



Pueblo Area Council of Governments
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Transportation Planning Region (TPR)



Urban Transportation Planning Division
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**Meeting minutes of the
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
April 13, 2021
9:00 a.m.**

**ZOOM - <https://pueblo.zoom.us/j/94613129536>
Meeting Number 946 1312 9536 Password 598875**

**There are no accommodations for those wishing to attend
in Person Due to COVID-19**

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(719) 553-2242 by Noon on the Friday preceding the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman: John Adams

Time of Call: 9:02 a.m.

MPO Members Present: John Adams, Hannah Haurert, Eva Cosyleon

*TAC Members Present: Wendy Pettit, Aaron Willis, Benjamin Valdez, Muhammed Jawadi,
Greg Pedroza, Scott Hobson, Andrew Hayes*

CAC Members Present: Cheryl Spinuzzi, Heather Norton

*Others Present: Lachelle Davis, Emma Belmont, Joy Morauski, Geoff Guthrie, Don
Bruestle, Theresa Takushi, Julie George, TJ Thiebaut, Rebecca White, Ajin Hu, Chuck Roy*

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

*Theresa Takushi is from the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction from CDOT, TJ
Thiebaut CDOT Region 2 ROW Acquisition, and Rebecca White Director of
Planning at CDOT.*

3. Approval of Minutes*

March 9, 2021 Minutes

Motion to Approve: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Second: Don Bruestle

Unanimous:

4. Incorporating Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reductions into Transportation Planning – Theresa Takushi - CDOT

Action Requested: Discussion

House Bill 1261 was passed in 2019, this bill is an action plan to reduce pollution. The GHG reduction targets are 25% by 2025, 50% by 2030, and 90% by 2050 from 2005 levels. Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has an initial draft rule development led by CDOT and Transportation Stakeholders, rulemaking process led by CDPHE with CDOT involvement, and will be approved by the Air Quality Control Commission.

CDOT's GHG Policy is led by CDOT, informed by Stakeholders (Advisory Groups), and will be approved by the Transportation Commission. In the presentation, there is a map of past and future timeline.

Areas of feedback include: Rural and Regional differences, incentives vs penalties/unfunded mandate (carrots vs sticks), equity considerations, enforcement, MPO roles and responsibility, clarification on which projects to include/exclude, 10-year plan impacts, cost of interest in cost benefit analysis, concern about the feasibility of 2025 budget, separation of ozone conformity and this rule, and GHG reductions feasible through this rule.

The Main Elements for the Draft rule are budget for future years (2025, 2030, 2040, 2050). This includes budget refers to MMT CO₂e, includes sub-budgets for MPOs, phased implementation for MPOs, Inter-agency Coordination and Roles, Contingency/Mitigation Measures, and Transparent reporting (modeling and mitigation measures).

To determine GHG, you would take the Vehicle Miles Traveled (VTM), congestions/speed, and fleet mix/age and fuel type. The Main Elements of the Draft Policy will describe the GHG reduction requirements, outlines the Transportation Commission's role, a schedule for incorporation of the GHG Plans, opportunities for GHG reduction for delivery and maintenance, and explains equity consideration of GHG reductions in areas where mitigation occurs. The CDPHE Rulemaking Process will begin with a Request for Hearing on May 20, 2021 (Petition for Party Status and Formal Public Comment Process). The Policy Directive will continue meeting with Advisory Group and stakeholders to inform the PD and mitigation measures through project delivery and to update to TC as policy directive is developed.

Greg Pedroza said that the Airport is looking at a greener gas for the airplanes.

5. Joe Martinez Blvd Extension – Mike Ricottone and Tanis Manseau- Pueblo County**

Action Requested: Discussion

Mike Ricottone and Tanis Manseau were not able to attend. John Adams said that they are signing a Resolution for Bonding. This will be 4 lanes. Don Bruestle asked if this will be in connection to West Pueblo Connector, John said that he did not believe these would be connected. Scott Hobson said that it would connect to residential/retail in that

area.

6. Consolidated Carry-Over Planning Grant (CPG) Funds for FFY 2021

Action Requested: Discussion

John Adams said that Transit requested to help with the Environmental Study Grant (relocation for Transit Admin). Ben Valdez said that there is a stretch of railroad tracks underground, SHIPA is having issues if it is historical or not. Wendy Pettit said that when 4th St was reworked, they ran into railroads and Ajin Hu would know more. John asked about the timing and will take a couple months, Ben said they could backfill. John said that this would not include reimbursement. Aaron Willis asked if there was something in the UPWP that had an umbrella category that would fit into. Ben said that it would cost \$25k for the whole thing, the split would be \$7,500.

Ben Valdez asked about the 5310 fund, Emma Belmont said that it might be included in the Human Service Coordinating Plan.

Cheryl Spinuzzi asked if there is a study at McCulloch and Hwy 50 W, Scott Hobson said that it is included in those studies.

7. Amendment to the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program*

Action Requested: Approve/Disapprove/Modify

Project Name: US 50 Scour Critical Bridge K-18-BY and K-18-BZ

STIP Number: SR26710.044

Project Location and Description US 50 Scour Critical Counter measures K-18-BY, K-18-BZ

As programmed:

Federal Program Funds:	\$ 432,928
State Matching Funds:	\$ 108,232
Local Matching Funds:	\$
TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT:	\$ 541,160

As amended

Federal Program Funds:	\$ 242,571
State Matching Funds:	\$ 60,643
Local Matching Funds:	\$
TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT:	\$ 303,214

Funding to be removed and put back I Region 2 pool: The scope of this project was to repair structures K-18-BZ and K-18-BY that are located on US 50B at MP 318 just east of Pueblo. The roadway consists of 2 through lanes in each direction divided by a median. The project work will consist of scour countermeasures underneath the structures such as a grouted boulder drop structure and adding fill material to fill in existing scour. This project was completed, and the bids came in at 70% of the engineering estimate. This left a surplus of \$237,946 that needs to be taken out of the project and needs to be returned to the Region 2 Bridge pool for reallocation. Please make the needed reduction to the PACOG TIP to reflect the project savings.

Motion to Approve: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Second: Don Bruestle

Unanimous:

Scour is when the water and sediment wash away the structure at the piers of the bridge.

There is a change to the SRDA funds that increased by \$721 for a total of \$85k.

8. PACOG 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Update (LRTP)

Action Requested: Informational

We are looking at the end of May deadline. It will be advertised on Thursday.

9. CDOT Region 2 and HQ Updates - Wendy Pettit and Aaron Willis

Action Requested: Informational

Wendy Pettit said that staff may return after Memorial Day. Aaron Willis said that there will be a hybrid (person/online) meeting in June for STAC.

10. Federal Highway and Federal Transit Updates (If Needed)

Action Requested: Informational

Emma Belmont said that there are 3 programs: CARES ACT, we got about \$6m (5307 program), CRISA – state received a good portion, and American rescue Plan (\$600k). 5310 can fund ADA sidewalks. Heather Norton asked if the 5310 would be used for the ADA at the Vail Hotel, Emma said that it could be.

11. Next TAC – May 11th, 2021 Location - VIRTUAL ONLY (ZOOM)

Action Requested: Informational

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

(Roundtable Discussion)

Joe Martinez Extension

North Front Range Rail

Transit PEL

Hwy 50 & Purcell

North Park n Ride

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13. Adjournment

Chairman John Adams adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.