

**MINUTES
PUEBLO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026**

A meeting of the Pueblo Area Council of Governments was held on Thursday, January 22, 2026. The meeting was held in person and virtually via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by PACOG Chair, Brett Boston at 12:01 p.m.

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

Members Present were:

Diane Danti -City Council	Paula McPheeters- County Commissioner
Karim Ayoub-Colorado City	Selena Ruiz Gomez – City Council
Bob Di Pietro-Dist. 70	Brett Boston -City Council
Miles Lucero – County Commissioner	William Thiebaut -Dist. 60
Roger Gomez – City Council	Joe Latino – City Council
Greg Roberts – Pueblo West	Zach Swearingen - County Commissioner
Ted Hernandez – City Council	

Members Absent:

Mark Aliff- City Council	Mike Cafasso-Board of Water Works
Terry Hart, Transportation Commissioner	Ed Gutierrez-Salt Creek Sanitation
Heather – Graham City of Pueblo Mayor	

Staff and Executive Directors:

Carmen Howard- PACOG Manager	Eva Cosyleon PACOG MPO
Harley Gifford, PACOG Attorney	Hannah Haurert-PACOG MPO
Wendy Pettit, PACOG Recording Secretary	Dylan Goodman, PACOG MPO

Also Present Were:

Jennifer Sparks , CDOT	Sarah Skinner- Pueblo County
Geoff Gutherie-CDOT	Laura Leyba-
Lindsey Jaquez - CDOT	Don Bruestle
Tom Reedy-Citizen city of Pueblo	Derick Webb-BHI
Adam Lancaster-CDOT	Kacey Dykes - CDOT
Ted Lopez- EPAC	Tim Roberts-Wilson and Co

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comments were made by Mr. Tom Reedy. He stated the funding for transportation in the Pueblo area is lacking. He especially focused on the 13th Street

improvements at I 25. The group discussed the issue regarding the I-25 expansion and its impact on Mineral Palace Park and Lake Clara. Mr. Bill Theibaut provided historical context and suggested potential solutions to the issues from his previous experience as the Pueblo County transportation Commissioner.

PACOG Officer Elections, Budget committee, and new members

The PACOG meeting began with roll call and officer elections, where Brett Boston, the current PACOG chair, was elected to chair for another term, with a nomination from Mr. Ayoub and a second from Councilor Hernanadez. Councilor Hernandez and Commissioner Lucero were also nominated but declined to be considered. Councilor Roger Gomez dissented his vote for Councilor Boston, the appointment of Mr. Boston was approved by majority. Mr. Karim Ayoub was nominated and was elected to the vice chair position and the treasurer position on the board with a unanimous vote from the Board after a motion from Commissioner Lucero and a second from Chair Boston. New members to the PACOG Board were introduced, including Ted Hernandez, City Council, Bob DiPietro, Dist.70, Diane Dante, City council and Selina Ruiz-Gomez, city council. Mr. Greg Roberts from Pueblo West was also acknowledged when he arrived at the meeting. The Budget Committee was selected, the first member nominated by Mr. Ayoub was Councilor Hernanadez, with a second from Councilor Roger Gomez, and was appointed with a unanimous vote of the Board, next the required County commissioner was appointed, Commissioner Lucero volunteered to sit on the budget committee and was appointed with a unanimous vote of the Board. The secretary of the Budget committee is the PACOG secretary, Ms. Wendy Pettit.

CONSENT ITEMS

Ms. Carmen Howard, The PACOG Manager, gave a brief overview of the PACOG Board responsibilities, she went on to say the PACOG Board serves as a regional planning Board for planning and transportation needs as well as environmental policy issues. The Environmental Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC) reviews and makes recommendations for PACOG approval. The PACOG Board ensures that decisions about regional planning and investments reflect a diversity of perspectives and local priorities, it helps strengthen the regions' ability to secure funding, coordinate infrastructure needs, and improve the quality of life in our jurisdictions. PACOG serves as the primary forum for collaboration in Pueblo County, ensuring that transportation, environmental, and infrastructure decisions are coordinated at all levels, fiscal responsibility is maintained, and aligned with local, state and federal planning requirements. She went on to say that there will be an opportunity for orientation to the new members or anyone on the Board that wants to participate.

