

**Meeting minutes of
the TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
(TAC)
May 9, 2023
9:00 a.m.**

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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

TAC Members Present: Aaron Willis, Lachelle Davis, Rob Frei, Geoff Guthrie, Melanie Turner, Andrew Hayes

CAC Members Present: Don Bruestle, Cheryl Spinuzzi

Others Present: Macario Torrez, Wendy Pettit, Bart Mikitowicz, Jamie Grim, Jim Eccher

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

Bart Mikitowicz is with the City of Pueblo as a Senior Planner. Jamie Grimm is from CDOT's Office Policy and Government Relations (HB 1101). Don Bruestle was wanting to know the total amount spent on Hwy 50 & Purcell Blvd.

3. Approval of Minutes

April 11, 2023 Minutes*

Motion to Approve: Don Bruestle

Second: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Unanimous:

4. 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: #2023.016

Administrative Action:

Project Name: US50 West

STIP Number: SPB7004.999

Project Location and Description: US50A Pueblo Regional Pond G at MP 309.5

Fund Source(s): Region 2 FY25 Permanent Water Quality (PWQ) Pool

Federal Program Funds: \$ 128,325

State Matching Funds: \$ 26,675

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 155,000

Adding additional funds:

\$155,000 in additional funds are required due to design quantity errors and additional dewatering.

b) **TIP Amend: #2023.017**

Project Name: Safe Streets For All, Action Plan

STIP Number: TBD

Project Location and Description: Planning Grant

Fund Source(s): SS4A Federal funds FY 22

Federal Program Funds: \$ 681,600

State Matching Funds: \$

Local Matching Funds: \$ 174,400

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 852,000

Adding additional funds:

\$852,000 for Safe Streets for Action Plan

Lachelle Davis asked how it would work since it has been removed from the region pool, Geoff said that he asked and is waiting a response.

c) **TIP Amend: #2023.018**

Project Name: FTA G-30 Transit Operating Funds

STIP Number: TBD

Project Location and Description: Planning Grant

Fund Source(s): FTA G-30 5307 FY 22

Federal Program Funds: \$ 2,804,939

State Matching Funds: \$

Local Matching Funds: \$ 1,688,925

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 4,493,864

Action Requested: Informational

5. Complete Streets Walk Audit

What to expect and why you should come

Action Requested: Informational

There will be two groups, one when doing the southern side (Jerry Murphy to Hunter) and the northern side (Jerry Murphy to Horseshoe). A virtual walk audit is May 23, 2023 at 10 a.m. or in person is May 18, 2023. We will bring supplies and just bring good walking shoes, sunglasses, and a hat. Don Bruestle asked if this would be newsworthy, Eva said that she will invite the senior living, churches, and the library.

6. HSIP Grant update*

Action Requested: Informational

The City of Pueblo got approved for 3 HSIP projects, Grand Ave & 13th St (roundabout), Lake Ave and Jones Ave (roundabout), and Pueblo Blvd & Mirror Ave (new traffic signal). There were 29 crashes in 5 years at Grand and 13th, this included 1 serious crash, 18 broadsides and 2 fatalities. This project is \$1.1m. Eva Cosyleon asked about the speed, Melanie Turner said these grants are based on injuries and fatalities. Pueblo Blvd and Mirror is CDOT's highway. There was 1 fatality, and 1 serious injury. In CDOT's access control plan, this is planned as a traffic signal. There will be a lot more businesses coming to this area, there is already a Culver's and a car wash. There will be discount tires, Barrel Bros Liquor, Circle K, Maverick, and housing. Since it is on a state highway, there was no local match. Lake and Jones had 1 fatality, 8 broadside, and 14 property damage within 5 years. It currently is signalized. Eva Cosyleon suggested a public announcement/education for roundabouts.

