

**Meeting minutes of
the TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
(TAC)
January 10, 2023
9:00 a.m.**

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Planning Department – 211 E D St., Pueblo, CO
81003

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Amended AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman: Eva Cosyleon

Time of Call: 9:00 a.m.

MPO Members Present: Eva Cosyleon, Hannah Haunert

TAC Members Present: Wendy Pettit, Aaron Willis, Melanie Turner, Ben Valdez, Scott Hodson, Greg Pedroza, Lachelle Davis, Scott Hobson, Rob Frei, Ranae Tunison, Shawn Winters, Ben Valdez

CAC Members Present: Don Bruestle, Heather Norton

Others Present: Geoff Guthrie, Macario Torrez, Bob Ciszewski, Karim Ayoub, Ajin Hu, Kelly Grisham, Joy Morauski, Sarah Lowell

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

Bob Ciszewski is from Southern Airlines Express, and Ranae Tunison is from Federal Transit (FTA).

3. Approval of Minutes

November 10, 2022 Minutes*

Action Required: Approve/Disapprove

Motion to Approve: Greg Pedroza

Second: Karim Ayoub / Don Bruestle
Unanimous:

4. 2022-2023 UPWP (Unified Planning Work Program) Amendment**

- Amending UPWP to add Areas of Persistent Poverty Planning Study to Element 2244 – Special Projects and other Transportation Mode Planning
This is a Transit Planning Program; it will look at areas in need for better Transit system.
- Amending UPWP to add \$200,000 to our PACOG/MPO Budget from MMOF-ARPA-SLFRF Grant
This will add \$200,000 to our MPO Budget. This is from the MMOF State Funds (Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Planning Grant)

Action Required: Approve/Disapprove

Motion to Approve: Don Bruestle

Second: Melanie Turner

Unanimous:

Melanie Turner asked if the UPWP can be amended anytime or once a year, Eva Cosyleon said that it can be amended anytime. Don Bruestle asked if he can be informed in the future on how it progresses.

5. Southern Airways – Greg Pedroza

Requested: Informational

Greg Pedroza introduced Bob Ciszewski, he is the Vice President of Airport Operations for Southern Airways. Bob said that Southern Airways is about 10 years old. They are the largest commuter airlines in the United States. The aircraft will sit 9 passengers and will be 4-5 flights a day. Don Bruestle asked about ADA and traveling, Bob said that they are not an ADA carrier. There are no flight attendants so everyone would need to assist in their own evacuations. January 14th will be the last day for Skywest and January 15th will start Southern Airways. Melanie Turner asked how much is a ticket, Greg said about \$79 for flights within the next few weeks or if planning they are about \$49. There will be a Welcome to Pueblo kickoff event on January 26th at 8:00 a.m. at the Airport. Heather Norton asked what type of plane, Bob said it is Beechcraft Super King Air 200 and a Pilatus PC 12. Heather also asked if they would have a problem with bouncy on the front range, Bob said that they fly around 14,000 feet and above the weather. Geoff Guthrie asked if the operating cost is a sustainable pace, Bob said that the service is based on the route. Operating cost is under the contract and ticket sales.

6. Pueblo Transit Grant*

Title: FY 2021 Areas of Persistent Poverty Program

Grant Amount: \$180,000

Description: The Areas of Persistent Poverty program provides grants for planning, engineering, technical studies, or financial plans to improve transit services in areas experiencing long-term economic distress. It also supports coordinated human service transportation planning to improve transit service or provide new services, including paratransit.

Action Requested: Informational

This will be included in the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

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

FY 2023 - 2027 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.

Project Name: Dillon Frontage Road

STIP Number: SR26867.086

Project Location and Description: Intersection improvements at I-25 and Dillon Road

Fund Source(s): FY 2023 Sb 267, SB1, and 2023 RPP funding

Federal Program Funds: \$ 413,950

SB267 2023 funding \$2,109,768

SB1 Funding \$542,645

State Matching Funds: \$ 86,050

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 3,152,413

Adding additional funds:

The bids for this project came in over the engineering estimate. The Transportation Commission has the SB 267 funding to award this projects shortfall under advisement on their December/January agenda for approval. The additional RPP funding from comes from the Region 2 pool allocation to the PACOG area and has been held after a project was unable to move forward due to right of way constraints. The SB267 and SB1 funding comes from project savings throughout the region over the last few years.

