

**Meeting minutes of the
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (TAC)
October 8, 2024
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers - 1 City Hall Place, Pueblo, CO 81003**

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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: Aaron Willis, Geoff Guthrie, Lindsey Jaquez, Don Scanga, Melanie Turner, Macario Torrez, Ben Valdez, Helen Dupree, Abe Armendariz, Greg Pedroza, Tanis Manseau

CAC Members Present: Don Bruestle, Cheryl Spinuzzi, Richard Arko, Laura Leyba, Greg George

Others Present: Sherry Reed, Wendy Pettit, Brittany Hansen, Kathleen Collins, Danell Ward, Jacob Kershner, Laurel Jones, Luann Martinez, Jennifer Sparks, Rob Frei, Don Scanga, Lachelle Davis, Jason Nelson, John Holzwarth, Saqib Gulzar

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

Jacob Kershner is from CDOT – Transportation Performance Program, Laurel Jones is from CDOT – Design Resident Engineer, Saqib Gulzar is from Colorado State University – Pueblo, Brittany Hansen is from CDOT HQ, and Sherry Reed is from Pueblo West Metro – Project Development Division.

Laura Leyba said that she did the week without driving challenge, she suggested more benches and complimented Ben on how well Transit operated. Ben Valdez said that it is quite difficult to get Right-of-Way and concrete. Don Bruestle asked the biggest obstacle; Ben said the backlog of environmental work and lack of funds. It cost about \$10,000 each stop.

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3. Approval of Minutes

September 10, 2024 Minutes*

Motion to Approve: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Second: Richard Arko

Unanimous:

4. 2025 Colorado National Performance Measure Targets (PM 2 & 3)*

Motion to Approve: Don Bruestle

Second: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Unanimous:

Jacob Kershner said that the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs (IIJA) Act requires each state to establish targets and report progress. State DOT's and MPOs are responsible for establishing 2- and 4-year targets on infrastructure condition and system performance. FHWA determines that if the State DOT doesn't make any significant progress, then they must write a report outlining the actions that will be taken. There are financial restrictions. More than 5% of interstate pavements are classified as poor, and more than 10% of bridge deck is classified as poor.

MPOs must adopt their own from 180 days when the state DOT establishes the targets if they do not want to adopt the States. Adoption would be March 30, 2025. MPOs will work closely with CDOT and other stakeholders to approach the target setting and reporting, engage in regular coordination with CDOT in regard to the targets, and ensure that the regional targets align with the state's National Performance Measure goals and are consistent with the region's long-range transportation plan (LRTP) and transportation improvement program (TIP). MPOs must document the adopted targets in their RTP and share those with the state and FHWA. CDOT is adjusting their 4-year target for bridges.

- Federal performance period covers the years January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025.
- **2-Year Target**
 - Mid Performance Period runs from January 2022 to December 2023.
 - Both targets achieved.
- **4-Year Target Recommendation**
 - Revise the 4-year Good target to reflect continued improvement.
 - Maintain current Poor target.

National Performance Measure	2-Year Target	Mid-Period 2-Year Condition	4-Year Target	Recommended 4-Year Target Adjustment
National Highway System Bridges, by Deck Area, Classified in Good Condition	36.0%	37.3% ✓	36.0%	38.5%
National Highway System Bridges, by Deck Area, Classified in Poor Condition	4.0%	3.5% ✓	4.0%	Maintain 4.0%

- 2-year target reflects bridge condition as of March 2024.
- 4-year target reflects bridge condition as of March 2026.

Melanie Turner asked if these bridges are on system maintained by CDOT, Jacob said that it is every bridge on the national highway system that does include off system bridges in the area. The 38.5% good condition is the minimum with poor condition being a maximum of 4%. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked how increasing this number would help us, Jacob said that it is to help guide investment decisions.

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

TIP Amend 2024.051 Policy Amendment

Project Name: R2:SH 96 Bridges K-18-BT, K-18-AD

STIP Number: SST8000.166

Project Location and Description: CO 96 Critical Bridges Replacement – Feasibility Study

Fund Source(s): DIS - Discretionary Funding, SSR – FASTER Bridge Enterprise Funding

Fund Source	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
DIS (Federal)	\$0	\$760,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$760,000

SSR (State)	\$0	\$190,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$190,000
Total	\$0	\$950,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$950,000

Notes: Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) was awarded a Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Grant. BTE funds will be used as match.

Motion to Approve: Laura Leyba

Second: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Unanimous:

Laurel Jones said that they have recently been awarded a BIP (Bridge Investment Program) Planning Grant. The two bridges include Hwy 96 (4th Street) over Fountain Creek (K-18-BT) and Hwy 96 (4th Street) over Dry Creek (K-18-AD). These are both listed in poor condition (back in 2018) and are on the Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise (BTE). BTE bridges needs a minimum of 20 feet length. AD bridge structure has movement for vehicular traffic, but it is limited for pedestrian and bicycle movement. This is a timber bridge. BT bridge is a 611-foot multi-span structure. This goes over the railroad, fountain creek, trail, and partially over the levy. This grant includes a feasibility study. This will help with getting a project grant to help with design and construction. The ask was for \$950,000 (match \$190,000 with a \$760,000 grant).



Grant Scope of Work

Hydraulic Requirements

- Channel and Roadway Survey
 - Determine Horizontal and Vertical Control
- FEMA Zone AE
- Existing Levee Requirements

Geotechnical Investigation

- Geotechnical Report
 - Soil properties
 - Foundation recommendations

Substructure Feasibility Analysis

- Abutment location
- Pier Placement

Railroad

- Vertical Clearance Requirements as per CDOT Bridge Design Manual

- Interagency Coordination

- Review Timelines

Right of Way Impacts

- Local Business Impacts
- Historical Clearances
- Environmental Evaluation

Utility Impacts

- Existing utilities attached to structure
- Relocation of utilities

Local Municipality Coordination

- Traffic flow during construction
- Bike/Pedestrian trail detour

Phasing Plan

The feasibility study will include a hydraulic study, geotechnical investigation, structure options report, impact analysis, and construction phasing and constructability. This study will take about 18 to 24 months. Eva Cosyleon asked if this will be expanded for accessibility, Laurel said that they are going to look at it, probably under impact study. Laura Leyba asked if she could be included, Laurel said that they will be hiring a consultant. Don Bruestle asked if there will be any aesthetic/gateway to be added, Laurel said they could look at the aesthetic but not sure about funding for a gateway.

6. 2025 Safety Performance Targets (PM 1)**

Action Required: Informational

Eva Cosyleon said that usually we adopt the state targets but have an option to set our own targets.

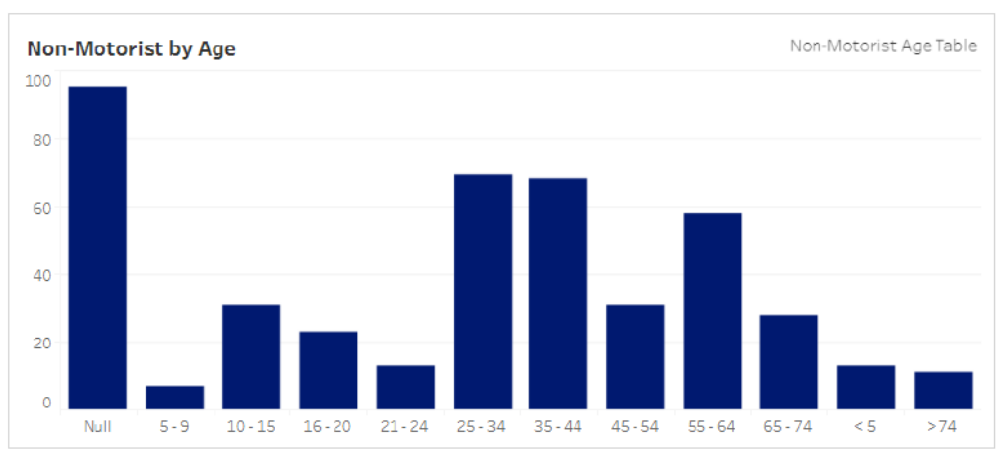
	Actual			Targets		
	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025
Fatalities:	720	716	740			
Fatality Rate (per 100 MVMT):	1.314	1.358	1.363			
Serious Injuries:	4154	3507	3640			
Serious Injury Rates:	7.578	6.528	6.701			
Non-motorized Fatalities and SI:	833	572	+ 659			

