Pueblo Area Council of Governments
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Transportation Planning Region (TPR)

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Meeting minutes of the
Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC)
September 8, 2026
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
City Annex Building 4th Floor Room 422 – 101 W Riverwalk, Pueblo, CO 81006
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1. **Call Meeting to Order –** Chairwoman Cheryl Spinuzzi called the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

MPO Present
☒Eva Cosyleon
☒Hannah Haunert
☒Dylan Goodman

CAC Members Present
☒Laura Leyba
☒Don Bruestle
☒Richard Arko
☐John Wark
☒John Buttram
☒Chuck Aksamit
☐Matt Pujol
☒Cheryl Spinuzzi
☐John Chrisman
☐Tura Cowan

Pueblo County
☒Joe Peoria
☒Sarah Skinner

TTC Members Present
☐Amanda Hobson
☒Greg George
☒Ben Valdez
☒Helen Dupree
☐Andrew Hayes
☒Shawn Winters
☐Greg Pedroza
☒Jim Eccher

FTA/FHWA Members Present
☐Emma Belmont
☐Aaron Bustow

City of Pueblo
☐Luann Martinez
☒Macario Torrez
☐Chuck Lopez
☒Molly Evans

CDOT Members Present
☒Lindsey Jaquez
☐Kathleen Collins
☒Geoff Guthrie
☒Scott Skinner
☒Jennifer Sparks
☒Matt Jagow
☒Rob Frei
☒Lachelle Davis
☐Lindsay Miller
☒Aaron Willis
☐Laurel Jones
☐Jason Nelson
☒Mike Vigil (Local Agency Coordinator)
☐Leslie Ralston

Pueblo West Metro
☒Sherry Reed
☒Carol Cosby
☒Kurt Long

☒Wendy Pettit
☒Abe Amerndariz **CSUP** ☐Saqib Gulzar **SRDA** ☒ Frank Roberts

Envida ☒Eric Esch

Others Present:
☐Dale Johnson (School District 60) ☐ Dustin Perkey ☐ Mark Dominguez (RockSol) ☐ John Holzwarth (Bolton and Menk) ☒Clare Haley (Bohannan Huston) ☐ Dina Godinez (Pueblo Area Agency on Aging) ☐ Reinaldo Maristany (CDOT) ☒ Elizabeth Cramer (FHWA) ☒Michael Snow (CDOT)

3. **1:35-1:37: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) & Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) updates – Liz Cramer or Emma Belmont**
Action Requested: Informational

ACTION ITEMS:

4. **1:37-1:38: Approval of the August 11, 2026 Minutes***
Motion to Approve: Don Bruestle
Second: Greg George

5. **1:38-1:43: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) request the following project into the Fiscal Year 2027 –2030 Pueblo Area Council of Governments Transportation Improvement Program (PACOG TIP)* - see attachment**

a. **TIP Policy Amendment 2027.28 – Greg George (Pueblo County)**
Project Name: Connecting Communities
Description of Action: Transfer of all non-RAISE funding to a new project
Project Description: Construction of a trail along Medal of Honor Blvd and a Trail along Pueblo Blvd. from 24th St. to the River Trail

b. **TIP Policy Amendment 2027.41 - Greg George (Pueblo County)**
Project Name: Medal of Honor Trail
Description of Action: Transfer of all non-RAISE funding from Connecting Communities to this project Wilson is hired to do the design.
Motion to Approve for A and B: Laura Leyba
Second: Helen Dupree

c. **TIP Policy Amendment 2027.44 – Jen Sparks (CDOT)**
Project Name: I-25 Pueblo Bridge Preventative Maintenance
Description of Action: Programs $1,017,480 Construction Bridge Program (CBP) Fiscal Year (FY)27
$4,551,441 CBP FY28
$294,990 CBP FY29
Project Description: Mile post from 92 to mile post 102, repairing concrete, replacing expansion devices, etc…
Motion to Approve: Molly Evans
Second: Greg George

d. **TIP Policy Amendment 2027.42 – Matt Jagow (CDOT)**
Project Name: US50C Avondale Vulnerable Road Users (VRU)
Description of Action: Adding funding to HAZ FY2027 and FSA 2027
Project Description: Update and extend existing sidewalk, curb/gutter along US50C from Avondale Blvd to North Lane (Avondale Elementary School).
Motion to Approve: Helen Dupree
Second: Greg George

e. **TIP Policy Amendment 2027.43 - Matt Jagow (CDOT)**
Project Name: CO96A PACOG Signal Replacements ~MP 56-57
Description of Action: Programs $1.3M SGA FY27 and $1.3M SGA FY27 for a total of $2.6M
Project Description: Replacement of three existing signalized intersections along CO96A at 4th Street and Hudson Avenue, Joplin Avenue, and La Crosse Avenue. Will improve ADA.
Motion to Approve: Greg George
Second: Laura Leyba

6. **1:43-1:43: Title VI* - Dylan Goodman (Transportation Planner)**
Motion to Approve: Don Bruestle
Second: Laura Leyba

7. **1:44-1:45: Public Participation Plan Amendment***
Motion to Approve: Don Bruestle
Second: Greg George
This is to amend the public comment notice from 45 days to 30 days. This is posted on our social media, website, and the chieftain.

