

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

February 11, 2025

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairwoman: Eva Cosyleon

Time of Call: 1:33 p.m.

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

TAC Members Present: Andrew Hayes, Amanda Hobson, Shawn Winters, Greg George, Ben Valdez, Sean Maik

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

CDOT Members Present: Lindsey Jaquez, Aaron Willis, Lachelle Davis, Geoff Guthrie

FTA/FHWA Members Present:

Others Present: Luann Martinez, Kathleen Collins, Wendy Pettit, Abe Armendariz, Angela George, Danell

Cressey, Helen Dupree, Sarah Skinner, Scott Hobson, Logan Gogarty, Macario Torrez, Jessie Ward, Joe Peoria,

Mark Dominquez, Dustin Purkey, Laurel Jones, Jennifer Sparks

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

Joe Peoria is from Pueblo County Planning. Jessie Ward is from RockSol Consultant. Logan Gogarty is the Executive Director at Villabella Expeditionary. Angela George is the Area Manager from Gray Matter Construction.

3. Approval of Minutes

January 14, 2025 Minutes*

Motion to Approve: Richard Arko

Second: Don Bruestle

Unanimous

4. Special presentation

Action Requested: Informational

Eva Cosyleon wanted to recognize Don Bruestle for all his hard work, holding us accountable, and asking questions. Thanks Don!

5. TAC Chair and Vice-Chair selection*

Motion to Approve: Richard Arko

Second: Don Bruestle

Unanimous

Eva Cosyleon said that PACOG approved the representatives, and this would be a good time to select someone. She did mention who was on the list. Cheryl Spinuzzi was nominated but was not attending so we will have to check with her. Dylan Goodman went over the roles and responsibilities. Geoff Guthrie asked that according to the Bylaws, the chair and vice chair have to be voting members, Eva said yes.

6. PACOG MPO request(s) the following amendment projects into the FY 2025 –2028 Pueblo Area Council of Governments Transportation Improvement Program (PACOG TIP)

TIP Amend 2024.056 Policy Amendment

Project Name: City of Pueblo CF&I project

Project Location and Description: Installation of Charging Equipment in Low-Income neighborhoods and multi-family housing

Fund Source(s): Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI)

Fund Source	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
CFI	0	\$11,520,192.00	0	0	0	\$11,520,192.00
Local	0	\$2,880,048.00	0	0	0	\$2,880,048.00
Total	0	\$14,400,240.00	0	0	0	\$14,400,240.00

Motion to Approve: Richard Arko

Second: Ben Valdez

Unanimous

This was made in partnership with Citizen Energy. This means that they own all the charging stations. Wendy Pettit asked what type of money it is, Andrew Hayes that it's Federal money through DOE. Laura Leyba asked if this is residential or just business, Andrew Hayes said this will be low to moderate income neighborhoods and multifamily developments. There is not a set location at the moment. Laura said that parking will be hard on the east side if they get installed, Andrew said to keep this in mind and to have comments ready. Ben Valdez asked what levels they are, Andrew said they are levels 2. Don asked about who can update, Andrew said he can every month at TAC.

7. Performance Measures 1 (PM1)*

	Targets	
	CDOT 2025	PACOG 2025*
Fatalities:	740	34
Fatality Rate (per 100 MVMT):	1.363	
Serious Injuries:	3640	107
Serious Injury Rates:	6.701	
Non-motorized Fatalities and SI:	659	33

*These numbers are a 15% reduction from 2023 data. In 2023 there were 40 fatalities, 126 Serious Injuries, and 39 non-motorized serious injuries and fatalities. CDOT is statewide and PACOG is Pueblo County.

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Motion to Approve: Greg George

Second: Ben Valdez

Unanimous

Eva Cosyleon said that setting our own targets would provide more focus on the work that will be done. Greg George mentioned that this data is a little outdated, and would we want to increase it because it skipped 2024. This was because DiExSys did not have the 2024 crash data available.

