

**Meeting minutes of
the TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
(TAC)
August 9, 2022
9:00 a.m.**

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AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman: Eva Cosyleon

Time of Call: 9:05 a.m.

MPO Members Present: Eva Cosyleon, Hannah Haurert

TAC Members Present: Wendy Pettit, Aaron Willis, Melanie Turner, Ben Valdez, Scott Hodson, Shawn Winters, Tanis Manseau,

CAC Members Present: Heather Norton, Don Bruestle, Cheryl Spinuzzi

Others Present: Lachelle Davis, Geoff Guthrie, Macario Torrez, Arthur Gonzalez, Greg George, John Buttram, J Eccher, Glenn Krause,

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

Arthur Gonzales is from Region-2 Access and Permits, Greg George is the Deputy Director of Sustainability for Pueblo County.

3. Approval of Minutes

July 12, 2022 Minutes*

Action Required: Approve/Disapprove

Motion to Approve: Ben Valdez

Second: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Unanimous:

4. CDOT Region 2 request(s) for PACOG MPO/TPR TIP amendment(s)
FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program
Administrative notification of Roll Forward Project Funding or TIP/STIP Policy amendment(s) in the MPO and TPR area(s) –no TAC or Board action required.*

Administrative Actions:

Project Name: **I-25 and Exit 104 improvements**

STIP Number: SR26867.117

Project Location and Description: **Frontage Road improvements/Roundabout**

Fund Source(s): **FY 2023 Regional Priority Funds**

Federal Program Funds: **\$ 331,160**

State Matching Funds: **\$ 68,840**

Local Matching Funds: **\$**

Other Project Funds: **\$**

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 400,000

Advancing funds:

CDOT Region 2 is asking for the advancement of RPP funds for the design of the project. The funds were originally programmed in fiscal year 2025 and we have the ability for move the funding up to fiscal year 2023 for the design phase of the project.

Action Requested: Informational

5. **UPWP – 30 days comment***

Action Required: Approve/Disapprove

Motion to Approve: Scott Hobson

Second: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Unanimous:

This went through the 30-day comment period, there were no comments.

6. **Highway Recategorization – CDOT – Arthur Gonzales**

Action Requested: Informational

Arthur Gonzalez said that CDOT is wanting to make a few changes on State Highway Access Category Assignment Schedule. There are two Highways: Highway 227 and Highway 47. The portion of Highway 227 (E 4th Street south to Highway 50C ramps) was transferred to the City of Pueblo. The portion of Highway 47 (Fountain River west to I-25) is classified as an NRA. This will be changed to a freeway or expressway to restrict access. Scott Hobson said that the on/off ramps are included with CDOT's right of way. Don Bruestle asked how it would look different, Arthur said that everything will stay the same so traffic would have to go through interior roads for new access. There will be no new access from the highway. Melanie Turner asked if the speed limit would change, Arthur said no. There is another one from W McCulloch to the Railroad on Highway 50 West.

7. **Funding Opportunities -**

Action Requested: Informational

Motion to Approve: Don Bruestle

Second: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Unanimous:

The City is looking to apply for the Safe Streets for All Grant. The first is Safety Action Plan and then the Implementation Plan. You can't have an implementation plan without the safety action plan. Eva Cosyleon said that the MPO would like to match up to \$200,000 from the MMOF remaining balance of \$478,000. Wendy Pettit said that after the Safety Action Plan, we can use HSIP, TAP, and other grants. Don Bruestle asked how often this plan needs updating, Wendy said this is the first so maybe every 2-5

years.

8. Contract for On-call Transportation Planning and Support Services

Action Requested: Informational

This is still with Purchasing Department, hopefully in the next few weeks it will be approved for open bid.

9. Green House Gas Directive

Action Requested: Informational

If mitigations were not met then the funding would be restricted. PACOG MPO's deadline is 2025. Don Bruestle asked if there can be a basic explanation to PACOG.

10. Chair and Vice Chair Roles and Responsibilities*

Action Requested: Discussion

Eva Cosyleon asked for feedback regarding the roles and responsibilities, if she needs to add or subtract. Eva said that it is important to have a quorum at PACOG. Don Bruestle said that he got a call 24 hours before the meeting, staff assistant is an essential part of the success.

11. Other Local Agencies Updates

Action Requested: Discussion

Tanis Manseau said the new Blvd Extension of budget of \$35m, they are past 30% level of design work. Contract Manager will be hired soon, earthwork will begin end of year or first part of next year. There will be groundbreaking in October for the Jail and Blvd Extension. Lachelle Davis said the Trail was awarded MMOF and that it needs clearances for the trail and it might hold up construction.

Shawn Winters said that TAP 3 (alt 2-7) has started - waiting for options letters and concurrence. Lachelle said it should be available in the next couple of days.

Melanie Turner said that the Arkansas trail phase 4 – is still being descoped and rebid. Prairie/Lake Minnequa – Dibble has been selected as the engineer; the public meeting has 30 residents. Prairie Ave completed FOR plan (concrete work), ROW in the works and awaiting from BHE for relocation. Northern Phase 3/Cambridge – CDOT for MOA with peerless tire, SHE proposal to design additional work. Union/Main streetscape – kickoff meeting in July, survey work is being completed. Eastside streetscape – plans are complete, applying for revitalizing Main streets grant (\$150,000 – match 2A Funds). Haff project is working with legal with title 6 grant funding. Ridge Dr, Northern Ave, and Abriendo Ave will be repaved soon. Don Bruestle asked what was descoped in Arkansas Trail Phase 4, Melanie said that it did include a retaining wall but will be replaced with a slope. Don suggested finding funds to do the wall. Wendy Pettit said that TAP will be available.

12. CDOT Updates – Revised 10-year Plan

Requested: Informational

Wendy Pettit said they are still processing MMOF and still waiting on Transit. Lachelle Davis said that TIP and STIP has been completed. Aaron Willis said that the 10 Year Plan is almost complete, it should be done in the next few months and comply with

Greenhouse Gas. There is discussion with the Transportation Commission on July 17th, to include overview projects Region 1 and 4. Last month was Region 2. Demonstration compliance with GHG, conversation will take place in the modeling and 10 Year Plan. There will be a new dashboard, but it is not running yet.

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

Action Requested: Informational

There were no updates.

14. Next TAC – September 13, 2022 - hybrid

Action Requested: Informational

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

Roundtable Discussion

Highway Recategorization

GHG 101

Call for 2024-2026 TAP Projects - \$2m each year

16. Adjourn at or before 11:00 am

Eva Cosyleon adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.