The balance of the consent items were covered, the PACOG minutes from December 11, 2025, the filing of the November 2025 financial statements, the resolution to retain MGPM as the PACOG Accountant, and the budget amendment to increase the 2026 budget for the accounting fees, and the water quality sampling and final edits on the 208 water quality plan were approved by a motion from Councilor Roger Gomez, and seconded by Mr. Ayoub.

MPO CONSENT ITEMS

Ms. Eva Cosyleon, the PACOG MPO director, had four resolutions on her consent agenda.

The first resolution was to adopt the Safety Performance Targets for the Pueblo area as required by 23 U.S.C. 150 , the MPO made a recommendation after much analysis to adopt our own targets specific to our area. The targets adopted are as follows:

- Fatalities—28
- Serious Injuries—103
- Non-motorists' fatalities and serious injuries (pedestrian and bicyclists)16

This was direction was adopted after the presentation with a motion from Councilor Gomez and a second from Mr. Ayoub with Mr. Thiebaut voting no, on the item as he feels the targets should be zero.

The next item on the agenda was the selection of Statewide Technical Advisory committee members. A call for those who have an interest in serving was made by the PACOG Chair, a nomination was made to make Councilor Hernandez the primary representative for the Pueblo Area, with Wendy Pettit as an alternate and Ms. Eva Cosyleon will represent the MPO as usual.

The MPO had two policy amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program. They are as follows:

A RESOLUTION ASSIGNING FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION 5339 FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,687,944 TO THE EXISTING PUEBLO TRANSIT FIXED ROUTE BUS/VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

TIP Amend 2024.067.01

Project Name: Pueblo Transit Fixed-Route Vehicle Replacements

STIP Number: N/A

Project Location and Description: The City of Pueblo (Pueblo Transit) will receive funding to buy hybrid buses to replace aging diesel buses.

Project Action: The City of Pueblo (Pueblo transit) will be accepting this grant award of \$15,687,944 dollars to replace the fleet of aging diesel buses with low or no-emission hybrid buses, including 4 extra buses. Pueblo Transit plans to use strategic funds (SB-267) from Plan ID 2566 in the 10-year plan as a local match to this award.

Funding Source	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
5339c	\$15,687,944	0	0	0	\$15,687,944
SB-267	\$3,900,000	0	0		\$3,900,000
Total	\$19,587,944	0	0	0	\$19,587,944

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PUEBLO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FY (FISCAL YEAR) 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) ASSIGNING FY

2026 REGIONAL PRIORITY PROGRAM (RPP) FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,850,000.00 FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE I-25 AND CO45A INTERCHANGE.

TIP Amend 2024.068

Project Name: I25 & CO45A Safety Improvements

STIP Number: SR26867.147

Project Location and Description: Safety Improvements at I-25 and CO45A Interchange

Fund Source(s): FY26 Region 2 Regional Priority Program (RPP)

Fund Source	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Federal	\$1,531,615	0	0	0	\$1,531,615
State	\$318,385	0	0		\$318,385
Total	\$1,850,000	0	0	0	\$1,850,000

This action programs \$1,850,000 in Fy 2026 for the SH 45 area project.

The additions were motioned for approval by Councilor Roger Gomez and seconded by Councilor Hernandez.

Regular Items

The PACOG chair, Councilor Boston, thanked District 60 for the lunch catered for our meeting.

Transportation Items:

Transportation Commission update: Terry Hart could not attend the January PAOCG meeting, his report was read at the meeting. The full report can be found at the PACOG Civic Plus site at: [Events • Agendas & Minutes - Pueblo County, CO • CivicClerk](#) under his line item

CDOT Update: Ms. Jennifer Sparks and Mr. Jeff Van Meter gave the CFOT update on projects underway in the PACOG area. The listing of the projects can be found at the PACOG civic plus site at: [Events • Agendas & Minutes - Pueblo County, CO • CivicClerk](#) under the Terry Hart line item.

The Statewide Technical Advisory Report was given by Ms. Pettit. Detailed minutes of the meeting were included in the meeting packet and can be found in the attachments on the PACOG Civic Plus website at: [Events • Agendas & Minutes - Pueblo County, CO • CivicClerk](#) under the STAC line item.