Action Requested: Informational

This is adding more funds for Dillon Road.

**8. E 8th Street (over Dry Creek) Bridge Grant - \$105,000*
FY 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Project Name: E. 8th St Bridge over Dry Creek (PUE8TH-0.2-UTIC)

STIP Number: TBD

Funding Source: Colorado Municipal League – Special Highway Committee Grant

Federal (BRO) Funds: \$105,000

Local Match Funds: \$26,250

Total Project Fund Amendment: \$131,250

Description: This grant is to repair damages to the existing bridge.

Action Requested: Informational

Melanie Turner said that this grant is for structural repairs and not pedestrian.

**9. Complete Streets, Next Steps – reminder – January 17, 2023, 10 a.m. at
Pueblo County Emergency Service 101 W 10th St 81003 or zoom**

Action Requested: Discussion

10. 2020 MMOF update

Requested: Informational

Arkansas River Trail Phase 4 is going to be completed by Flat and Fancy. Work will begin late January and early February; this is to make sure the weather cooperates for the asphalt/concrete work. There is a change order to add landscape to the projects. BlackHills Energy will give a cost to underground the lighting. Eva Cosyleon asked if there is a trail closure, Kelly Grisham said there will be a short one for work at the bottom. Kelly thinks about a month closure. Eva asked how long it will be under constructions, Melanie Turner said probably closer to 6 months. Eva asked if there would be temporary parking at the top, Kelly said that she will have to look into that. Melanie Turner asked the final bid contract amount; Kelly said it is \$421,688. Scott Hobson said that it's good that more landscape will be added because there will be some taken out by the Tea Palace.

City Council approved the IGA for Prairie to Lake Minnequa with CDOT. Design is complete and CDOT has provided all the clearance letters. CDOT still needs the construction option letter, after that is provided, it will go out to bid.

Prairie Ave Improvements (Northern to Pueblo Blvd)– design is complete, working with CDOT for acquisitions easement, there are 17 remaining. Bid might be by March.

*Union & Main Streetscape – FIR review stage – funded by CDOT and County 1A
Eastside Streetscape – Design is complete – requesting cost estimate for lighting, waiting on County for funding. 4th St from Erie to Hudson, 6th, 7th, and Fountain
Northern Ave Trail Phase – Design is complete for Northern, waiting on CDOT for finalize option letter, started contract for Northern, will extend contract to finish Prairie.
Mel Harm Bridge – completion of plans, working with Railroad, rehabilitation grant awarded (erosion issues)*

Pueblo Street Assessment – Eva Cosyleon asked if there can be a presentation. Kelly pulled up an interactive map with details on the PCI (out of 100 – lower = worse) of each road. Kelly said there is a Capital Predictive Program, this program looks at the budgets and PCI. The goal is a PCI 65 or greater. Arterial and Collectors are looked at before local. Melanie Turner asked if there is priority field, Kelly think there is in the actual GIS layer.

*Dillon & Eagleridge – SEH is the current designers, preparing FIR. Don Bruestle asked about the ROW acquisitions, Kelly said that they still need property from Loaf’N’Jug.
Adams & Jackson – SEH has just started the design work.*

Lake & Orman – in process for IGA, will go to advertisement – Ben Valdez asked if Transit is considered for the turn radius, Kelly said it should be considered and in process. Shawn Winters asked if the centers can be mounted, Melanie said that they can be mounted but Transit does not want to drive on the apron. Don Bruestle asked if they neighborhood knows what is going to happen. Kelly said that they do not know right now but will when they get closer.

17th / 18th & Grand – Heather Norton said that the gutters are just pooling, Kelly said she did not know and will find out.

Dillon Pedestrian – out to bid soon to award to Baha Construction, this is to redo curb ramps and install new sidewalk. This is from Eagleridge to the Railroad bridge.

Abriendo, Ridge and Alan Hamel will be repaved.

