



**Meeting minutes of
the TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
(TAC)**

October 10, 2023

9:00 a.m.

211 E D Street, Pueblo, CO 81003

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1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairwoman: Eva Cosyleon

Time of Call: 9:00 a.m.

MPO Members Present: Eva Cosyleon, Hannah Haurert

*TAC Members Present: Aaron Willis, Geoff Guthrie, Shawn Winters, Lindsey Jaquez,
Lachelle Davis, Ben Valdez, Greg Pedroza*

CAC Members Present: Don Bruestle, Cheryl Spinuzzi, Richard Arko

*Others Present: Macario Torrez, Wendy Pettit, Chuck Lopez, Isabel Rollins, Luann
Martinez, Scott Hobson, Andrew Hayes, Greg George, Amanda Cesar, Brittany Hansen,
Rob Frei, Glenn Krause, Jacob Kershner*

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

*Jacob Kershner is the Performance Program Manager for CDOT. There were no public
comments.*

3. Approval of Minutes

August 8, 2023 Minutes*

Action Required: Approve/Disapprove

Motion to Approve: Ben Valdez

Second: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Unanimous:

4. PACOG RPP FY25-28 Updates*

Action Required: Approve/Disapprove

Geoff Guthrie said this is just informational. He said that the CDOT is going to add \$800k to FY 2028. It is named I-25 Pueblo Safety Improvements. These will be spent at various locations which are yet to be determined. RPP is Regional Planning Priorities, this is from the STIP (Statewide Transportation Improvement Program). There is a placeholder of \$4.2m in 2029. Don Bruestle asked what this would include, Geoff Guthrie said this might include the new interchange on Hwy 50B. Wendy Petitt said if there is a short fall on the safety aspect (guardrail), then this would cover it. Rob Frei said this may include Exit 108 too. Eva Cosyleon asked if it has to be on I-25, Rob said that it could be changed in the next few years, this just secures it. This could be used for I-25 and Abriendo. Don asked if this is guaranteed, Geoff said once CDOT gets the allocation, they will hold \$800k. On page 14, Geoff said that these are proposed additions for the 2024-2028 STIP. FASTER program will have a placeholder of \$3.6m for I-25 (MP 105-112) Phase 5. In 2027, propose to add \$1.2m to Hwy 50C @ Baxter Rd. In 2028, propose to add almost \$3m to I-25 median Barrier improvements MP 70-74. All these are fiscally unconstrained because they have not officially been given the allocations. In FY 2024, adding \$4.7m to the I-25 corridor and Hwy 50Bypass reconstruction. FY 2025, adding intersection improvements to Hwy 50C @ Baxter for \$245k.

5. Performance Measures* – Jacob Kershner

Requested: Presentation

Jacob Kershner is the Program Manager for CDOT. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Performance Management Program establishes consistent national performance measures that are being used by all 52 DOTs to track performance and make investment decisions. State DOTs are responsible for setting data-informed targets, and for managing performance to make progress toward the targets they established. CDOT established targets on October 1, 2022. MPOs can either support statewide or establish their own targets. PACOG adopted the State’s by resolution. CDOT must provide data on an annual basis, the report includes pavement data, bridge data, system reliability, and traffic congestion.

Interstate Pavement Conditions			
		Good	Poor
Statewide		42.80%	3.20%
PACOG		38.60%	4.50%
Target		47%	3.50%
Non-Interstate Pavement Conditions			
		Good	Poor
Statewide		53.40%	1.70%
PACOG		36.50%	1.50%
Target		43%	3.50%
National Highway Bridge Deck Area			
		Good	Poor
Statewide		36.36%	3.70%

<i>PACOG</i>		43.90%	6.90%
Target		36%	4%
System Reliability			
Interstate			
<i>Statewide</i>		84.30%	
<i>PACOG</i>		98.60%	
<i>Target</i>		79%	
Non-Interstate			
<i>Statewide</i>		95%	
<i>PACOG</i>		97.30%	
<i>Target</i>		94%	
Interstate Truck Reliability			
<i>Statewide</i>		1.42	
<i>PACOG</i>		1.21	
<i>Target</i>		1.46	

There are 3 out of the 87 bridges that are poor. These bridges in poor condition can be applied for FASTER Funding or Statewide Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise. The average truck trip shouldn't take 1.5x the free flow travel time. For more details, you can go to CDOT's website: [Pavement Dashboard](#) and [Bridge Dashboard](#). CDOT's next steps are to determine a 4-year targets for 2025, propose new 4-year targets (if applicable), resolution by October 2024, report due to FHWA on October 1, 2024. PACOG's next steps are to establish Safety (PM1) targets by resolution on February 27, 2024, by March 28, 2025 have a revised 4 year infrastructure and system performance targets resolution. Jennifer Sparks said that I-25 through Pueblo is going to be paved next year, and Hwy 50B construction will start too. Eva Cosyleon asked what the other two structures were, Jennifer said Hwy 96 over RR and Fountain, and Hwy 96 and Troy.

