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A meeting of the Pueblo Area Council of Governments was held on Thursday, December 12, 2024. The meeting was held in person. The meeting was called to order by PACOG Chairman, Mark Aliff at 12:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Members Present were:

Mike Cafasso-Board of Water Works	Zach Swearingen -County Commissioner
Ed Gutierrez-Salt Creek Sanitation	Mark Aliff- City Council
William Thiebaut -Dist. 60	Harry Hochstetler-Colorado City
Chris DeLuca-Dist. 70	Danya Esgar -Pueblo County
Brett Boston -City Council	Dennis Flores-City Council
Roger Gomez -City Council	

Members Absent:

Regina Matri – City Council	Sarah Martinez -City Council
Joseph Latino -City Council	Heather Graham – Mayor City of Pueblo
Doug Proal -Pueblo West	Eppie Greigo- County Commissioner

.Also Present Were:

Sarah Skinner -Pueblo County	Eva Cosyleon PACOG MPO
Bryan Wallace-PMB	Sarah Skinner-Pueblo County
Laura Leyba, ADA committee	
Don Bruestle PACOG TAC	
Sabina Geniso, Pueblo County	Carmen Howard-Pueblo County
Hanah Haurert-PACOG MPO	

PACOG Chair, Mark Aliff called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS; none

Roll call was taken, and it was determined there was a quorum present for the meeting.

The consent agenda was first on the agenda. Ms. Carmen Howard introduced the consent items for the PACOG business. The consent agenda consisted of the Minutes of October 24, 2024 Meeting, September 2024 Financial Report, ADA minutes for October and November 2024, PACOG Meeting Dates, and 5 resolutions as follows: PACOG budget adjustments to the adopted 2024 Budget, Retaining the Services of McPherson, Goodrich, Paolucci, and Mihelich, PC to Perform Bookkeeping Services for PACOG, the Assignment and Novation Agreement for Professional Services Between the Pueblo Area Council of Governments and RESPEC, Designating a Place for the Posting of Notice of Public Meetings of the Pueblo Area Council of Governments, the implementation of the FY2025 agreement for Land use Planning and Administration work program.

The MPO consent agenda was presented next. Ms. Eva Cosyleon, the MPO manger presented her items for approval. She had three resolutions to be acted upon they areas follows:

1. A RESOLUTION AMENDING The 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) ASSIGNING FY 2029 REGIONAL PRIORITY PROGRAM (RPP) FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,800,000.00 ,

2. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2025 COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONSOLIDATED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PUEBLO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL TO EXECUTE SAME

3. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2025 DELEGATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PUEBLO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (PACOG) AND THE CITY OF PUEBLO FOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING SERVICES, AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL TO EXECUTE THE SAME, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE URBAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING DIVISION TO ADMINISTER THE AGREEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The entire consent agenda was acted up by a motion from councilor Flores and seconded by Board member Cafasso.

PACOG Budget Hearing was next on the agenda. The chair opened the hearing, asked for public comment and discussion, and closed the hearing after it was determined there were no comments or items of discussion. The budget consisted of three resolutions to be adopted. They were as follows: A Resolution Approving the Pueblo Area Council of Governments' (PACOG) FY 2025 Membership Contribution Schedule for Administration and Insurance, A Resolution Approving the FYY 2025 Budget for the Pueblo Area Council of Governments, A Resolution Directing the Pueblo County Planning and Development Department to Implement the FY 2025 Work Program and Appropriating Funds for Said Work Program. Each item was taken separately. The 2025 Membership contribution was motioned for approval by Councilor Gomez and seconded by Mr. Hochstetler. The budget approval was motioned for approval by Councilor Gomez and seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, and the Work Program was motioned for approval by Councilor Gomez and seconded by Mr. Gutierrez as well.

***Regular Items:***

1 Chairperson's Report:

Lunch Appreciation: Mr. Aliff thanked the Pueblo District 70 for the catered lunch.

2 Transportation Items:

1. Terry Hart was not present to give the CDOT Transportation Commission Report

2. The November STAC report was given by Wendy Pettit.

a. IIJA programs may have substantial changes with the new federal administration.

- b. CDOT budget is being updated due to state shortfall. New figures are estimated to be \$2.1 to \$2.2 billion dollars
- c. STAC work plan was discussed and agenda items for the FY 2025, meetings were discussed.
- d. STAC members want to make sure they can add value to the TC discussions and that they have the ability to better integrated and more aligned with the TC decision making processes.
- e. Erik Sabina gave an update on the statewide travel survey. He said the process was going well, and they should be done by the end of march and will have a projected report for presentation in September.
- f. The 2050 plan was update was given, the current efforts being worked on are the updates of the active transportation plan and the transit plan.