7. HB 1101 & SB 213 - Jamie Grim**

Action Requested: Informational

Jamie Grim said Senate Bill 213 died on Tuesday. SB 213 is the Housing and Zoning Bill to override density and affordable housing. House Bill 23-1101 is the Ozone Season Transit Grant Program Flexibility. This allows Transit more flexibility, and to hold onto the grant money (for use for marketing). They will be allowed to go on the ballot, up to 2%. Transportation Planning Regions (TPR) must include one voting member. Jamie Grim is currently working on the TPR Boundary. The boundaries have not been looked at since 1993, and the growth pattern has changed significantly. There are 10 Rural TPRs and 5 Urban TPRs. Pueblo County is the TPR. This remains the same. Lane Miles, Freight Traffic, and Truck Vehicle Miles Traveled were added. Public comments were also added. This study will be recommended to the Transportation Commission (TC). Abridged Amendment Language includes: TPR boundaries, membership of STAC, membership of Special Interim Transit and Rail Advisory Committee (TRAC) and keeping the consistency and transparency of the TPR. Factors for consideration includes: Highway and Transit Corridors, Transit District Boundaries, Disproportionately Impacted Communities, Miles Traveled (VMT, Truck VMT, Transit Vehicle Revenue Miles, and Lane Miles), Population Trends, Safety and Management Considerations, Travel Patterns (Commuting, Commercial Traffic, Freight Movement, Tourism Impacts, and Other Travel Patterns), Transit Oriented Development And Access to Affordable Housing, Communities of Interest, Air Pollutant, Criteria Pollutants, and Greenhouse Gas Pollutants. CDOT will be having a few public meetings.

8. Bike to Work Day – June 28th

Action Requested: Informational

Colorado Bike to Work Day is June 28th. Eva Cosyleon is working with the Chambers of Commerce, the City of Pueblo, and the Health Department. She thinks that whoever has the most people will get a bike rack. Eva said that it is possible to change the date because of the hot weather.

9. PACE Public Meeting – June 7th

Rawlings Library – Bret Kelly B Room at 5:15 p.m.

Action Requested: Informational

Pueblo Active Community Environments (PACE)– Biking Community – will have a public meeting at 5:15 p.m. on June 7th. This will be an evening quarterly meeting.

10. Other Local Agencies Updates

Action Requested: Discussion

Melanie Turner said that Ridge and Abriendo paving is wrapping up. Cleveland and Goodnight, Troy, Cheyenne, 18th St, and 11th St is on the list to be paved. Andrew Hayes said that the draft IGA is being worked on for the RAISE Grant. Prairie has been approved for concrete improvements; pavement is in advertisement. Completion will be by October. Andrew is working on the 2024 project list. They will be using the Road Assessment Map (<https://opendata-puebloco.hub.arcgis.com/apps/a4bc7a49f1244f09a7e1697f3694cb59/explore>). Don Bruestle asked about the funding and where it was from, Andrew said that the Mayor contributed \$5m/year along with the \$5m from resident's. There are some roads that are on the waiting list because it needs some other work completed before paving. Eva asked if everything is looked at when a street needs paved, Andrew said that they do look at that and sometimes the utility can be put underground. Don Bruestle asked about the West Side Connector, Andrew said that there will be improvements to 70 bus stops, a new street called Sun Mountain Blvd (between Spaulding and 24th St), and design/planning/ROW acquisition for a new 24th Street bridge. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked how the roadway assessment map was made, Andrew said that they hired a consultant. Geoff Guthrie asked what scoring would be the yellow lines, Andrew said there is another map with the TCI scale.

Wendy Pettit said that Pueblo County did receive a grant for traffic modeling.

11. CDOT Updates

Requested: Informational

Geoff Guthrie said there is Categorical Exclusion Training on May 24th at CDOT. Today marks the start of the Biannual Colorado Association of Transit Agency Conference. This includes all Rural and Urban Transit. Front Range Passenger Rail District and CDOT Staff will kick off stakeholder meetings. Service Development Plan (SDP) will outline the frequency of the trains, where the stops are located, infrastructure upgrades, financial support, amenities, and connections. Ridethefrontrange.com. Don Bruestle asked if ROW has been identified, Geoff says the joint line between Pueblo and Colorado Springs has been, trains can reach up to 120 MPH.

Rob Frei said that Planning position is in process of applications then interviews, and Geoff's replacement will be posted this week.

Aaron Willis said that Darius Pakbaz is the new Division Director.

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

Action Requested: Informational

13. Next TAC – June 13, 2023 - Planning Conf Room 211 E D St 81003

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Action Requested: Informational

Eva Cosyleon asked if this location would be the best location. Wendy Pettit said that there are scheduling conflicts, but this location is not a problem. She will check with Pueblo County. Other members said they liked the location.

Eva Cosyleon asked if the agenda should be moved around, Melanie Turner said that the TIP amendments should be last. Eva said that would be fine unless they need approval.

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

Roundtable Discussion

Wendy Pettit asked about roll forwards, Geoff said they will start that Wednesday.

15. Adjourn at or before 11:00 am

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