Informational Items:

MPO Updates –

Eva Cosyleon gave the updates for the MPO activities.

a. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Presentation* - Derrick Webb from BHI gave the presentation overview on the new 2050 Transportation Plan for the PACOG area. He is a planner for the consultant that was awarded the creation of the transportation plan . The full transportation plan can be found on the website: "PACOG moves the Region"

b. Complete Streets Peer Exchange Workshop Recap : Eva also gave a recap of the workshop content and walk-audit details that the Peer exchange participants took part in at the workshop. The discussion can be found on Civic Plus under the meeting media to hear the details of the discussion at: [Events • Agendas & Minutes - Pueblo County, CO • CivicClerk](#)

c. (CDOT) request(s) the following projects into the Fiscal Year 2025 –2028 Pueblo Area Council of Governments Transportation Improvement Program (PACOG TIP)

1. TIP Amend 2024.035.01

Project Name: CO45 Safety Improvements ~MP 0-6

STIP Number: SR27002.086

Project Location and Description: Micro surfacing on CO45 from approximately Mile Posts 0-6.

Fund Source(s): FY26 Surface Treatment Program (SUR)

Fund Source	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Federal	\$124,185	0	0	0	\$124,185
State	\$25,815	0	0	0	\$25,815
Total	\$150,000	0	0	0	\$150,000

Notes: Programs \$150,000 SUR funding Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 for this existing project.

2. TIP Amend 2024.057.02

Project Name: US50 SHIFT Passing Lanes

STIP Number: SR27023.011

Project Location and Description: Design and construct twelve individual passing lanes along the US-50 High Plains Freight Corridor between Pueblo and the Kansas state line.

Fund Source(s): FY26 Region 2 Regional Priority Program (RPP)

Fund Source	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Federal	\$44,628	0	0	0	\$44,628
State	\$9,277	0	0		\$9,277
Total	\$53,905	0	0	0	\$53,905

Notes: Reconciliation - Programs \$53,905 RPP26 to this project. This is a fund swap from Unobligated RDP FY18 funds to RPP FY26 for this project.

3. TIP Amend 2024.037.01

Project Name: Region 2 VRU Safety Study

STIP Number: SR26644.110

Project Location and Description: Tool used to identify Vulnerable Road User (VRU) presence within El Paso and Pueblo counties.

Fund Source(s): FY26 Region 2 Hazard Elimination Program (HAZ)

Fund Source	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Federal	0	\$55,080	0	0	\$55,080
State	0	\$6,120	0	0	\$6,120
Total	0	\$61,200	0	0	\$61,200

Notes: Programs additional \$61,200 HAZ funding Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 for this existing project.

4. TIP Amend 2024.065.01

Project Name: R2 Region Wide Backplate Project

STIP Number: SR26644.125

Project Location and Description: Addition of yellow reflective backplates to various traffic signal heads throughout Region 2 including intersections in PACOG.

Fund Source(s): FY28 Region 2 Hazard Elimination Program (HAZ)

Fund Source	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
Federal	0	\$18,497	0	0	\$18,497
State	0	\$2,055	0	0	\$2,055
Total	0	\$20,552	0	0	\$20,552

Notes: Programs additional \$20,552 HAZ funding Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 for existing project.

5. TIP Amend 2024.039.03

Project Name: Pueblo Transit Operating

STIP Number: SST6741.028

Project Location and Description: Transit Operations funds

Fund Source(s): FTA 5307

Fund Source	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
FTA 5307	\$319,584	0	0	0	\$319,584
Local	\$103,547	0	0		\$103,547
Total	\$423,131	0	0	0	\$423,131

Funding Reconciliation for FY 2024

New Business: None

Next Steps:

- Wendy: Send meeting contact information, PDFs, and links to recorded meetings (starting from May) to the new Pueblo West Metropolitan District director to help them get up to speed.
- Wendy/Carmen/Eva: Schedule and send out a meeting doodle poll to organize an orientation meeting for new members and ensure all new members are invited.
- Eva: Present the greenhouse gas transportation report to the Transportation Commission on February 18th.
- All members: Review the draft long-range transportation plan on PACOGMovesTheRegion.com and submit comments/feedback by March 1st.
- Eva/Board: Ensure quorum and attendance at the April 2026 meeting for adoption of the long-range transportation plan.
- Eva/Staff: Organize and conduct a walk audit for board members (if there is interest, as suggested by Eva).
- Eva/Staff: Begin update of the bicycle and pedestrian master plan with Bohannon Huston (noted as starting very soon).
- Eva: Follow up Ben (Pueblo Transit) regarding the disposition of old buses (auction, repurpose etc.).

Future Agenda Items: No new items were brought up for February's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm