

**Meeting minutes of
the TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
(TAC)
February 14, 2023
9:00 a.m.**

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

**Agenda items marked with * indicate additional materials are included in the packet.
Agenda items marked with ** indicate additional materials will be sent out later.**

Individuals requiring Special Accommodations should notify the City MPO's Office (719) 553-2242 by Noon on the Friday preceding the meeting.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairwoman: Eva Cosyleon

Time of Call: 9:01 a.m.

MPO Members Present: Eva Cosyleon, Hannah Haurert

TAC Members Present: Aaron Willis, Melanie Turner, Ben Valdez, Greg Pedroza, Lachelle Davis, Rob Frej, Geoff Guthrie

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

Others Present: Macario Torrez, Luann Martinez

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

There were no introductions nor public comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

January 10, 2023 Minutes*

Motion to Approve: Ben Valdez

Second: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Unanimous:

4. Complete Streets, Summary of January 17, 2023*

**Next meeting is March 16th at 10 a.m. at Pueblo County Emergency Service
101 W 10th St 81003**

Action Requested: Informational

There were about 25 people that joined in person and on zoom. In the presentation, Eva Cosyleon talked about the different stakeholders, goals, comparison (nation-wide), results from Mentimeter and the posters. The main reason for the workshop was for safety; to reduce crashes and fatalities. The Mentimeter question was "What does Complete Streets mean to you?", the word bubble included safety, access, all users, connectivity, and equitable transportation. The last Mentimeter question was, "Imagine a time you are walking down the street and the experience is enjoyable. What word or words would you describe why it was enjoyable?", some answers were safety, shoulder, lighting, beautiful, calm, safe transportation, and etc... We had a few pictures on posters (and online) of different streets, one was Mesa Ave at Abriendo Ave, then we had the people attach sticky notes with what improvements were needed. Some things that were added were road diet, bike lanes, painted crosswalks, no striping, lighting, and etc... We also have to look at the width of the street for the emergency services.

The next Meeting will be March 16th at 10 a.m. at the Pueblo County Emergency Service. This discussion will be about funding and actions. A walking audit would be good to do because you can get a different perspective while walking instead of being in a vehicle. A complete street was talked about for St Clair, Luann Martinez asked about the flagstone sidewalk by Brumer Park. Eva said that the section would be from Prairie Ave to Pueblo Blvd. Luann also mentioned that people on Amherst run the stop sign and crashes into the fence. Geoff Guthrie asked about the zigzag lines, Melanie Turner said it is to slow people down because they don't know what to do. Ben Valdez suggested to look at the sidewalks and if they are historical.

5. Safe Street for All (SS4A) Grant

Action Requested: Informational

The City got awarded \$680k from the SS4A Grant, this will help set up an Action Plan and then Implementation for safety performance measures. Pueblo received the largest in the State. Scope of work will be started; this will include the top 10 locations (City only). After the Action Plan is set up, we can apply for the Implementation Grant to start improving these. Ajin Hu is no longer working for CDOT and is now the Federal Highways Grant Coordinator.

6. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Action Requested: Informational and Representative

Lachelle Davis said that the call for projects is currently underway. Draft applications are due March 24th. There is a mandatory pre-application meeting. If you can't make it then just let Lachelle know and she will give you the information. Melanie Turner asked if there can be more than one representative, Lachelle said only one. Lachelle said that there will be a few meetings. Eva Cosyleon has been nominated as the PACOG Representative. Final applications are due April 21st. There is \$2.7m in this grant for all TPR's. A meeting will be set up on April 3rd at 10 a.m. to get feedback from TAC, room TBD.

7. Other Local Agencies Updates

Action Requested: Discussion

Melanie Turner said that the paving projects are always changing, she was thinking they can give an update quarterly basis. The City did not get a grant for the 11th Street Bridge over the Railroad. Trees need to be removed and the asphalt needs repaired. There is going to be a new development by Oak and 11th St and south of Dolores School. Sun Mountain street (connection to Spaulding Ave) will eventually go all the way through to 11th St when the City can acquire the ROW. There are the 4 roundabouts that are still in the works: Mesa & Berkley, Dillon & Egelridge, Jackson & Adams, and Lake and Orman.

Greg Pedroza said they have ran into some hiccups and hopes to get them sorted out. The best way to look for connecting flights is iflysouthern.com. They are partners with United, American, and Alaska. A ticket one way is \$49 in advance. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked about connection, Greg said that it has it's benefits but you have to pick up your luggage and arrive 2 hours before you go through TSA. Ben Valdez asked about the expansion especially to Phoenix, Greg said that TBD. Greg said that they may use Pueblo as their maintenance HUB. The only issue is lack of hanger space, and these are very expensive.

8. CDOT Updates

Requested: Informational

Rob Frei said the new Chief Engineer is Keith Stefanik. He said we should know of the new South Engineer Program Engineer at our next meeting. Aaron Willis said that Rebecca White's position has been posted, the interim is Darius Pakbaz. Our approved TIP is heading to the Governor's office for signature.

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

Action Requested: Informational

There were no updates.

