

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

March 12, 2024

9:00 a.m.

211 E D Street, Pueblo, CO 81003

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Amended Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairwoman: Eva Cosyleon

Time of Call: 9:00 a.m.

MPO Members Present: Eva Cosyleon, Hannah Haurert, Dylan Goodman

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

CAC Members Present: Don Bruestle, Richard Arko, Laura Leyba

Others Present: Macario Torrez, Wendy Pettit, Isabel Rollins, Carol Cosby, Lachelle Davis, Don Scanga, Sarah Skinner, Tess Richey, Davis Swenka, Emma Belmont, Andrew Hayes, Scott Lindquist, Danell Ward

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

Emma Belmont is from Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Tess Richey is from CDOT. Danell Ward is from SRDA.

3. Approval of Minutes

February 13, 2024 Minutes*

Motion to Approve: Laura Leyba

Second: Ben Valdez

Unanimous:

4. Performance Measures 1 (PM1) Safety Targets* – David Swenka

Motion to Approve: Don Bruestle

Second: Laura Leyba

Unanimous:

David Swenka said that the targets were set for calendar year 2024 and it is a 5-year rolling average. These are projections of 2023 and 2024. They also do a trend analysis for 2024 and that is how they set the goals for both fatalities and serious injuries. They also include non-motorist crashes. Colorado Fatalities/Serious Injuries and Pueblo County Fatalities/Serious Injuries has been slowly increasing each year. Don Bruestle asked if they make a distinction between urban and non-urban fatalities and injuries, David said they do have the ability to separate those, typically is it 60% urban and 40% rural.

5. TAC ByLaws*

Action Required: Finalize

Dylan Goodman said that there were a few changes to grammar, removal of the secretary position, an additional clause if an officer is removed from PACOG - they will no longer be in good standing with TAC, if Chairperson nor ViceChair can be in attendance - then the TAC meeting in canceled.

a) Voting – allowed by zoom or in person

1. Wendy Pettit suggested keeping email votes because sometimes CDOT needs an immediate action. Eva Cosyleon said that the nature of our work has to be public and email votes don't allow that.

2. Quite a few of the TAC members are opposed to the anonymous voting.

ii. Anonymous Voting – as needed and directed by TAC

iii. Email/Mail – not allowed

iv. Proxy Voting – allowed

1. Geoff Guthrie has a concern about the 7-day notice, Eva said that they can designate a representative to vote on their behalf.

b) Special Meetings – public comments still allowed.

i. Don Bruestle said that usually the special meeting has one agenda item and once it's posted, it can't be changed.

ii. Online/zoom voting is allowed

c) Membership –

i. At-Large Citizen – allowed voting member.

Geoff Guthrie suggested adding at least one at large citizen that doesn't represent a committee (no specific group). Shawn Winters would suggest the Direct of Operational Support for the alternate. Melanie Turner had a concern about Pueblo West and Pueblo County has more members, Shawn said that they are still separate as far as the Trails go. Eva suggested having a PDPHE person, Don Bruestle said that he votes yes, and their title would be chosen by the director. Melanie said no. It was decided that the PDPHE will not be included. It was voted that the At Large Citizen will be voting member.

d) Quorum – 5 minimum voting members

Laura Leyba wants to know who breaks the tie, Andrew Hayes said it usually majority plus one.

e) Term of Membership

i. No term limits if you are representing an organization but a minimum of 3 years otherwise

ii. Abide by terms – organization will be requested to replace

With the new TIP Policy, the agencies would know that it takes about a month and a half process to get things approved through public comment and TAC/PACOG approval. TAC could review these once a year. Executive chairperson will be identified at a later time.