She is asking who, why, what/how, when. Who – the Pueblo Community, Why – our trends, see image above, What/How – look at crash types, crash locations, education, engineering, and enforcement, When – Grants, 10-Year Plan, and 2050 LRTP. Governor Polis wants a 20% reduction by 2027. The MPO would use 15%, this means serious injury will be 107, Fatalities will be 34, non-motorized serious injuries would be 21, and non-motorized fatalities would be 12. There are no repercussions if we don't meet these targets but if we do better, than we are saving lives. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked about people running across the interstate, higher fencing, Eva said that sometimes you can't change behavioral. Melanie Turner said that if it can't be engineered then it would be an outreach for mental health and education. Greg George asked if this is something that could be added to the Safe Streets for All(SS4A) Grant as a goal, Eva said that that would work but keep in mind the deadline. If you look at the top 25, they always include Hwy 50 & Elizabeth, Exit 101 and Hwy 50A and quite of a few others. Don Bruestle said that vehicles are getting bigger and heavier. Saqib Gulzar mentioned that SCITT (Southern Colorado Institute of Transportation Technology) has summer school every summer called National Summer Transportation Institute (NSTI). This targets middle school and high school students. They expose them to a lot of transportation activities, different modes of transportations, and safety. They also got a Congressional grant that starts in January, this will focus on workforce development. This will include different strategies that help reduce fatalities. They are also working with State Patrol and seatbelt enforcement in real-time. Cheryl asked about how many students they get and the cost, Saqib said about 40-50 students and it's free. She also asked about a small committee. Eva said that the SS4A grant is to look at 15 different intersections and do a study, the other SS4A will do public outreach and an action plan. This will help with an implementation plan.

7. Vulnerable Road Users* – Jason Nelson - CDOT

Action Requested: Informational

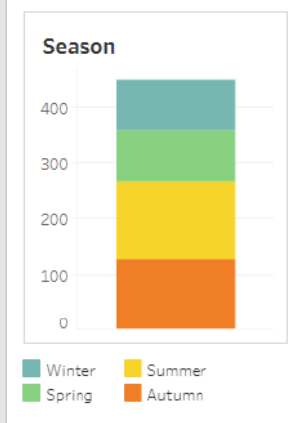
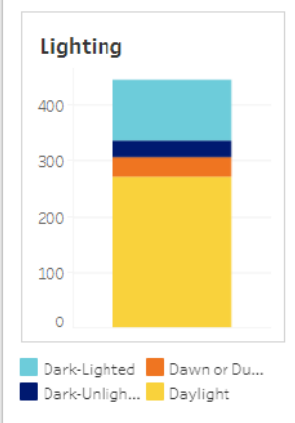
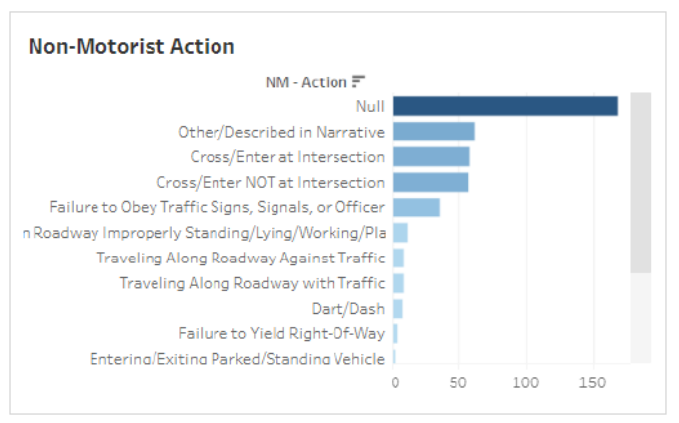
Jason Nelson is the CDOT Traffic Engineer. Vulnerable Road Users (VRU) include rolling, walking, and biking. It also includes workers (work zone), and motorcycles. Pedestrian and Bicycle fatalities account for 19% of crashes (6,000 a year). 74% Pedestrian fatal crashes usually occur away from the intersection, so it makes it hard to mitigate. This data is for the United States. Jason said that they look at road diets, pedestrian hybrid beacons, raised crosswalks, crosswalk visibility enhancements, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, and leading pedestrian intervals (pedestrian phase for traffic signal, everything is red).