8. US Hwy 50 SHIFT (Safety/Operational Highway Improvements for Freight and Travel) Presentation*

Action Requested: Informational

Laurel Jones said that they will be installing 12 passing lanes between City of Pueblo and the Kansas State line. This includes paired bidirectional, and some independent direction will be installed. The passing lanes will meet the American State Highway Transportation Standards. This is a designated freight route. Some challenges include speeding, and congestions. The purpose of this project is to reduce frequency and severity of crashes, more efficient travel time, improvement to the corridor, and comfortable speeds for lower speed vehicles. There will be 2 passing lanes from Pueblo to Fowler, 1 passing lane between Fowler and Manzanola, 3 passing lanes between La Junta and Las Animas, 4 passing lanes between Las Animas and Lamar, and 2 passing lanes from Granada and Holly. The exact locations have not been identified. The benefits will include safety – reduction in crashes, congestion reduction, system reliability – improvements travel times, and freight movement/economic vitality. Otero County applied for the grant and were awarded \$40.5m with a total project cost of \$67.5m. All rural funding is expected to be obligated by September 30, 2028. Don Bruestle asked if the \$57m will cover the cost of the widening, Laurel said yes. Don also asked if there are any freight companies that would choose to use Hwy 50 if there were more passing lanes, Jennifer Sparks said that they did not reach out to the companies. Joe Peoria asked if they needed additional right-of-way, Laurel said that they hope with the locations they pick, they will not need as much. Mark Dominguez asked if this is one project, Laurel said that this is to be determined. Laura Leyba asked said that this will help with emergency evacuations. Jennifer said that each passing lane is a mile long, there will be 12 lanes. There is a total of 150 miles. Don asked if there will be shoulder work to widen the other parts of the highway for future use of making it 2 lanes in each direction, Jennifer said there is FBIS for that work and is a different project. She also said that they will be looking at crash patterns, right-of-way impacts, etc... Scott Hobson asked how much RPP funds will be used and how does this tie into the strategic plan with all agencies, Jennifer sad that the managing funds are coming from the Southeast TPR, there is no money coming from PACOG.

9. CDOT Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Presentation*

Aaron Willis is the Statewide and Regional Planning Section Manager at Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Development. They are about the halfway point of their 2050 Statewide Transportation Plan. The planning process includes planning activities and outreach (vision), describe future system, and funding. This also includes a 10-year plan, regional transportation plan, 4-year statewide transportation improvement program (STIP) and a statewide plan. There will be a lot of engagement with the planning partner - Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC). There is also public engagement, these include community events, stakeholder events, county meetings, local/elected meetings, surveys, online maps, telephone town hall, and social media.

This will include the documents below:

- Long Range Regional Transportation Plan
 - Developed in each 15 TPRs
- Long Range Statewide Transportation Plan
 - Identifies goals, focus areas, 20+ year horizon, includes transit
- 10-Year Plan
 - Goals, focus areas, priorities/identifies strategic projects
- 4-Year Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

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- Funded projects over a 4-year time period

Policy Directive 14 (PD 14) is a policy that establishes the framework for transportation planning. This includes to improve key goals of Safety, Asset Management, and Mobility. PD 14 aligns with Department's Wildly Important Goals (WIGS), Transportation Commission Guiding Principles, Governor's Key Priorities, and Federal Performance Objectives. More information, go to <https://www.codot.gov/performance/data-dashboards>.

Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction – Colorado is leading the nation by developing a greenhouse gas emissions tracking and mitigation program. This is to reduce emissions while giving Coloradans more transportation and mobility options. The new standard requires CDOT and the state's 5 MPOs to provide more travel choices. This is also to model future years and to reach the emission goals. CDOT's 10-Year Plan is compliant with the new standard and helps lower emissions. CDOT is going in their 5th year of their 10-year plan, they have completed 100% of the projects in the first four years, and over 50% in the full 10-year plan. There have been 818 miles of rural roads improved by CDOT.

For the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Visualizer

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/c9ec4c30351143caaa995b6ad5ce5f44>

Aaron Willis showed us a slide of their current planning progress. He said that this will be the first time that they will have an active transportation plan that will identify targets. This will include bike, pedestrian and sidewalks. The first quarter of 2025 will have a statewide transportation survey. Aaron said that the 2027-2030 fundings are more defined than the second set of years. He suggested looking at the priorities that have been identified in the PACOG LRTP. These will be included in the 10-year plan. Laura Leyba asked about getting away from diesel fuel, Aaron said that an important shift will be to prioritize things that are beneficial to air quality. They will be doing the modeling and see where they are and if adjustments need to be made, they will make them. He said that the MPO will be required to do greenhouse gas modeling on their priority projects. Don Bruestle said that they are currently experimenting with blended diesel. This cost a bit more. Don also asked if CDOT is collaborating with the contiguous states, Aaron said that they are collaborating within Colorado. Don asked how the Federal Government will affect Colorado priorities related to GHG, Aaron said that they will continue to follow State Law. Jennifer Sparks asked if May 2025 is when the TPRs/MPOs to submit their plans, Aaron said that around the May/June 2025. She asked about MPO's, Aaron said that they are on a different timeline, but the priorities might be included. Eva Cosyleon asked if this means that we need to get our project priority list prior to May/June, Aaron said that is a good timeframe.

10. Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Option Funds (MMOF) – call for projects*

Action Requested: Informational

Eva Cosyleon said that the school districts can also apply and to make sure everyone is coordinating. Dylan Goodman said this is the release for the MMOF Grant. We have decided not to attach the Carbon Reduction Program because of the potential of being under target of the Federal Funding freeze. There is \$1,577,969 in MMOF.