6. Union Avenue and Main Street – Andrew Hayes

Action Requested: Presentation

Andrew Hayes said they are still in progress for the revitalizing project for Union and Main Street. This will include the bridge up to City Center Dr. This project is in design and is currently getting potholing work done for utility locate (structure). There will be some work done on the Arkansas River Bridges but the main focus is between B Street and Riverwalk to City Center Dr. This will be revitalizing the Union Corridor. This project will expand the sidewalks to 20 feet wide and add more landscaping. Don Bruestle had a concern about the WESCO building and the narrow sidewalks. Andrew said that Main Street will be the thorough fare. He said that this project is only for the Right-of-Way, not private property. Don also mentioned that good signage will help. Andrew said some of the design will be finished when the utility locate are completed. The project is around \$16m and budgeted for \$9m. The RFP will be posted later this year. Don asked about the lot by SRDA, Andrew said that there is interest in development into a hotel site. There will still be parallel parking (2 lanes traffic + 2 parking lanes) on Union but no bike lanes, just sharrows. Laura Leyba asked if the ADA committee can get the plans to review, Andrew said there are some ADA already in the design but anytime. Laura asked about the historic and sidewalk, Andrew said they have to look at each one of them, but will get more details. Don Scanga said that CDOT's Environmental Group is working with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Wendy Pettit asked about the patio dining for the café, Andrew said that the parklets are not going to be there because there will be more room for dining. Don asked about the alleyways and walkability, Andrew said that there isn't a focus on those. The deliveries will be from the alleyways. On Main Street, there will be bike lanes from the bridge to Alan Hamel. Wendy Pettit suggested looking at the speeding coming down the bridge. Dylan Goodman asked about cutting Main Street with just 1 lane in each direction, Andrew Hayes said that there will be more traffic from Union so they don't want to do that. Ben Valdez asked if Abriendo will be able to handle the overflow, Andrew said they are going to keep the same reconfiguration. Don Bruestle asked about a pedestrian refuge, Andrew said that the scope ends at the bridge but it is not forgotten. This is a \$16m and budgeted \$9m. Geoff Guthrie had a concern about slowing the traffic Northbound on Union, Andrew said there will be stop signs at C Street and D Street. There will be restriping for left turns. Geoff also had a concern about the segment on Main between Alan Hamel and City Center for cycling. These comments are not being ignored, there are other things that need to be addressed first. There is \$2m from Revitalizing Main Street Grant, Pueblo County has contributed around \$3m, and the City has \$4.5m.

7. House Bills – 24-1313 (Housing in Transit Oriented Communities) and **SV24-036 (Vulnerable Road User Protection Enterprise Fund)***

Action Requested: Informational

Nathan Lindquist is the Senior Landuse Planner for CDOT. He said that there is \$65m for the HB 24-1313 and Pueblo Area would be able to qualify. There are no mandates for Pueblo. The locations would include where there are light rail stations, bus rapid transit stations, and frequent bus stations (15-minute intervals). The other areas are required to meet the housing opportunity goal (zoning of these areas need X amount of housing). This bill will help with funding and infrastructure (water sewer). Don Bruestle asked how this bill will help increase the affordability of housing in transit-oriented communities, Nathan said there is money for affordable housing tax credits, and funding for infrastructure. Zoning can be a big barrier on affordable housing. Andrew Hayes asked what triggers would help Pueblo be included, Nathan said that this was done back in January 2024. If we do upgrade to 15 minutes, then it won't trigger anything. There is another bill that will come out to help Transit more broadly.

Nathan did not know much about the Vulnerable Road Users, this will increase registration fees to fund

pedestrian/bicycle improvements.

8. Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Policy*

Action Required: Informational/Finalize

These will be included in the new draft TIP next month. Eva Cosyleon said that it has been cleaned up and try to be clear. Wendy Pettit asked if we ran it by Jamie, Eva said that it is still in draft form.

9. Other Local Agencies Updates

Action Requested: Informational

Andrew Hayes said there are a few pavings for this year, this includes: Dillon from Carruth to Eagleridge, Cheyenne between 19th and 29th, Court Street between City Center to 24th Street, Northern Ave between Prairie to I-25, and Alan Hamel Ave from Santa Fe Ave to Main Street. There is preservation work on Club Manor, Oakshire, Portland, Colorado, Troy, Dillon, and Santa Fe. Andrew said they are designing improvements on Dillon (Elizabeth area) from I-25 to City limit. The roundabouts that are going in this year are Eagleridge and Dillon, Berkley and Mesa, and Adams and Jackson. Ben Valdez asked if the City is going to do any educational pieces, Andrew said they are in the talks about the public education campaign.