Next STAC Meeting is January 9<sup>th</sup> 2025

3. Jennifer Sparks the CDOT South Program engineer, gave the CDOT project update. The project list is included in the PACOG meeting packet for further information. She stated the I-25 surfacing project south of town will be going into a winter shut down, most of the work is done, there are some punch list items and some remaining guardrail and patching to be done. She also highlighted the US 50 B Interchange project, the groundbreaking has been done, and the clearing and grubbing stage has begun. The SH 96 grant funding has been transferred and Region 2 is working to get the fund into the projects to begin design. The capital funds will be available in 2025 for an application form the construction needs. Hopefully they will be awarded funds. Exit 108 will be the site for the new rest area location, it will also have freight parking and a mobility hub. This combination of assets will help with the needed funding to construct the interchange. The traffic project at US 50 and Baxter Road will have bids opened December 12<sup>th</sup> and should be awarded shortly thereafter.

#### **MPO Staff Report** (Eva Cosyleon, MPO Manager)

1. **2022-2023 Pueblo County/City Top Crash Locations and Fatal Locations\*** – Ms. Hannah Haurert gave a brief Presentation and shared information on the crashed that have occurred in the Pueblo County area. The presentation with the data details is included in the PACOG packet materials under the MPO items. Dist. 60 Rep, William Thiebaut asked a question about the students in the City getting safely back and forth to school. He asked if there was data to show any types of patterns for school activities in the accident records, the Dist. 60 Board recently passed and sent a resolution to CDOT asking that in this next planning cycle that they look at the state highways in Pueblo where the schools are located and that the crossing of the highway is necessary to get to and from school be monitored by the Department for issues and solutions. This will allow for a safer environment for the kids to get to school. Councilor Flores asked what is done with the Data? What happens after the data is gathered? The MPO responded that the data is looked at for Highway Safety grants for improvements, The City engineer looks at the data for traffic volumes, and for crashes, and looks for improvements needed in each location where the schools are in the City, they look specific issues. Region 2 is also doing a vulnerable road user survey. They are looking for solutions for non-motorized travel. Councilor Flores asked why pedestrian bridges are not utilized more, the answer is with the limited funds available for pedestrian projects, Ms. Cosyleon said that the cost of the ped bridges makes them not a realistic option for

pedestrian projects. Crossing guards were also bought up as a solution at busy Intersections. Councilor Flores also brought up distracted driving, the officer needs to fill out the distracted driving area for the Information to be shared about the accident. Councilor Aliff stated that the enforcement of the speeding and traffic issues is a huge problem in Pueblo due to the shortfall of police officers in the community. The City needs more of a consistent presence of officers in the problem areas.

**2. Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) request(s) the following amendment projects into the FY 2025 –2028 Pueblo Area Council of Governments Transportation Improvement Program (PACOG TIP)**

a. TIP Amend 2024.010.02 Administrative Amendment

Project Name: US50C & Baxter Rd

STIP Number: SR26646.999

Project Location and Description: Intersection improvements at US50 (Business) and Baxter Road

Fund Source(s): FY25 & FY27 Region 2 Hotspot Pool (HOT)

Fund Source	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
HOT - Federal	0	\$358,838	0	(\$358,838)	0	0
HOT - State	0	\$74,593	0	(\$74,593)	0	0
Total	0	\$433,431	0	(\$433,431)	0	0

Notes: Moves Hotspot funding from FY27 to FY25

b. TIP Amend 2024.001.04 Administrative Amendment

Project Name: I-25 through Pueblo

STIP Number: SPB3865.999

Project Location and Description: Reconstruction of an existing interchange at US50B and I25A

Fund Source(s): FY25 Region 2 Regional Priorities Program (RPP)

Fund Source	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
RPP - Federal	0	\$1,400	0	0	0	0
Total	0	\$1,400	0	0	0	0

Notes: Programs an additional \$1,400 RPP federal funding Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 to the Right-of-Way

c. **Other Transportation Matters**

**Action Requested: Discussion if necessary**

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**REGULAR ITEMS Cont.**

**5. Ballot Votes for Board vacancies:**

A) Pueblo Human Relations Commission

**Action Required:** Approve by ballot vote

B) Community Services Advisory Commission (CSAC)

**Action Required:** Approve by ballot vote

6. Next New Business was called for with no new items brought forward.

**ADJOURNMENT of the regular meeting was made by Mr. Aliff at 1:33pm (WJP)**

***The next meeting of the Pueblo Area Council of Governments is to be held on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at the PUEBLO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 101 WEST 10TH STREET, FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM the meeting will be held in-person and virtually via Zoom.***

**INDIVIDUALS REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY PACOG AT (719) 553-2259 AT LEAST TWO (2) WORKING DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.**

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