6. 2023 MMOF/Carbon Reduction Call for Projects*

Requested: Informational

Available funds:

- FY 2022 MMOF-Federal-\$85,200 – this was a match for SS4A but the City has provided the full amount – this was returned back to the pool.
- FY 2022 MMOF- \$22,312 (state)
- FY 2024 MMOF -\$145,252,
- FY 2025 MMOF-\$387,826
- FY 2026 MMOF-\$400,131
- FY 23-24 Carbon Reduction- \$325,000
- **Total amount available: \$1,365,721.00**

The \$85,200 will need to be obligated by 2024 and spent by 2026. The 2022-2026 MMOF has a timeline of 10 years. A lot of the requirements overlap. Some of the criteria from transportation demand programs, and establish operate traffic monitoring. The memorandum for Carbon Reduction is included in the packet. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked if this could be used to repair the sidewalks, Eva said that the sidewalks are the

responsibility of the property owner, but it could include an intersection or multimodal trail. There isn't a match for MMOF but there is a 20% match for Carbon Reduction, MMOF can be used as the match for Carbon Reduction. Luann Martinez said that Andrew asked her to keep in mind the ADA access at the State Fair. The ADA Commission did an audit in and around the State Fair. The match is 17.21%. Eva mentioned that she did condense the scoring criteria. The top priority is safety, connectivity, and access. Safety includes vulnerable road users. Everyday destination includes libraries, grocery stores, places of employment, etc... This will also look at the reduction of frequency of severity crashes. Important key words are accessibility and connectivity to Transit. Integrates multimodal improvements to local trails and outside trails. Walk audit engagement would be very beneficial and helpful, this is a requirement. Their findings are to be included in the final design. Aging in place would include building a home that is accessible (doorways at least 36 inches, no raised threshold, entrance at grade). Don Bruestle mentioned that Regional can't require this unless it's in the law. Luann Martinez asked how alternative vehicles for MMOF work, Eva said this includes applying for EV vehicles for Carbon Reduction. This would need to be specified in the application. Don asked what are local standards for multi family housing to include EV Charging, Greg George said that they are talking about a requirement for all new multifamily housing. Wendy Pettit asked if CDOT has a way to buy electric vehicles because there are a lot of federal rules. The scoring matrix includes both MMOF and Carbon Reduction. Luann mentioned that the City is currently applying for multiple awards from CO Energy Office, and Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment near affordable housing. The MMOF/Carbon Reduction draft is due by November 10th. Final application is due by December 15th. Representatives will include the City, County, Pueblo West, and Transit. The person that is putting together the grant should be the one to present. Ben Valdez asked if we are going to cap the funds, Eva said that priority will go to the ones that need additional funds. Lachelle Davis said to specify which type of funding you are going for. The \$85,200 ARPA funds need to be obligated by the end of next year. The other funding is in a different criteria. Draft applications must be submitted in order to submit a final application. Melanie Turner asked if there is anything related to stormwater, Eva said those are from TAP.

7. Federal Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)

Requested: Informational

- *Bridge Investment Program, eligible projects are over \$100m, with minimum \$50m, due November 27, 2023.*
- *Electrical Vehicle Charging Infrastructure, this is to repair or replace existing, but non-operational, due November 13, 2023.*
- *Thriving Communities Program –*
 - i.** *Thriving Communities National Capacity Builder Program -technical assistance for nonprofits, philanthropic entities, and other partners*
 - ii.** *Regional Pilot Program – provides funding for technical assistance, planning and capacity building.*
 - iii.** *Colorado Energy – E-Bike Rebate, existing or for new programs. Deadline is November 30, 2023.*
 - iv.** *Walks Community Change – Innovative, engaging, and inclusive programs that create change and opportunity for walking and movement at the community level. Due October 16, 2023.*
 - v.** *Safe Routes to Parks – non-profits, technical assistance, \$10k to improve*

park access, due November 21, 2023.

vi. Transit Oriented Development – Transit and Development, Due today.