Shawn Winters said that the Joe Martinez Trail has gone through FOR - redesign issues by the Library, Purcell Trail received sub recipient risk assessment notification letter, Civic Center Trail received award letter, FLAP (Federal Land Access Program) Bridge over Railroad by Nuckolls will be installed on April 2nd.

Sarah Skinner said she submitted a RAISE Grant for concrete for Medal of Honor Trail. Safet Streets for All is next steps.

Ben Valdez said that they are getting ready to divert the route from Northern. There is a whole bunch of projects in the works. The RFP should be posted by the end of the month for the vanpool.

Greg Pedroza said that they are in the top 3 for the Air Race, know by end of April. There will be some infrastructure improvements. Everyone needs to think about the first event of September 2025 with traffic control plans, shuttles, etc...

Isabel Rollins said that she is working with Sarah on if there can be a supplemental Safe Streets for All Grant.

10. CDOT Updates

Action Requested: Informational

Aaron Willis said there are two new staff members, Tess Richey (Region 2 Planner), and Sifa Martha Lotto (Strategic Communications/ADA). CDOT is required to have their website ADA compliant.

11. CDOT Region 2 requests the following administrative amendments to projects in the FY 2023 – 2027 Pueblo Area Council of Governments Transportation Improvement Program*

a) TIP Amendment #2023.111

Administrative Action:

Project Name: City of Pueblo Lake Avenue and Orman Roundabout

STIP Number: SR26644.103

Project Location and Description: Construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Lake Ave and Orman Ave in Pueblo

Fund Source(s): FY24 Region 2 Local Match Program (LOM)

Federal Program Funds:	\$
State Matching Funds:	\$
Local Matching Funds:	\$ 17,939
Other Project Funds:	\$
TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT:	\$ 17,939

This administrative action moves FY24 Local Match funds from the construction phase to the design phase of this project.

b) TIP Amendment #2023.112

Administrative Action:

Project Name: I-25 through Pueblo

STIP Number: SPB3865.999

Project Location and Description: Construction of a new interchange at I25 and US50B

Fund Source(s): FY25 Region 2 Hazard Elimination Pool (HAZ)

Federal Program Funds: \$ 4,268,250

State Matching Funds: \$ (474,250)

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 4,742,500

This administrative action replaces FY25 State matching funds in the construction phase of this project with FY25 Federal matching funds.

c) TIP Amendment #2023.113

Administrative Action:

Project Name: I-25 through Pueblo

STIP Number: SPB3865.999

Project Location and Description: Construction of a new interchange at I25 and US50B

Fund Source(s): FY25 Region 2 Hazard Elimination Pool (HAZ)

Federal Program Funds: \$ 4,742,500

State Matching Funds: \$

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 4,742,500

This administrative action replaces FY25 State matching funds with Federal funds in the construction phase of this project.

Action Requested: Informational

12. CPG Planning

Action Requested: Informational

Eva Cosyleon said that she is helping Ben for his outreach for his new transit routes, May 15th. The money can also be used for studies or there is discussion on Complete Streets work. Laura Leyba asked if Salt Creek, Eva said Yes. Laura was wondering about mobility, Eva said this money is for planning not concrete work. It was suggested that Laura should talk to Pueblo County. Sarah Skinner said that there might be some IIJA funds.

13. Next TAC – April 9, 2024 - Planning Conference Room, 211 E D St 81003

Action Requested: Informational

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

Roundtable Discussion

Pueblo Transit

EV Grants – Dylan Goodman that the flier is for a survey to tell them to come down south.

Wendy Pettit had a question about personal EV infrastructure use, Andrew Hayes said that she should talk to BlackHills (Devon).

15. Adjourn at or before 11:00 am

Adjournment was at 11:02 a.m.