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suspected with alcohol

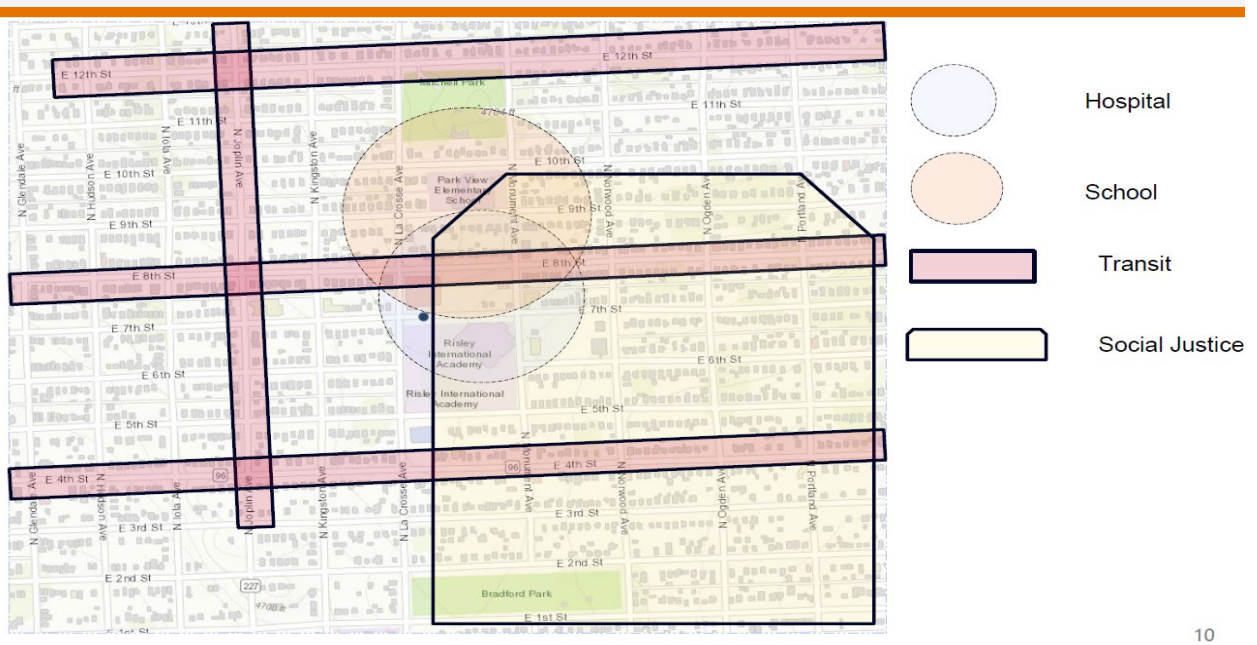
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suspected with other drugs



Jason had a few slides on the breakdown of the crashes, this includes lighting, rural, day of week, and pedestrian location. He also had a map of the locations, telling us that these crashes are sporadic. They started looking at land use – parks, hospitals, transit, etc... also look at socioeconomic or vehicle ownership shown on the next page.

VRU Crash Locations



Jason said that vehicle ownership makes a lot of sense. This means that they will be walking or riding a bike or using transit. This is also dictated by household income. 15% funds from Faster Safety dollars will go towards VRU's. There is another map that has crash data in the area.

8. Regional Priorities Program (RPP)* - CDOT R2 – Jennifer Sparks

Action Requested: Informational

RPP is a list of projects that are for years 2025-2030. This includes Hwy 50/c drainage, Dillon drive eat frontage road, I-25 safety (\$1.8m), and Exit 108 & I-25. CDOT is updating their Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) this spring. Pueblo area gets 15.8% funding. We are about 17%+ going into 2029. The \$8m will be put into 2029. The goal is to not roll it forward but to spend it where necessary. RPP is a very flexible funding, but these would be used for a popup/emergency project.

9. MMOF Update

Action Requested: Informational

Eva Cosyleon will be sending out a blank summary report to each agency for an update for past MMOF projects. This report will help determine which projects need more funds. The deadline would be in December. Ben Valdez asked if we had access to CoTram because anyone who receives CDOT funding has access to project/funding status. It was discussed that only Transit has access to that. Eva mentioned that Headquarters has used this form in the past.

10. PACOG Bylaws

Action Requested: update

Eva Cosyleon said that this was sent to the PACOG Attorney, she has minimal amendments, we have fixed those. The PACOG Bylaws were also looked at and amended. The next step is to send both copies to the board for October approval.

11. Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Updates

Action Requested: Informational

This will be a standing agenda item.

12. Other Local Agencies Updates

Action Requested: Informational

Greg George said that overlays will finish in the next few weeks. They are still waiting for the striping and interim improvements for Industrial and Purcell. The ultimate design is currently being worked on from the consultants. They will go after funding for improvements. Lachelle Davis asked about the RAISE Grant, Greg said that they had some preliminary meetings, there will be 3 phases for that project. She said that they could start doing that in parallel. Don Bruestle asked what can be done in the future to manage traffic better, Greg said that it will be between Planning and Public Works department. He said that the problem with Pueblo West is that they built before there was any of these processes. Don asked if the new comprehensive land use plan will mitigate this, Greg said yes, to the standards.