8. TAC ByLaws draft*

Action Requested: Discussion

Eva Cosyleon said she changed a few that had already been mentioned. No anonymous voting but proxy is allowed if voting member is absent. A representative can vote instead but must inform the MPO one week before the meeting. There will be a 30% voting membership for a quorum. Wendy Pettit asked about a vote by email, Eva said that instead of an email vote, we will have a special meeting. Wendy also asked what would happen if there wasn't a quorum, Melanie said that there is someone that can always sit in your place. Eva said that we would call the people. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked if Zoom is still a viable option, Eva said yes. Membership will be updated and identified and culled, if necessary, to clearly show who can vote. All members are entitled to an alternate who shall be selected in the same manner as a regular member. Naming an alternate can be done by email. CAC members are just community members, this includes a resident that lives in Pueblo County, City of Pueblo, and maybe a Pueblo Plex member. Cheryl Spinuzzi said we have to think about the quorum, maybe there is a selection of eligible members but not included in the quorum. Geoff Guthrie said it will be either 4 or 5 for a quorum, which is do-able. Eva asked Don if he would be the PACE or at large member, Don said he is good with that. He had a concern about the term limit not being consecutive. He said PACOG would determine if they want to go to full term. A full term/membership is 3 years, Jan to December. A representative may serve more terms in the event no other is qualified. Cheryl had a concern about the representative or the membership having term limits, Eva said that it should say appointed representative.

9. Other Local Agencies Updates

Action Requested: Discussion

Andrew Hayes said there is quite a lot of paving going on, including Prairie. There is an RFP (Request for Proposal) for the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant that will go out to bid for data collection. It will study 11 of 13 most dangerous intersections. This will record the intersections and will include pedestrian crossing against the lights. This data does not get captured in crash reports. These will be recorded for 24 hours. There will be a SS4A working group as a separate RFP. Community members, law enforcement, PACE, Schools, and other members will help identify other intersections/roadways. Don Bruestle asked when would they need citizen's input, Andrew Hayes said early 2024. Greg George asked if there is a list, Andrew said that Karim has the list. Purcell and Hwy 50 were included but might not be appropriate because of the new interchange design. Geoff Guthrie asked if this was based on crash data, Andrew said these were on the top of the list year over year. The grant has been awarded already; this is just an RFP. Eva Cosyleon asked if the consultant will create the working group, Andrew said they will facilitate the working group, running the workshop. Eva suggested having the consultant do presentations to TAC and PACOG. Melanie Turner said that Dillon and Eagleridge roundabout is in design, Jackson and Adams roundabout in design, Joplin (4th to Portland/La Crosse) is being milled and will be paved, and Court will be paved next year (concrete work right now).

Greg George said that Gale and North Mesa improvements are rescheduled for 2024, Medal of Honor Blvd is going out for bid in November, Purcell and Industrial control cabinet is being moved (light will be out for 8 hours), Vineland Hydrology project is complete, striping will start this week, Federal Highway Safety Program (DiExSys) is complete, and acquired the Pavement Management Program and has trained a few employees. Pueblo West roads (arterials and up) had traffic counts done. Pueblo County hired a few interns to do these. There is an RFP for a hydrologic study to do a 3-, 5-, and 10-year master plan. Geoff Guthrie had a concerned citizen contact him and wanted to know when the turn signal light was going to be installed. Greg George said that the MPO has agreed to do an improvement analysis, and this will determine the dedicated signals. Don Bruestle said that a gentleman asked him about Purcell Blvd Corridor (eastside (Spaulding and Purcell)), Greg said that they have counts and will send it over. Eva Cosyleon asked if Roselawn has been striped, Amanda Cesar said that it was striped last week. There will be a wider shoulder but no bicycle lane paint because it was overbudget. Aspen Road has not been striped yet.

Ben Valdez said that he has the award letter from CDOT but needs the IGA. RFP is about 95%. He hopes it will be open next month. Pueblo Transit is fully staffed.

Greg Pedroza said that a few of them visited Reno for the Reno Air Races. Reno selection team is going to visit Pueblo in the next few weeks. The first races will be in 2025. Air Races wants to see how the event will take place, this will include layout racecourse diagram, tents, spectators, grandstands, and etc... Don Bruestle asked about the economic impact, Greg said that in 2019 there was \$75m to \$100m in Reno. It will probably be close to \$50m for Pueblo area. Reno did another study but will need to wait until it is finalized. Cheryl Spinuzzi said that she is working with Brian Caruso asked if Greg wanted his contact, Greg said yes. The Air Races are also looking at more events in between the air races.

