

**Meeting minutes of the
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (TAC)**

January 9, 2024

9:00 a.m.

211 E D Street, Pueblo, CO 81003

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1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairwoman: Eva Cosyleon

Time of Call: 9:01 a.m.

MPO Members Present: Eva Cosyleon, Hannah Haurert, Dylan Goodman

TAC Members Present: Aaron Willis, Geoff Guthrie, Shawn Winters, Lindsey Jaquez, Lachelle Davis, Melanie Turner, John Buttram, Amanda Cesar

CAC Members Present: Don Bruestle, Cheryl Spinuzzi, Richard Arko, Laura Leyba,

Others Present: Macario Torrez, Wendy Pettit, Scott Hobson, Kent Tompkins, Abe Armendariz, Rob Frei, Isabel Rollins, Tanis Manseau, Carol Cosby

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

Kent Tompkins is the Street Supervisor for Pueblo Transit. Amanda Cesar is the Deputy Director of Pueblo County Parks and Recreation. Abe Armendariz is the Pueblo County Parks Supervisor. Carol Cosby is from Pueblo West Parks. There were no public comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

November 14, 2023 Minutes*

Motion to Approve: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Second: Richard Arko

Unanimous:

**4. Pueblo Area Council of Governments Transportation Improvement Plan
FY2028 Regional Priority Program (RPP) Project Addition***

a) **TIP Amendment #2023.071**

Policy Action:

Project Name: Joe Martinez Extension (Medal of Honor) Trail

STIP Number: SR27016.013

Project Location and Description: Reduce scope and swap from State Multimodal option to Federal ARPA Funds

Fund Source(s): FY22 MMOF

Federal Program Funds:	\$	102,126.00
State Matching Funds:	\$	1,350,082.00
Local Matching Funds:	\$	
Other Project Funds:	\$	547,792.00
TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT:	\$	2,000,000.00

Reduce scope and swap from State Multimodal mitigation option to Federal ARPA funds.

Reducing scope from construction 4.3 miles of trail to 1.2 miles. Pueblo County will build the 3.1 miles from Purcell to Pueblo Blvd. The \$2,000,000.00 will be for the construction of trail from Medal of Honor and Pueblo Blvd, south to 11th street. Note: this is not additional funding.

Motion to Table (Scope of Work): Don Bruestle

Second: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Unanimous:

Motion to Swap Funding: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Second: Don Bruestle

Unanimous:

There is a deadline for ARPA funds. Melanie Turner asked about the other portion of the trail, Eva Cosyleon said that the County is going to absorb it. Wendy Pettit asked if the bids are high, what happens. She also mentioned that the scope was funded. Tanis Manseau said that they are fully committed to build the entire thing. They have been doing updated opinion of cost and are confident that they will have funding. There will be a technical addendum which will extend the bid up to 10 days. Wendy said that once there is an update, would they update the local number. Eva said yes, we will do that. Melanie Turner asked how short they are, Tanis said that he doesn't think they will be short, the funding available should be enough. The south trail pushed the funding. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked about the \$2m for 4.3 miles and that amount will be 1.2 miles instead. Melanie suggested changing the miles to 1.2 and adding the correct amounts, Eva said that we won't know the local until we get the bids back. Lachelle Davis said that the overmatch will not be reflected. Wendy Pettit asked if the State funds would go back to the MPO, Eva said yes.

b) **TIP Amendment #2023.072**

Policy Action:

Project Name: Transit ZEV Transition Planning

STIP Number: TBD

Project Location and Description: ZEV Transition planning for Pueblo Transit

Fund Source(s): FY24 Colorado Clean Energy, CDOT DTR

Federal Program Funds:	\$	
State Matching Funds:	\$	99,000.00
Local Matching Funds:	\$	11,000.00

Other Project Funds: \$
TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 110,000.00

ZEV transition planning for Pueblo Transit to plan and prepare for deployment of zero- emission transit vehicles and support infrastructure, facilities, and organizational investments.

Motion to Approve: Don Bruestle

Second: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Unanimous:

Melanie Turner asked if this is because we are mandated to update the vehicles (have zero emissions vehicle) Geoff Guthrie said this is to help with a plan to charge them, park them, etc... Eva Cosyleon said this will also help with Pueblo Transit to move their Admin Facility. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked about the build date, Eva said once they get money but at least a few years out. Wendy Pettit asked what year for the funding, Eva said 2024.

5. Regional Priority Planning (RPP)* – CDOT Region 2

Requested: Presentation

The Transportation Commission (TC) directed flexible program; it is a funding source for regionally important projects. This is used for capital improvements from the Transportation Planning Regions (TPR's). CDOT makes the priority projects determination list and reaches out to the MPO's and other stakeholders. There is a planning process to determine the priorities and then a project selection. Funding comes from a tax fund, Highway User Tax Fund (HUFT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and other sources. This program has about \$50m/year over the state of Colorado, the maximum was \$162m in 2002. There have been various formulas but the current one is 50% population, 35% lane miles, and 15% truck Vehicles Miles Traveled (VMT). Here are a few examples: I-25A Pueblo Interchange Improvements at Exit 108, I-25A Dillon/Drew Dix Exit 104 Interchange, I-25 safety improvements, Hwy 50C Drainage improvements, and Dillon Dr East Frontage Road. Eva Cosyleon wanted to highlight the flexible funding portion; this has to be on a specific corridor. Geoff Guthrie said that it must be on system (State and Federal Highway). Cheryl Spinuzzi suggested Hwy 45 and Hwy 78. Wendy Pettit said that the difference in the money from \$160m to \$50m was to pay back the bonds.

Melanie Turner asked if it was hard to calculate vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and that's why they don't do it anymore, Geoff Guthrie said that this is just the formula that was picked. She also asked about the Dillon Drive East Frontage Road, Geoff said he will find out. Rob Frei said that flexible means that it could go to guard rail, or a study, etc... Region 2 will about around \$9.5m and PACOG gets about \$2m. Melanie asked about who gets to decide on how the money is spent, Geoff said that this is annual and they come to the partners in fall, goes through the process and finalizes the list in February. Rob said that we could come up with the projects too. Eva Cosyleon asked about the timeframe, Rob said we can have that discussion any time and let Jennifer Sparks know. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked if this is based on what it submitted, Rob said yes. The funding fluctuates throughout the years, one year it might be 16%, then the next year it might be 20%. It is all decided on in the join Transportation Planning Regions (TPRs) meeting.

6. 2023 MMOF (County, Transit, Pueblo West)*

Requested: Presentation

Eva Cosyleon said she had set aside around \$129,000 for a match for the City of Pueblo for the MDPG Grant, this was for a connectivity study around the La Crosse Ave bridge for pedestrians. Unfortunately, the grant was not selected so this match is going back into the pool. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked how long we have, Eva said the swap helped us out and this money needs to be spent in 10 years.

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Abe Armendariz is the Pueblo County Parks and Recreation Supervisor. Abe said that he has a multiphase system, this includes striping bikes lanes, striping crosswalks, bus stop improvements. The first phase would be the Salt Creek Area, this includes Aspen Rd between Hwy 50C and County Farm Rd, Roselawn Rd from Aspen Rd to Palo Alto St, San Pedro from Roselawn Rd to Tampico St and Pecos St. San Pedro and Roselawn, they will add a bus stop shelter with a bench. Phase 2 would stripe Everett Rd between 21st Ln and Baxter Rd, 25th Ln from Everett Rd to South Rd, 30th Ln between Everett Rd to Santa Fe Dr. There is a 1.1 miles crusher fine trail that loops around the property. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked if they have a lot of bike traffic, Abe said they have quite a bit but not a safe space for kids. Melanie asked if the bikes lanes will be on asphalt and just striped, Abe said yes. He said they did bury the irrigation ditch along 25th lane on the east side, this would be a good spot for a crusher fine trail. Eva asked about a crosswalk for the Church, Abe said yes, there will be one. The total projects will cost \$240,000 (half for each phase).