Melanie Turner said that there are paving projects on Elizabeth (29th and Hwy 50), Court Street, Bonforte, 29th Street between I-25 and Lowell, Granada, Amherst between Cambridge and Prairie, Cambridge, between Amherst and northern. Roundabout Jackson and Adams is finished. Don asked about the circular pedestal, Melanie said she doesn't believe anything will be going there. She said to talk to Public Works. The signs are a little bit taller than they need to be. Other roundabouts are still in design. Jerry Murphy and Chinook still in design. Upcoming Grants are off system bridge, due October 25th. Low Carbon Transportation Material Grant, Melanie said she needs to look into it some more but for projects that include materials that are low carbon (steel, concrete). Ben Valdez said that Granada paving will start Monday. The City was awarded for another

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SS4A Grant. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked about Whattaburger, Melanie said that they don't need a permit right now and are working through the access permit with CDOT.

Ben Valdez said that City Council will sign the Vanpool contracts on Tuesday. He will also answer questions for the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant at City Council meeting. The relocation study update is in progress, the meetings are set for hydrogen and other things. He is in a holding pattern because he needs the grant and can't finish.

Sherry Reed said their updates are Purcell Trail will wait until next year for funding for design. TAP 4 and 5 trails – they are working with CDOT and will work with Pyramid Construction. Civic Center trail will work with CDOT in 2025.

Greg Pedroza said that they are still waiting to hear which air provider DOT have picked. Melanie Turner asked about who the top contenders are, Greg said Skywest Airlines, Denver Air Connection, and a large Jumbo Jet connecting to Las Vegas and Pheonix. The airline will not start until February 1, 2025.

13. CDOT R2 and HQ Updates

Action Requested: Informational

Geoff Guthrie said that they are working on the 2050 LRTP and be on the lookout for the 10-year plan.

Jennifer Sparks said that the asphalt along I-25 is complete, there is new rumble strips and guardrails. They will finish City Center once I-25 is fully complete. She said that they are also working on the Hwy 50 Bypass bridge over I-25. Sema is the contractor for the full interchange at I-25 and Hwy 50 Bypass. There are still a few properties that need to be demolished. They are hoping this will be done by the end of 2026 but may be pushed back. They are still working on the Hwy 50 C drainage improvements. There is a feasibility study at I-25 and Hwy 45 Pueblo Blvd. The striping project along Hwy 45 is on hold. Lachelle Davis said that the Off System Grant (October 25th) and Safe Routes to School (November 4th) is open. These do require a review by CDOT.

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

a. **TIP Amend 2024.003.01 Administrative Amendment**

Project Name: I25A Median Barrier Project

STIP Number: SR27002.079

Project Location and Description: I25A Median improvements ~ Mile Posts (MP) 105-115

Fund Source(s): FSA – FASTER Safety Program

Fund Source	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
FSA– State (FAS)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 3,600,000	\$0	\$ 3,600,000
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 3,600,000	\$0	\$ 3,600,000

Notes: Programs constructions funds for this project.

b. **TIP Amend 2024.052 Administrative Amendment**

Project Name: I25C & US160A Intersection Improvements

STIP Number: SR26646.999 - Traffic Signal Pool

Project Location and Description: Full replacement of existing signals at I-25C (Main) & US 160A (7th) in Walsenburg and CO 45 (Pueblo Blvd) & Lake Ave (Pueblo).

Fund Source(s): SGA - Signal Asset Management

Fund Source	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
SGA – Federal (STBG)	\$0	\$0	\$ 579,530	\$0	\$0	\$ 579,530

SGA – State (SHF)	\$0	\$0	\$120,470	\$0	\$0	\$120,470
Total	\$0	\$0	\$700,000	\$0	\$0	\$700,000

Notes: Programs constructions funds for this project. This project includes work in PACOG and South Central TPR. This funding is for the PACOG portion of the project. Total project cost is \$1,400,000.

15. **Next TAC meeting – November 12, 2024 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – City Council Chambers – 1 City Hall Place, Pueblo, CO 81003**
Deadline for presentations is November 1st at 5 p.m.
Action Requested: Please note of location and time change

16. **Items from TAC Members or scheduling of future Agenda Items**
Roundtable Discussion

17. **Adjourn at or before 3:30 pm**
Adjournment was at 3:31 p.m.