10. CDOT Updates

Action Requested: Informational

There were no other updates.

11. MPO Update and AMPO Conference

Action Requested: Informational

The new MPO Planner will be starting in the next month. The new CAC appointments will be taken to the board. Next Complete Streets meeting is October 27. Eva Cosyleon gave an update on the AMPO Conference. She said they talked a lot about climate change and usage of GIS. Climate resiliency is scenario planning. They had a lot of GIS maps, Survey 123, and audits for bus stops. Eva said they had one where Complete Streets is a bad word, Utica repainted a major corridor and there was a lot of backlash because there wasn't any public outreach. They also talked about land use and transit, new developments will look like with Transit, first and last mile. Eva will start putting together an RFP for the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). There is an atlas that only has about 30 pages of a condensed version of the LRTP that she would like to include in the next plan.

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

Action Requested: Informational

There were no updates.

13. CDOT Region 2 request(s) for PACOG MPO/TPR TIP amendment(s)*

FY 2023 - 2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Administrative notification:

a) TIP Amendment #2023.055

Project Name: K-19-V Emergency Repair

STIP Number: SR25164.079

Project Location and Description: Repairs to structure K-19-V at US50B near DOT Road/PuebloPlex

Fund Source(s): FY24 Region 2 Construction Bridge Program (CBP)

Federal Program Funds: \$ 4,968

State Matching Funds: \$ 1,032

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 6,000

This administrative action adds FY24 funds to the miscellaneous phase of this project

b) TIP Amendment #2023.056

Project Name: I-25 Resurfacing near Colorado City -MP 64 - 80

STIP Number: SR25216.171

Project Location and Description: Pavement rehabilitation I-25 vicinity Lascar (SCTPR) to Muddy Creek

Fund Source(s): FY24 Region 2 Construction Bridge Program (CBP)

Federal Program Funds: \$ 1,714,748

State Matching Funds: \$ 165,252

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 1,880,000

This administrative action adds FY24 funds to the construction phase of this project

c) TIP Amendment #2023.057

Project Name: I-25 Resurfacing near Colorado City -MP 64 - 80

STIP Number: SR25216.171

Project Location and Description: Pavement rehabilitation I-25 vicinity Lascar (SCTPR) to Muddy Creek

Fund Source(s): FY25 Region 2 Construction Bridge Program (CBP)

Federal Program Funds: \$ 13,893

State Matching Funds: \$ 6,107

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 20,000

This administrative action adds \$20,000 in FY25 funds to the construction phase of this project

d) TIP Amendment #2023.058

Project Name: US50C Drainage Improvements

STIP Number: SR26867.059

Project Location and Description: Design and construction of drainage improvements along US50C
(Santa Fe Dr)

Fund Source(s): FY27 Region 2 Regional Priority Program (RPP)

Federal Program Funds: \$ 1,407,430

State Matching Funds: \$ 292,570

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 1,700,000

This administrative action programs \$1,700,000 to the construction phase in FY27

e) TIP Amendment #2023.059

Administrative Action:

Project Name: PUEBLO/MPO General Fund

STIP Number: TBD

Project Location and Description: To Be Allocated

Fund Source(s): FY24 Federal Multimodal Mitigation Option Funds

Federal Program Funds: \$ 85,200.00

State Funds: \$

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 85,200.00

Was supposed to be a match for SS4A, City has funded the entire 20% match. The \$85,200 will be returned to MPO MMOF pool and be allocated in Jan. 2024.

f) TIP Amendment #2023.060

Administrative Action:

Project Name: Pueblo Transit 5307 ARP Act Grant

STIP Number: TBD

Project Location and Description: Pueblo Transit Computer Replacement, Capital, Operating, PM, & Paratransit Operating

Fund Source(s): FY21 5307 ARP Act Grant

Federal Program Funds: \$ 297,737

State Funds: \$

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 297,737

This is a FY 2021 Section 5307 ARP Act Grant for \$297,737.00 allocation. Per the ARP Act, the Grant provided is 100% Federal Share. This Grant utilizes ARP Act funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

14. Next TAC – November 14, 2023 - Planning Conf Room, 211 E D St 81003

Action Requested: Informational

It was discussed that we will have a November meeting and skip December.

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

Roundtable Discussion

16. Adjourn at or before 11:00 am

Eva Cosyleon adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.