Shawn Winters said there are two phases in either year. Phase 1 is a sidewalk connection to the cul-de-sac, to the skatepark, Joe Martinez and the splash park. The 2nd phase connects to the splash park, to Joe Martinez, and to the Library. He said that they are looking for around \$940,000, this will include wayfinding kiosk. Carol Cosby said that phase 1 will focus on pedestrian safety along Civic Center because the kids/people are walking along the road. Don Bruestle asked about a flashing light, Shawn said they usually don't add them to intersections, they are also midblock.

Kent Tompkins said that Pueblo Transit requested around \$130,000 for 33 solar lights. They looked at high crime areas. They also looked at equitable areas: Bessemer, Lake, Salt Creek, see map for exact locations. Don Bruestle asked about the height of the lights, Kent thinks it's about 8 feet. Melanie Turner asked how moveable they are because bus stops move, Kent said this will take account of the placement. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked about the solar lights, Melanie said they usually last 10 years. Kent said they are motion activated and can time the light. Dylan Goodman said that if the light is not in use, it will dim to 30%. Melanie suggested looking at taller poles instead of using a foundation base.

7. Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)

Requested: Informational

Bridge Investment Program – March 19th

Transit Stations Accessible for All – January 30th

Rural Autonomous Vehicle Program – March 13th

Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation ATTAIN – February 2nd

Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) – February 23rd

RAISE – February 28th

8. Next TAC – February 13, 2024 - Planning Conf Room, 211 E D St 81003*

Action Requested: Informational

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

Roundtable Discussion

TAC ByLaws

Hwy 50 Bypass interchange

Travel Demand Model

Dillon Drive East Frontage Road (RPP)

I-25 Rest Area SB

Pueblo Transit transfer route presentation

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PACOG Quorum – Wendy asked what could be done to make sure to have a quorum for the meeting. Aaron Willis said that we can inform them about critical action items well in advance.

10. Local Agencies

Action Requested: Discussion

Shawn Winters said the FLAP Project (Nickolls and McColloch) is still awaiting installation of the bridge, hopefully in February. TAP 3 project got closed out a month or so ago. They are also in design for the Pueblo West Joe Martinez Trail. They are also working on Pueblo West Purcell 1 and 2 paperwork.

Abe Armendariz said the Parks just completed their 1.1 mile walking trail. They are also working on the master plan.

Kent Tompkins said they are working on their transfer routes. This will include a North route and a Northern route. They are set to begin in the second quarter of 2024. Eva Cosyleon requested a map and presentation for this project. Don Bruestle asked about the Vanpool, Eva said the RFP is out and they should have a selection next month. Don also asked about the route, Eva said that it depends on the employer. The employer will be the one to organize it (set time).

Melanie Turner said she is starting to apply for the HSIP Grant. She also is going to apply for the Bridge Investment Program (BIP). She is also reviewing striping plans for Northern (Prairie to I-25), Elizabeth (29th to Hwy 50), Dillon (Carruth to Eagleridge), and Court. Hannah Haurert pulled up a GIS map

(<https://diexsys.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=5938f1f307c94209ac1f4d717e7894cf>) of the crash data, yellow means injury, red means fatality, and green means property damage only (PDO). Melanie looks for injury and fatalities. Melanie Turner said she will want to make Moffat Trailhead better. She suggested education would be a better solution.

11. CDOT Updates

Action requested: Informational

Geoff Guthrie said that the past week, he had interviewed several candidates for the Transit Liaison position.

12. Adjourn at or before 11:00 am

Adjournment was at 10:51 a.m.