

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

**July 11, 2023
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: 9:02 a.m.

MPO Members Present: Eva Cosyleon, Hannah Haurert

*TAC Members Present: Aaron Willis, Geoff Guthrie, Melanie Turner, Shawn Winters,
Lindsey Jaquez, Greg Pedroza, Ranae Tunison, Scott Hobson*

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

*Others Present: Macario Torrez, Wendy Pettit, Chuck Lopez, Gabriella Perkins, Glenn
Krause, Hunter Woodruff, Karim Ayoub, James Eccher, Amanda Cesar*

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

*Gabriella Perkins and Hunter Woodruff is with Drive Clean Colorado. Lindsey Jaquez is
the new Region 2 Planning Specialist.*

3. Approval of Minutes

June 13, 2023 Minutes*

Motion to Approve: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Second: Karim Ayoub

Unanimous:

4. FY 2023 - 2027 Transportation Improvement Program*

TIP Amendment #2023.028

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Administrative Action:

Project Name: SS4A

STIP Number: TBD

Project Location and Description: SS4A Safety Action Planning Grant Match

Fund Source(s): FY24 State Multimodal Mitigation Option Funds

Federal Program Funds:

State Funds: **\$ 85,200**

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 85,200

Motion to Approve: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Second: Wendy Pettit

Unanimous:

The City of Pueblo did receive \$852,000, they needed another 10% match, total of 20%.

5. Drive Clean Colorado – Sonja Meintsma

Requested: Informational

Gabriella Perkins had a presentation about Drive Clean Colorado, they focus on clean and equitable transportation. This is to use more electric vehicles and alternative fuels (propane etc...). They have resources that include infrastructure, EV education, and Grants and Funding. The Charging Funding includes: Charge Ahead (workplaces, multifamily, and retail), Plazas and Corridors (NEVI- Fast chargers in hubs), FleetZero (public and private fleet), Federal Grant and Tax Credits (businesses, consumers, and local governments). Hunter Woodruff talked about the Drive Electric Colorado, this includes tax credits, workshops, education and advising. EV events in Pueblo includes EV Showcases, Ride and Drives, Ribbon Cutting (Sangre De Cristo Arts July 13 11am) Stakeholder Events, and upcoming events. Community Partners Sponsorships cost \$500/year. This will include general marketing support, EV Engagement Activities, EV Planning Support, Infrastructure Development, and Fleet Management. Don Bruestle asked if they are working with the State and Municipal Building code so that EV chargers are included in new construction. Gabriella said that EV needs to be included in multi-family properties by March 24, 2024. Heather Norton asked if this would work for her, Gabriella said that the Charge Ahead Grant will help get the property owner started, this includes \$11,000 for off the wall charger, \$9,000 for dual and \$4,500 for single. The grant covers the cost of the equipment most of the time. Wendy Pettit asked how would we know if the infrastructure could support fast charging, Gabriella said that they will work the company or electrician, if not, there would need to be an upgrade. Don Bruestle commented that charging times can be mitigated if there is an abundance of chargers and not wait until the last minute. Scott Hobson said there is a new Senate Bill 23-1233. Eva Cosyleon asked for more information about maintenance and working with government officials, Gabriella said that PCC launched an EV Program with fresh graduates, a good warranty on the battery, and maintenance is sometimes a simple software update, or it goes back to the dealership. She talked about that when a battery cannot be used, they upcycle it for another use. Don asked about the degradation on the batteries with the different type of chargers, Gabriella said the slower the charge the better. She recommended only using the fast charger no more than twice a week.

6. Other Local Agencies Updates

Medal of Honor Blvd

Action Requested: Discussion

Karim Ayoub said they are approaching FOR level plans; this means 90% design. This is expected by first/second week of August. The trail is 30% completed. Out to bid will be this fall. They finished 40th lane reconstruction. Other projects include 36th lane, Frontier, Jersey Road, 25th lane, and Squirrel Creek in Beulah. They will be using the recycled asphalt and it will use 7 million grocery bags. Don Bruestle asked about the other roads and how are the results, Karim said that the road is performing up to par and tests proved a much more stable mix. Eva Cosyleon asked about the cost, Karim said is approximately 9% more expensive. Don Bruestle asked if the vendor can use any other plastic besides bags, Karim said that only low-density polyethylene. This mixture might be used as a chip seal, Pueblo County is still researching. Heather Norton asked where she could drop off her bags, Karim said that the Court House has them on each floor. The trail east/west will be the recycled asphalt.

Greg Pedroza said that Southern Airways is still struggling but is hopeful. Don Bruestle asked if the airline is having problems with the other stations, Greg said yes, planes are breaking down.

Shawn Winters said that TAP Trail 3 is almost complete with final inspection in the next few weeks. FLAP – Nichols has minor concrete work about, some problems with a power pole that needs to be moved. Joe Martinez Trail will start with the design and complete by 2024.

Chuck Lopez said that the free fares will go through the end of August.

Melanie Turner said Prairie will be paved this year, and Pillars Park road is currently under construction. They have paved 11th St, Troy, Abriendo, and Ridge. There are 6 roundabouts; Lake/Jones, Adams/Jackson, Eagleridge/Dillon, Grand/13th, and Lake/Orman. The City received a grant for Safe Streets for All(SS4A) and RAISE. This will include design of 24th Street Bridge, and a new road called Sun Mountain. Wendy Pettit suggested looking into IJJA/BIL.