Berkley & Mesa – is in design with Mead & Hunt, there will be a public meeting along with education on how to drive a roundabout. Eva Cosyleon suggested a piece on bicycles.

W 18th St Extension – Swerdfeger has been awarded and construction will begin soon.

City Park Pool will get new concrete and paved.

Joplin & Peakview – concrete repairs. Don Bruestle asked about the Joplin, Kelly wasn’t sure so she will check.

All asphalt paving will include concrete repair: Cleveland & Goodnight (Abriendo to City Park), Court, Dillon Dr (Hwy 47 to Eagleridge), Erica Ct/Castor, Jones (Hollywood to E

ABriendo), Lehigh (Kingsroyal to Northern), Marian, Northern (Prairie to I-25), St Clair (Pueblo Blvd to Jackson), Troy (Hwy 50 o Hwy 47), Cheyenne Ave, and W 29th St (RR to I-25).

Lime Rd will be repaved with asphalt. Union Ave Bridge repair will go out to bid. Wildhorse Trail is close to an RFQ.

Melanie Turned had a concern about the Safe Routes to School and said that there is a match and there shouldn't be, Kelly said that it has been fixed.

11. 2020 Top 25 High Crash Locations and 2020 Fatal Locations*

Requested: Informational

In your packet, there is a spreadsheet and map. Hwy 50 & Elizabeth crashes were mostly going westbound, this intersection is usually in the top 3. The fatalities (13) were all over the City. There was 13 bicycle, 52 pedestrian, 2 school age, and 55 serious injury crashes. February 28th is the deadline for HSIP Grant.

12. Rob Frei as temporary primary voting member for CDOT*

Requested: Informational

Wendy Pettit will be retiring at the end of the month and Rob Frei will be helping. There is a Planner 3 position that is for advertisement.

13. Other Local Agencies Updates

Action Requested: Discussion

Karim Ayoub said that they are acquiring the finalized 2023 budget. He said just regular maintenance (overlay, flurry seal, etc.) The Medal of Honor roadway and Trail, and Vineland Hydrological study is in the works. Eva Cosyleon asked how the recycled road is, Karim said it's on Siloam Road (off of Hwy 96). Eva asked if there were going to be any more tests, Karim said that they did do the Lockman Freeze test and it passed. He said that the recycled polyethylene acts as micro springs. There are 1.75 miles, this is the longest in the world. Half of this year's overlay projects will use recycles plastic.

Shawn Winters said that the TAP Trail 3 is in construction – this includes traffic signal buttons updates – this runs east along Industrial Ave then north along the SDS trail to Purcell Blvd. He said that it is complete by Platteville Blvd. Melanie Turned asked what upgrades were done at the signal, Shawn said it was pedestrian. The next project is Joe Martinez Blvd TAP 4 & 5, it starts at McCulloch Blvd to Pueblo Blvd. Awaiting CDOT approval for the concurrence on consultant selection. After the selection, design will be started. Don Bruestle asked about the increase of traffic, Shawn said that the trail will be detached. There will be traffic signals at the intersections. The last project is the FLAP (Federal Land Access Program) project, this will include a pedestrian overpass over the railroad by Nichols Road. This trail will extend to TAP trail 1, by the Highschool. Don Bruestle asked if there will be another structure for the overpass, Shawn said that there will be a stand-alone bridge. Don asked about ADA compliant, Shawn did not know. Eva asked when construction will start, and Shawn said this month.

14. CDOT Updates

Requested: Informational

Rob Frei said Shane Ferguson is the new Region 2 Transportation Director, he will replace Richard Zamora. Ajin Hu will be leaving at the end of the month.

Aaron Willis said that the Division Director will be moving on. There was no STAC this month, planning on February 2nd. TAP will be released in the beginning of February.

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

Action Requested: Informational

Ranae Tunison (FTA Liaison) is replacing Emma Belmont. She informed us that the SWTA (Southwest Transit Association) event will be in February. Congress passed a full year apportionment.

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

Action Requested: Informational

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

Roundtable Discussion

Public Street Assessment – Capital Assessment

FASTER and RPP – change order

TAP

18. Adjourn at or before 11:00 am

Eva Cosyleon adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.