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

FY 2023 - 2027 Transportation Improvement Program

a) TIP Amend. #2023.004 Administrative Action:

Project Name: I-25 Exit 108, Box culvert

STIP Number: SR26867.119

Project Location and Description: Design of I-25 and Exit 108

Fund Source(s): FY 2026 RPP

Federal Program Funds: \$

State Matching Funds: \$ 500,000

Local Matching Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 500,000

This is just for design.

b) TIP Amend. #2023.005 Administrative Action:

Project Name: US 50 Drainage

STIP Number: SRSR26867.065

Project Location and Description: US 50C Drainage & 36th Lane

Fund Source(s): FY 2027 RPP

Federal Program Funds:	\$
State Matching Funds:	\$ 1,700,000
Local Matching Funds:	\$
TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT:	\$ 1,700,000

c) TIP Amend. #2023.006 Administrative Action:

Project Name: US 50 & CO 231 (36th Lane) Intersection Improvements FY 2025
 STIP Number: SR27002.078
 Project Location and Description: Intersection improvements
 Fund Source(s): FY 2024 FASTER
 Federal Program Funds: \$
 State Matching Funds: \$ 1,240,437
 Local Matching Funds: \$
TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 1,240,437

d) TIP Amend. #2023.007 Administrative Action:

Project Name: Pueblo I-25 Corridor US 50 B Reconstruction
 STIP Number: SR252216.164
 Project Location and Description: I-25 and US 50 B Interchange construction
 Fund Source(s): FY 2025 Surface Treatment
 Federal Program Funds: \$
 State Matching Funds: \$ 3,400,000
 Local Matching Funds: \$
 Other Project Funds: \$
TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 3,400,000
ROW acquisition.

e) TIP Amend. #2023.008 Administrative Action:

Project Name: I-25 Pueblo North Truck Parking Lot
 STIP Number: SR27020.001
 Project Location and Description: Design and construction of new truck parking lot in north Pueblo along I-25 near existing Love's truck stop
 Fund Source(s): FY 2023 National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) Project Award
 Federal Program Funds: \$ 2,000,000
 State Matching Funds: \$ 500,000
 Local Matching Funds: \$
 Other Project Funds: \$
TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 2,500,000

Ben Valdez said that there is already going to be another parking lot in the area. Rob Frei said the new lot will be for overflow for high wind events. Rob thinks there might not be enough parking in the other one. There is a TA development on the NEC Elizabeth and Drew Dix that will have truck parking. Melanie Turner asked about the I-25 rest areas. Rob did not know and will check and give an update at the next meeting. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked what the problems at the rest area, Don Bruestle said that to put in a septic system and wastewater system is expensive. Rob thinks it cost more than \$2.5m at the rest area. This money can only be on a freight corridor. It was discussed that we will keep it in our TIP until we find out more information.

f) TIP Amend. #2023.009 Administrative Action:

Project Name: I-25 at US-50B Reconstruction
 STIP Number: SR27020.003
 Project Location and Description: Reconstruction of the I-25 & US-50B interchange, and replace existing three US-50B bridges over I-25, over BNSF RR, and over Fountain Creek
 Fund Source(s): FY 2023 National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) Project Award

Federal Program Funds:	\$ 4,800,000
State Matching Funds:	\$ 1,200,000
Local Matching Funds:	\$
Other Project Funds:	\$
<u>TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT:</u>	<u>\$ 6,000,000</u>

g) TIP Amend: #2023.010

Project Name: CO-165A Guardrail Safety Improvements
 STIP Number: SR27002.048
 Project Location and Description: MM 28.44 to 33.83, Installation of safety improvements along corridor
 Fund Source(s): FY23 FASTER Safety Region 2 Pool
 Federal Program Funds: \$
 State Matching Funds: \$ 72,000
 Local Matching Funds: \$
 Other Project Funds: \$
TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 72,000

Adding additional funds:

The \$72,000 for CO-165A Guardrail Safety is to cover the SOW being advertised through State procurement services.

h) TIP Amend: #2023.011

Project Name: US-50B and US-50C at CO-231 Safety Improvements
 STIP Number: SR27002.078
 Project Location and Description: Installation of safety improvements at the two intersections
 Fund Source(s): FY24 FASTER Safety Region 2 Pool
 Federal Program Funds: \$
 State Matching Funds: \$ 47,169
 Local Matching Funds: \$
 Other Project Funds: \$
TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 47,169

Adding additional funds:

The \$47,169 for US-50B/US-50C and CO-231 Safety Improvements is additional funding to cover Public Information consultant task order cost.

i) TIP Amend: #2023.012

Project Name: I-25 Frontage Road at Dillon Dr and Drew Dix Pkwy
 STIP Number: SR26867.086
 Project Location and Description: Design and construction of intersection improvements
 Fund Source(s): FY23 RPP
 Federal Program Funds: \$
 State Matching Funds: \$ 500,000
 Local Matching Funds: \$
 Other Project Funds: \$
TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 500,000

Adding additional funds:

The \$500,000 being added to I-25 Frontage Rd at Dillon Dr and Drew Dix Pkwy is to cover existing funding deficit and issue the Notice to Proceed to move forward with construction.

Action Requested: Informational

11. Next TAC – March 14, 2023 - Planning Conf Room 211 E D St 81003

Action Requested: Informational

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

Roundtable Discussion

Don Bruestle asked about the \$180k that is for the Pueblo Transit Grant, Ben Valdez said that is will be used for a Complete Wide City Study Update with focus on the Eastside then eventually moving towards the west. Luann Martinez said there are other grants like Reconnecting Communities Grant and Reducing Crime through Safer Streets.

- **CDOT Projects**
- **National Freight (\$2.5m)**
- **Rail Update**
- **DTR – MMOF update**

13. Adjourn at or before 11:00 am

Eva Cosyleon adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.