

Collective Responsibility

PACOG and TAC Orientation

Who and what is PACOG

- Council of Government (CoG) – Voluntary association of local and regional governing bodies
 - Governed by a Board of Directors representing the involved governing bodies
 - Our Board of Directors is unique due to its inclusion of school districts, metro districts, Board of Waterworks, and Salt Creek Sanitation
- Pueblo Area Council of Governments (PACOG) primarily has administrative oversight over regional transportation, environmental, and water quality issues

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

- MPOs are federally mandated organizations tasked with overseeing and coordinating regional transportation plans, goals, and projects in census designated urbanized areas of 50,000 or more
- Primary functions
 - Program, plan, and monitor Federal and State funding
 - Draft regional transportation plans and help set the regions performance measures and goals
 - Facilitate coordination and cooperation between transportation-related departments across it's Metropolitan Area & TPR

Continuing Comprehensive Cooperative

- The MPO is, first and foremost, a coordinating body
 - The MPO is an important tool to fill in communication gaps and establish neutral forums that facilitate **collaboration**
- **Coordination and transparency** between the MPO and local departments has many benefits
 - Economy of scale when working on and coordinating projects
 - Federal and State grants favor projects built on inter-departmental collaboration
 - Our long-range plans are better able to support the goals and projects of local departments
- The MPO provides support through research, gathering data, and exploring topics which will help our local jurisdictions make informed transportation-related decisions
 - E.g. Traffic Data, Crash statistics, policy research, etc.

TPRs and our Planning Region

- PACOG and the City designated the urban planning transportation department to be the MPO and TPR
- TPR is the Transportation Planning Region
 - Rural planning organization designated and funded by the State Legislature
- PACOG MPO is unique because it functions as both an MPO and TPR
 - Urbanized Area = City of Pueblo, Blende, and Pueblo West
 - Rural Area = Colorado City/Rye, Beulah, and Avondale

Primary Documents

- [Unified Planning Work Program \(UPWP\)](#) – Federally required document explaining our work tasks and breaking down our annual budget
- [Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#) – Annually refreshed document that shows our planning is fiscally constrained and keeps track of grant, federal, and state funds in PACOG
- [Long Range Transportation Plan \(LRTP\)](#) – 25-year plan that establishes our performance goals, Greenhouse Gas (GHG) mitigation measures, proposed corridors, sets project priorities, and houses our 10-year Capital Improvement Program
 - Refreshed every 5 years per regulation
- [Bike and Pedestrian Masterplan \(BPMP\)](#) – Sets the standards for multi-modal infrastructure, identifies future trails, and lays out our city and county-wide Active Transportation network

Transportation Advisory Commission

- Advise the MPO on the planning process and vote to send TIP policy amendments forward to PACOG Board of Directors
- Made up of two primary bodies the Transportation Technical Committee and Citizens Advisory Committee
 - Technical Committee is made up of subject matter experts, keeping the planning process **informed**
 - The Citizens Advisory Committee provides citizen-level perspective to keep the planning process **inclusive and equitable**

Transportation Improvement Program

- Primary document to reconcile our projects with the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- Federal and State government look at the TIP before granting awarded money
 - Projects not on the TIP will not receive their programmed state and federal grant funding
- Measure the totality of transportation investments
- The TIP tracker tracks all TIP policy and administrative amendments

[TIP Tracker](#)[TIP Map](#)[PACOG Agenda](#)[TAC Packet](#)[Public Notices/Comment](#)[MPO Boundary Map](#)

Public Notice

Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Application - At-Large

- [Application](#)
- [CAC Confirmation Letter](#)

Youth Free Fare for Pueblo Transit

Calendar

- TAC Monthly Meetings - 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ([CDOT HQ - 5615 Wills Blvd, Pueblo, CO 81008](#))
Please follow [link](#) for TAC Packet
- PACE Monthly Meetings - 4th Thursday of the month at 8:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. - email activepueblo@gmail.com

TIP Tracker How-To

- Regularly updated [table](#) detailing all ongoing transportation projects and changes to their funding and scope
- Lists pools of funding within project, shows total funding in project, and breaks down whether the funds are federal, state, or local

Project	Safe Streets For All	City of Pueblo		2024.038		SR27014.003	Safe Streets for All Planning Grant
Original		City of Pueblo			SS4A		
Added	CSU Hydrogen Charging Infrastructure	FHWA		2024.048		TBD	Construction of Hydrogen charging infrastructure at CSUP
Original		FHWA	6/18/2024		C&FI		
Added	Connecting Communities			2024.049		SR27016.013	Construction of various projects across county
Original		Pueblo County	7/2/2024		RAISE		
Admin		Pueblo County	07/30/24		MMO		

Project		Project Information Line
Original		Original Funding of a project on entry into the TIP
Amendment		Project was amended after initial entry to the TIP
Added		Project was added to TIP after Original adoption

Decision Making within the MPO and PACOG

- MPO responsibilities
 - Signs off on the Consolidated Planning Grant and Rural Planning Grants
 - Administers and manages PACOG's Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF) and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
 - Designates whether a TIP amendment is Administrative or Policy
 - Designates if a project is regionally significant
- PACOG responsibilities
 - Considers Policy amendments
 - Considers and adopts MPO documents
 - Considers changes to MPO, PACOG, or TAC administrative policies
 - Considers performance measures

Questions?

If you have additional questions, please contact us at pueblo_mpo@pueblo.us