP 3 is being wrapped up with Beltramo, with additional design (Purcell & Industrial). Pueblo West & Joe Martinez trail is awaiting for an option letter with construction in 2024. There were 3 more TAP projects that they are waiting to hear back from.

## 7. CDOT Updates

### Requested: Informational

CDOT hired a new planner, Lindsey Hawkes, she will start July 5<sup>th</sup>. Transit Planner Liaison is still in the works. Geoff Guthrie said that the projects that got awarded in TAP will be getting award letters in the next few days. Pueblo West got awarded Purcell 1 and 2 projects.

Eva Cosyleon asked about Exit 104 Project, CDOT said that is still in the works.

Lachelle Davis said that next TAC they will have roll forwards.

Aaron Willis said that there is a change in the STAC meetings, August and September meetings will be hosted in person. RPP will start in August (in person and DRCOG). There will be a number of funding programs. October will be in person at CDOT's HQ. The next step will be Program Distribution before the Statewide Transportation Plan. The planning partners can make changes and recommendations to the Transportation Commission (TC). Wendy Pettit asked if the demographer will talk before or after, Aaron said that they came in January. Medora Bornhof is the new Active Transportation Section Manager (MMOF, Bike/Ped, etc...) Chris Leplan is the new GreenHouse Gas Lead.

## 8. Federal Highway and Federal Transit Updates (If needed)

### Action Requested: Informational

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

FY 2023 - 2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Administrative notification to roll forward:

### a. TIP Amend: #2023.019

Project Name: Pueblo Transit Shop Truck Replacement

STIP Number: TBD

Project Location and Description: Pueblo Transit Shop/Maintenance Vehicle(s) Replacement

ARPA Federal Funds: \$ 28,000

State Matching Funds: \$

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$

**TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 28,000**

**Background on funds:**

NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS NEEDED, JUST AN AMENDMENT TO THE NUMBER OF VEHICLELESS PURCHASED. On November, TIP 2022-2025, Amendment 2202.021, \$75,000 was allocated to Pueblo Transit from ARAP funds for purchase of one Pueblo Transit Shop Truck Replacement. A vehicle was purchased. There are remaining funds, which will be used to purchase an additional Transit Shop Truck. *This is a budget revision to purchase another vehicle with the \$28,000 that is leftover.*

**b. TIP Amend: #2023.020**

**Administrative Action:**

Project Name: Pueblo West Side Connector RAISE Grant

STIP Number: SPB6001.999

Project Location and Description: West side of Pueblo multimodal connections improvements

Fund Source(s): 2022 USDOT Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Discretionary Grant

Federal Program Funds: **\$ 16,834,725**

State Matching Funds: **\$**

Local Matching Funds: **\$**

Other Project Funds: **\$**

**TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 16,834,725**

This administrative action adds this project to the STIP in alignment with the PACOG TIP

**c. TIP Amend: #2023.021**

Project Name: I-25 through Pueblo

STIP Number: SPB3865.999

Project Location and Description: Design/construction of new interchange at I-25/US50B

Fund Source(s): FY23 Senate Bill 267

Federal Program Funds: **\$**

State Matching Funds: **\$ 5,000,000**

Local Matching Funds: **\$**

Other Project Funds: **\$**

**TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 5,000,000**

This adds SB267 funds to the ROW phase.

**d. TIP Amend: #2023.022**

Project Name: US50A MP 296 - 310

STIP Number: SR25216.170

Project Location and Description: US50 from Pueblo/Fremont County Line to Purcell Blvd

Fund Source(s): FY26 Region 2 Surface Treatment Pool (SUR)

Federal Program Funds: **\$ 5,505,535**

State Matching Funds: **\$ 1,144,465**

Local Matching Funds: **\$**

Other Project Funds: **\$**

**TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 6,650,000**

This administrative action aligns funding years between the STIP and the PACOG TIP.

**Action Requested: Informational**

**10. On-Call Consultant Update**

**Action Requested: Informational**

*City Council approved \$188k for Greenhouse Gas Travel Demand Model Update. This was awarded to Wilson.*

**11. DiExSys – Crash Data Software**

**Action Requested: Informational**

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*We currently use MS2 to track crash data and traffic counts. Hannah looks at the reports and inputs the information into MS2. Pueblo County submitted a grant to digitalize Pueblo County's Crash Data. The MPO will purchase a software license for all of Pueblo County users. This data will help us look at intersections or corridors and figure out what the best solution with the amount of money that is available.*

## **12. Complete Streets Update\*\***

### **Action Requested: Informational**

*There were two groups, north group and south group. There were 22 participants. There were 12 people that came for our virtual group. The north group started at the Library and went to Horseshoe, and the south group started at the Library and went to Hunter. Eva Cosyleon said that it was observed that the sidewalks were not wide enough on both sides of the street. There were a lot of missing ADA curb ramps, and missing sidewalk connection. The person with the stroller had a hard time with the rocks. One bus stop was not big enough if someone (Tura) was in a wheelchair, they would be blocking the sidewalk. Some of the push buttons were too far away or the concrete wasn't level, Tura said that she didn't want to tip over. The crosswalk amount of time was a little bit short, fine for an able body. The north group said that the sidewalks were not adequate for two people to walk side by side. Tura also had issues with the curb ramps because they were round and not sloped. She said that sometimes she can go up but never down them. The intersection of Bonforte and Horseshoe only had one updated curb ramp, so Tura couldn't cross. She went up Horseshoe to the next driveway to see if she can go onto the street from there, but the driveway pan was not safe. She went back down towards the Right Place and went into the street back to Horseshoe. The apartment curb ramps were not accessible, so Tura had to go around the cul-de-sac to get to the other side. Tura also had to use the parking lot instead of the sidewalk by Little Caesars. Heather Norton said that she has concerns about the sidewalk being kicked up (uneven). She also said that the 6 feet sidewalk has a lot more comfort from the traffic. The spot audit will be July 14, 2023 at 9 a.m. at the intersection of Spaulding Ave and McCulloch Blvd. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked what happens with the audit, Eva Cosyleon said that the walk audit with help build a policy. The first step was to understand what a complete street is. The second step was doing the walk audits. The final step will be a policy. This will help with overlay projects and see what kind of funding will help with improvements. Andrew Hayes said there is some funding in the City's funds and other grants to help improve concrete work. City does have funds set aside just for curb ramps. Andrew said the end result will be a complete street standard. Heather Norton said there's a problem where the asphalt meets the gutters. Andrew said that work is old but when it gets repaired it will be level. Don Bruestle has a concern about West and 6<sup>th</sup> Street – Northwest corner. The traffic signal pole is in a bad spot. Don asked about the placement of shelters and benches, he suggested getting state legislation for authorization for purchase of right of way. He was looking at Abriendo and W 4<sup>th</sup> Street. That bus stop there that doesn't have any shelter and is right by the street.*

## **13. Bike to Work Day – June 28<sup>th</sup>\***

### **Action Requested: Informational**

*All is welcomed to ride and stop by a few stations. Don Bruestle asked if the Chambers of Commerce is involved, Eva Cosyleon said that they are involved and will have a station. You can check this website for stops <https://biketoworkday.co/map>.*

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**14. Next TAC – July 11, 2023 - Planning Conf Room 211 E D St 81003**

**Action Requested: Informational**

**15. Items from TAC Members or scheduling of future Agenda Items**

**Roundtable Discussion**

*Roll Forwards*

*Medal of Honor Blvd*

**16. Adjourn at or before 11:00 am**

*Eva Cosyleon adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.*