8. **1:45-1:50: Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Voting Subcommittee**
Molly Evans (City of Pueblo), Chuck Lopez (Pueblo Transit), Sherry Reed (Pueblo West), Jared Miera (Pueblo County), Laura Leyba (ADA), and Chuck Aksamit (PACE)

INFORMATION ITEMS:

9. **1:50-2:05: Draft Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan* – public comments by September 28th – Clare Haley**
https://www.pacog.net/_files/ugd/a105ae_0f339c52e0c741fbaf925b0e246473f3.pdf
Clare Haley is the Project Manager and Transportation Planner from Bohannon Huston consultant. She went over the project scope, project timeline, gaps and barriers assessment, four levels of traffic stress, pedestrian latent demand analysis, safety analysis, public engagement findings (online survey, interactive map, bicycle audit), active transportation spines, policy recommendations, and implementation & funding. More information can be found in the document.

10. **2:05-2:50: Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Projects* - Final applications due September 18th**
    a. Operation Freedom Pass – Ben Valdez (Transit)
        i. Requests $45,000 to keep the program running as is. The full second year will surpass 50,000 riders.
    b. Bessemer Bus Stop Modernization – Macario Torrez (Transit)
        i. 3 bus stops will get upgraded with security enhancements and signage, requests $120,000. The other bus stops will have full pads, shelter, solar lighting, and signage
            1. Don Bruestle suggested good height for the benches
    c. Civic Center Trail Phase II – Carol Cosby (Pueblo West)
        i. This will complete Civic Center Trail, requests $267,535. Design this year and start

construction in 2027. Match from Metro District.

d. Pueblo County Connector – Abe Armendariz (Pueblo County Parks and Rec)
    i. This will advance the project through a 90% engineering design, this will start at Aspen Rd and Hwy 50C and head west down to San Pedro to the Pueblo County Recreation Trail along the Bessemer ditch to 25th Lane. This will connect to South Mesa Elementary trail, Churches, Business'
    ii. Requests full amount $267,595 with match Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) $56,000.
    iii. Project start Summer 2027 and completion Summer 2029

11. **2:50-3:00: Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Funds (MMOF) Update - Michael Snow (CDOT)**
Michael Snow said that House Bill (HB) 1399 eliminated 3 years of General Fund transfers and HB1398 reduced local share from 85% to 70%. Bustang will be kept whole. Long term revenues are stable and any funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2030. There is over $6.2m in additional interest (FY2025-2027). Retail delivery is slightly lower for future estimates. This means that MMOF is reduced by 36.6% in FY 27-29. There will be new funding in 2031. He recommends to not reduce or delay existing awards. He also talked about the cash management strategy. There will be $286,943 in FY31 for new projects.

12. **3:00-3:02: Complete Streets – Dylan Goodman (Transportation Planner)**
Dyan Goodman said that the MPO is currently pursuing developing a Regional Complete Streets Policy. This will guide MPO's workflow and work tasks. This will impact future MPO call for projects. Adoption November 2026 or January 2027.

AGENCY UPDATES:

13. **3:02-3:05: Colorado Department of Transportation Region 2 (CDOT R2) and Headquarter Updates – Geoff Guthrie, Scott Skinner, and Aaron Willis**
Matt Jagow said that Pete Jiminez& Hwy 47/50B and Hwy 50C & 27th Lane projects are out to ad. Bid open sometime this month and construction start in early November. Scott Skinner said that the Passenger Rail did pass their ballot initiative and will be on the ballot this year. This will support everything down south. Bustang Extension has public comments out. Eva Cosyleon said that we are giving up our MMOF to support Bustang extension even though Pueblo is not seeing a connection.

14. **3:05-3:10: Public Comments (non-agenda items only)**
Shade Structures/Trees Request– consider future projects to include tree or other shade structure on the west side of permanent seating to reduce afternoon sun.

15. **3:10-3:12: Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) request the following projects into the Fiscal Year 2027–2030 Pueblo Area Council of Governments Transportation Improvement Program (PACOG TIP) – Dylan Goodman (Transportation Planner)***
Action Required: Informational – See attachment

16. **3:12: Next TAC meeting – October 13, 2026 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Location: CAB Building 101 W Riverwalk, Pueblo, CO 81003**
Deadline for presentations are October 5th at 5 p.m.
Action Requested: Informational

17. **Items from TAC Members or scheduling of future Agenda Items**
Roundtable Discussion
Bustang Extension Presentation
RTA
2027 Consolidated Planning Grant
Delegation Agreement
Performance Measures
Hwy 45 & I-25
    a. Matt Jagow said that they are working on the scope of work and design work will start soon. Advertisement later this year and construction in 2028. He said the southbound offramp is getting improvements (widening) and is paid by QuikTrip. Chuck Aksamit asked about changes to bicycle traffic because south of there they are allowed but to the north they aren't allowed so by law they must exit. He said the bridge and to the next signal doesn't have much for bicycle safety. Matt said that they are looking into it.

18. Adjournment was at 3:35 p.m.