Don Bruestle had a concern about W 18th Street and Tuxedo Blvd and the sight line, Melanie Turner said that she will look into it. At grade crossing will stay at 29th Street Railroad unless there is a grant.

7. CDOT Updates

Requested: Informational

Aaron Willis said that the upcoming STAC (Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee) meeting (August 3rd) will be about program distribution. This is a very flexible grant. This meeting will be hosted in downtown Denver. The Board heard about the TPR Boundary study and will distribute a survey. There are multiple virtual meetings being setup for the TPR's. STAC has already talked about the TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program – funds ADA, bike/ped), it was discussed that the formula they are using now is working quite well. Next month CDOT will talk about Regional Priority Program (RPP). Wendy Pettit had a concern about the process of going to virtual meetings. She asked how the data will be collected. Aaron said that

they are relying heavily on the surveys.

Geoff Guthrie said that they awarded the TAP Projects, Pueblo West includes Purcell Blvd and Hwy 50 W south to Liberty Point.

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

Action Requested: Informational

9. Federal Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO)*

<https://www.transportation.gov/dot-navigator>

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/grant_programs.cfm

<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/dashboard>

Requested: Informational

The NOFO's that are currently out are Community Connectors (due July 15), PROTECT (August 18th), Bridge Investment Program (due August 20th), and Rural/Infra/Omega (due August 21st). Don Bruestle suggested looking at these that would help the ADA community. Eva Cosyleon said that these need Complete Streets design. These all include a planning grant first then construction grant next.

10. TAC ByLaws draft for review and recommendation**

Action Requested: Discussion and approval

Eva Cosyleon is requesting comments and questions, bring them next month.

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

FY 2023 - 2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Administrative notification to roll forward:

a. TIP Amendment #2023.023

Administrative Action:

Project Name: Adams and Jackson Roundabout

STIP Number: SR26644.104

Project Location and Description: Adams Ave & Jackson St intersection new traffic circle

Fund Source(s): FY24 Region 2 Hazard Elimination – Local Projects Pool (HLZ)

Federal Program Funds: \$ **900,000**

State Matching Funds: \$ **100,000**

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$1,000,000

This administrative action aligns the PACOG TIP with the STIP.

Don Bruestle asked what the difference is between a roundabout and traffic circle. Geoff Guthrie said he will get back to us. Eva Cosyleon suggested doing a few educational pieces.

b. TIP Amendment# 2023.024

Administrative Action:

Project Name: US50C Drainage Improvements

STIP Number: SR26867.059

Project Location and Description: Design/construction of drainage improvements MP 0.00 – 16.947

Fund Source(s): FY26 Region 2 Regional Priority Program (RPP)

Federal Program Funds: \$ **248,370**

State Matching Funds: \$ **51,630**

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 300,000

This administrative action aligns the PACOG TIP with the STIP.

c. TIP Amendment# 2023.025

Administrative Action:

Project Name: US50B Drainage

STIP Number: SR26867.065

Project Location and Description: Design/construction of drainage improvements MP 350 - 467

Fund Source(s): FY24 Region 2 Regional Priorities Program Pool (RPP)

Federal Program Funds: \$ 819,621

State Matching Funds: \$ 170,379

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 990,000

This administrative action aligns the PACOG TIP with the STIP.

This will be deleted because this is outside of Pueblo County. Don Bruestle asked about 2 lanes each direction to east to Kansas.

d. TIP Amendment# 2023.026

Administrative Action:

Project Name: US50B and US50C at CO231 Safety Improvements

STIP Number: SR27002.078

Project Location and Description: US50B/C and 36th Lane/CO231 intersections

Fund Source(s): FY24 Region 2 FASTER Safety Allocation Pool (FSA)

Federal Program Funds: \$

State Matching Funds: \$ 167,806

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 167,806

This administrative action aligns the PACOG TIP with the STIP.

e. TIP Amendment #2023.027

Administrative Action:

Project Name: US50 West

STIP Number: SPB7004.999

Project Location and Description: US50A MP 300.0 – 314.597

Fund Source(s): FY24 Region 2 Permanent Water Quality Program (PWQ)

Federal Program Funds: \$ 545,677

State Matching Funds: \$ 113,433

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 659,110

This administrative action aligns the PACOG TIP with the STIP.

This is for Purcell.

Action Requested: Informational

12. Complete Streets Update – July 14, 2023 9 a.m. – McCulloch Blvd & Spaulding Ave

Action Requested: Informational/Reminder

It has been rescheduled to July 25 at 9 a.m. SRDA is going to help transport a few

people.

13. Bike to Workday – June 28th*

Action Requested: Informational

There were 16 participants with 12 stations. Thanks to all the businesses! Don Bruestle asked if there are ebike charging stations, Geoff wasn't quite sure.

14. Next TAC – August 8, 2023 - Planning Conf Room, 211 E D St 81003

Action Requested: Informational

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

Roundtable Discussion

CPG Budget

MMOF/Carbon Reduction

TAC Bylaws

Program Distribution

16. Adjourn at or before 11:00 am

Eva Cosyleon adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.