Call for Projects Schedule:

- Transportation Advisory Commission MMOF Notice for Call for Projects: February 11, 2025
- Request for Information Deadline: February 25, 2025
- Draft application due: March 25, 2025 @ 5pm
- Mandatory: Submit presentation for TAC: April 1, 2025, 10am
- Transportation Advisory Commission Presentation: April 8, 2025, 1:30pm
- Walk audit done by ADA Committee
- Final Applications Due: May 16, 2025, 5pm.
- Scoring and projection selection workshop: May 30, 2025
- Recommend approval and inclusion in TIP to TAC: June 10, 2025
- BOD approval and inclusion in TIP: June 26, 2025

You are not limited to the amount of projects but can not request more money than is available to the entire

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region. There is a new project readiness check list that will need to be completed and submitted with each project. This checklist is to go over before your application is submitted. You will need to turn in a draft application in order to turn in a final application. The scoring criteria and the MMOF application has been updated. Eva Cosyleon said that we will post this on our website – pacog.net. Don Bruestle asked about projects that have been approved in previous years, Dylan said that the projects include trail and sidewalk improvements. Northern Ave Trail, bus stops with solar lighting, and trail extensions is also included. The project should aim towards the pedestrian, transit user, cyclist, and vulnerable road users. We will share questions from other agencies.

11. Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Updates

Action Requested: Informational

Chuck Aksamit said that we have started planning for bike month. He had some ideas for events, rides and awards.

12. Other Local Agencies Updates

Update on awarded projects

Macario Torrez said that the solar light project closes tomorrow, with next step to evaluate. 2,500 Veteran's rode free in January. Vanpool program has 2 new companies and 2 existing. They are reaching out with other companies to get on board. Don Bruestle asked if people are using the vanpool and which businesses are they going to, Ben Valdez said to the prison and some to the Industrial Park. Harts on Glass is one of them. CSUP will have new routes, public outreach in 2-3weeks. Ben said they are going to redo the University Route. A new stop will be by the student housing. Enterprise Rental owns the vans. Luann Martinez asked if the vans are stored at the designated drivers place, Ben said whoever they designate. She also asked if the vans are electric, Ben said no.

Greg George said that once the weather permits, they are going to start the interim improvements at Industrial and Purcell intersection on Thursday. Medal of Honor Project is progressing, currently have the culvert extension and utilities for the Detention Center. Asphalt roadway improvements bids are out now. There will be a smaller list this year because the County is going to fund Road Reclaimer. This means that they will be buying equipment to do their own in the future. RAISE Grant is on hold because of the federal money.

Sean Maik said that they are doing emergency repair work on Bonforte Blvd. Liberty and Horseshoe has lane shifts. Kickoff for the Safety Action Plan with DiExSys was last week. Eva Cosyleon said that DiExSys looked at over 30 intersections and then they will narrow it down. They will give a brief presentation next month. They are identifying areas for safety mitigation measures. Luann Martinez had a question about text funding, Eva said she will find out. Don Bruestle asked if the funds for the Union Ave Bridge is at risk (because of the federal funding), Luann said she doesn't know. He also asked if this would delay projected timeline, Luann said she was unsure. She has been getting a few different answers on funding but to do business as usual. She also asked if the Regional Grant Navigator was hired, Wendy Pettit said that the position is combined with other counties, but she didn't know who filled the position.

Shawn Winters said that TAP 4 & 5 (Joe Martinez Trail) is at 35% construction – delayed by the weather. Purcell Phase 1 & 2 is at 60% design. Civic Center Trail Phase 1 – waiting for option letter from Headquarters.

Amanda Hobson asked if we could share the Beulah Art Community meeting which will be March 20th and 21st.

13. CDOT R2 and HQ Updates

Action Requested: Informational

Geoff Guthrie said that they are proceeding as normal with any kind of uncertainty with Federal Funding.

Jennifer Sparks said that the I-25 and Hwy 50B interchange has a lot of offline work.

Kathleen Collins said that she will be attending on Aaron's behalf, she said that they hired Sean Smith - CDOT Director of Maintenance and Operations. DTD is all housed on the 3rd floor at headquarters. Alejandra Diaz is the new manager for the Subrecipient Grant Support Unit. This is to make a smooth and streamlined process for grant applications. She also mentioned that there is an update from the state and federal level legislation. There is an update from the Governor's vision 2035. The next Transportation Commission (TC) will discuss Floyd Hill Project. Traffic incident management will talk about incident response team and safety patrol. There will be a meeting of the audit committee. February Action item for TC will be for fiber optic agreement.

14. FTA & FHWA updates

Action Requested: Informational

15. Next TAC meeting – March 11, 2025, from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Location: CDOT HQ - [5615 Wills Blvd.,](#)

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Deadline for presentations is March 3rd at 5 p.m.

Action Requested: Informational

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

Roundtable Discussion

Purcell Blvd and Industrial Blvd presentation

Hwy 50 E shift approval

10-Year Priority Project List

17. Adjourn at or before 3:30 pm

Adjournment was at 3:19 p.m.