

MINUTES
PUEBLO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, August 28, 2025

A meeting of the Pueblo Area Council of Governments was held on Thursday, August 28, 2025. The meeting was held in person and virtually via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by PACOG Vice Chair, Chris DeLuca at 12:05 p.m.

Roll Call: (Wendy Pettit) It was determined a quorum was present.

Members Present were:

Dennis Flores-City Council	Miles Lucero – County Commissioner
Ed Gutierrez-Salt Creek Sanitation	Roger Gomez – City Council
Paula McPheeters -County Commissioner	Karim Ayoub-Colorado City
Chris DeLuca-Dist. 70	Brett Boston -City Council
Joe Latino – City Council	Mike Cafasso-Board of Water Works
William Thiebaut -Dist. 60	

Members Absent:

Regina Matri – City Council	Sarah Martinez – City Council
Zach Swearingen- County Commissioner	

Staff and Executive Directors:

Wally Wallace, PMB	Eva Cosyleon PACOG MPO
Carla Sikes, PACOG Attorney	Hannah Haunert-PACOG MPO
Wendy Pettit, PACOG Recording Secretary	Dylan Goodman PACOG MPO
Jennifer Wagoner, Dept Planning Mgr.	

Also Present Were:

Laura Leyba, ADA	Matt Jagow, CDOT
Don Bruestle PACOG TAC	Jeff Van Meter, CDOT
Jennifer Sparks , CDOT	Amber Shipley, CDOT
Terry Hart, Transportation Commissioner	Adam Lancaster, CDOT
Geoff Guthrie-CDOT	

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Minutes of July 24, 2025, PACOG Meeting were presented and approved with a motion from Mr. DeLuca and a second from Mr. Cafasso.
2. The PACOG Board accepted the resignation of Mr. Mark Aliff as chair, and appointed Councilor Brett Boston as the chair for the remainder of the year. Mr. Boston was the Treasurer and will remain the Treasure with the duties of the chair added to his position on the PACOG Board. This change was approved by a motion from Councilor Gomez and a

second from Commissioner Lucero. Mr. Boston then presided over the rest of the August meeting.

3. The MPO Consent item was covered by Mrs. Eva Cosyleon the MPO manager. The Unified Planning Work Program needed to have Board approval for fiscal year 2026 funding and work to be completed . This approval also sets the basis for the grant funding to be received for the MPO to operate, finish the long-range transportation plan, keep the transportation projects updated and records the transit needs of the community. A motion was made by Mr. Cafasso and seconded by Councilor Flores, with unanimous approval.

REGULAR ITEMS:

1. Chairperson's Report:

- Lunch Appreciation - Thank You to the Salt Creek Sanitation Dist. for providing Lunch.

2. Transportation Information:

- Transportation Commission Update from the August 2025 meeting-Terry Hart gave a report for the topics covered at the August transportation Commission meeting. He shared information on CDOT property disposals. Due to the new Transportation Commission commissioners, and the fact there were several questions presented to CDOT by local elected representatives, an overview training session was done for everyone to understand the processes. The Transportation Commissioners had an update on the long-range transportation plan progress and a reminder that the comment period for the plan was ending for anyone wanting to give comments. The passenger rail efforts were also updated, and a rural roads presentation was given for information on funding programmed onto those needs in rural Colorado. The report shows that 2,500 miles of rural roads have been improved by paving and chip sealing. CDOT is needing to keep the rating on poor roads under 5 percent, and with the rural roads improvements the poor rating is back around 2.3 percent. The transit enterprise gave an update on their processes and projects and showed their funding programming and funding balances. The Fuel impact Enterprise had funding that the TC needed to roll forward to FY 2026, The TC assigned members to their committees, and had a short retreat to get to know the new members. Mr. Hart will be serving on the innovative mobility committee.
- State Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) August 2025 Meeting update – Meeting information was given by Wendy Pettit.
 - New Commissioners sworn in
 - Transit Connections Study
 - Winter Maintenance
 - Property Disposal motion pulled
 - Budget Amendments
 - FY26 Annual Transportation Appropriation passed through House and Senate committees,
 - Quick overview of CDOT's Division of Transit & Rail, growth of Bustang over the past decade, and coming expansion of Passenger Rail.

- An Aeronautics Program Overview was given. See the meeting packet for detailed information.
 - Recap the past year of the 2050 Statewide and Regional Planning Process.
- CDOT Project List information – Updates were given by Ms. Jennifer Sparks. She went over projects in the Pueblo area in progress and she spoke on the bridge removal from US 50 over I-25 and the closures that will be happening in conjunction with the removal. She also Introduced the new Maintenance Supervisor for CDOT region 2. Jeff Van Meter has replaced Dwayne Gamon after his retirement.
 - Mr. Matt Jagow from CDOT gave an update to the PAOCG Board on the SH 45 feasibility study. The report and the PowerPoint were included in the meeting packet for specific details of the options and configuration changes. The SH 45 feasibility study has led to changes in the 10 year funding allocations for the Pueblo area.

All transportation information is included in the packet information for further review.

3. Information Items:

MPO Staff Reports:

- a . Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) request(s) the following projects into the FY 2025 –2028 Pueblo Area Council of Governments Transportation Improvement Program (PACOG TIP)

Action Required: Informational

TIP Amend 2024.013.02
Project Name: City of
Pueblo Northern Ave.
Phase 3 STIP Number
SR25079.078
Fund Source(s): MMOF

Fund Source	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
MMOF State	\$-	\$ -	\$-	\$-	\$ 513,841	\$513,841
MMOF Federal	\$-	\$693,494	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$693,494
TAP Federal	\$-	\$351,244	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$351,244
TAP Local	\$-	\$87,811	\$-	\$-	\$ -	\$87,811

Total	\$-	\$1,132,549	\$-	\$-	\$513,841	\$1,646,390
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Note: Addition of new funding (2029) + existing funding

- b. 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)** - Update was given on the processes of the PACOG Moves the Region survey, this survey input will allow for exact needed project locations and issues to be entered into the long-range transportation plan, the comprehensive safety plan should be adopted by Council soon and this will allow for the region to apply for funding to implement projects.

4. Other Business:

- None; No new business was brought up, no public comments were given, and no future agenda items were submitted.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. The next meeting of the Pueblo Area Council of Governments is scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 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.