

**Meeting minutes of the
Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC)
June 10, 2025
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
CDOT HQ - [5615 Wills Blvd., Pueblo, CO 81008](#)**

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1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairwoman: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Time of Call: 1:32 p.m.

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

TTC Members Present: Amanda Hobson, Greg George, Ben Valdez, Helen Dupree, Chuck Roy, Shawn Winters

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

CDOT Members Present: Lindsey Jaquez, Lachelle Davis, Geoff Guthrie, Scott Skinner, Jennifer Sparks, Matt Jagow, Rob Frei, Kathleen Collins

FTA/FHWA Members Present: Aaron Bustow

Others Present: Luann Martinez, Wendy Pettit, Danell Ward, Macario Torrez, Joe Peoria, Sarah Skinner, Chuck Lopez, Sherry Reed, Hailey Vaughn, Liz Young Winne, Paul Silberman, Austin Foster

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

Hailey Vaughn is the Transportation Planner from Mead and Hunt. Liz Young Winne is the Land Use and Main Streets Planner at CDOT. Paul Silberman and Austin Foster is from Mead and Hunt.

3. Approval of Minutes

May 13, 2025 Minutes*

Motion to Approve: Ben Valdez

Second: Laura Leyba

Unanimous

4. Meeting norms – Chairwoman Cheryl

Action Requested: Informational

Cheryl Spinuzzi reminded everyone that we abide by Robert's Rules of Order and to display professional etiquette. If we can eliminate personal comments, and have questions towards the end.

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5. Changes to TAC Representative and Vice-Chair

Motion to Approve: Laura Leyba

Second: Greg George

Unanimous

Andrew Hayes is in a new role under the Mayor. This means that Chuck (Charles) Roy is the new Director of Public Works for City of Pueblo. Helen Dupree is also a voting member. Since Andrew was vicechair, we are looking for a new vicechair. Greg George said he would nominate Amanda Hobson, Amanda said she will if it is the very last option. Eva Cosyleon nominated Laura Leyba, Laura asked what happens to her position as ADA member. Cheryl Spinuzzi said that someone would just replace her. Laura said she needs time to think and will let us know next meeting.

a. CDOT request(s) the following amendment projects into the FY 2025 –2028 Pueblo Area Council of Governments Transportation Improvement Program (PACOG TIP)

TIP Amend 2024.058

Project Name: US50B/50C PACOG Corridor Safety Assessment

STIP Number: SR26644.116

Project Location and Description: Conduct a Road Safety Audit Study along US50B and US50C in Pueblo.

Fund Source(s): FY26 Hazard Elimination Program (HAZ)

Fund Source	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
Federal	0	\$232,875	0	0	0	0	\$232,875
State	0	\$25,875	0	0	0	0	\$25,875
Total	0	\$258,750	0	0	0	0	\$258,750

Notes: Programs \$258,750 FY26 Hazard Elimination funds for this project.

This project is from Hwy 96/47/50C to Highway 209. Hwy 50C is starting south of Ilex/D Street to Avondale (connects to Hwy 50B). This is to target 40-60 intersections, and 33 miles. This project is to look at sight triangles, passing zones, road alignment, stop sight distance, and etc... They are getting their information from TomTom or Garmin (imagery). CDOT will also look at crash history. Improvements will be done in house or project level through FASTER (Funding Advancements for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery Act of 2009) or HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program) funding. There will be some stakeholder involvement and 3 scheduled meetings. Greg George said he is an interested party. Matt Jagow said that if they don't have existing traffic counts then they will get some. Greg said that he would like to improve the freight corridor. Don Bruestle asked if this is brand new or used elsewhere, Matt said he got the idea from Region 4. It has not been done in Region 2 before. Laura Leyba asked where the Hazard Elimination Program (HAZ) come from, Matt said it comes from gas tax.

Motion to Approve: Don Bruestle

Second: Greg George

Unanimous

b. TIP Amend 2024.059

Project Name: Region 2 East - Culvert Repairs

STIP Number: SR26710.076

Project Location and Description: Various locations in Eastern Region 2 along US 50, CO 71, CO 96, CO 196 AND CO 194

Fund Source(s): **FY26** Critical Culvert Repair Program (CCR)

Fund Source	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
Federal	0	\$ 827,900	0	0	0	0	\$ 827,900
State	0	\$ 172,100	0	0	0	0	\$ 172,100

Total	0	\$1,000,000	0	0	0	0	\$1,000,000
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Notes: Programs \$1,000,000 FY26 CCR funds for this new project.

Motion to Approve: Don Bruestle

Second: Richard Arko

Unanimous

Lindsey Jaquez said this is the eastern part of Region 2, this is to align the culverts.

6. Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF) changes

Motion to Approve Transit ridership and Northern Ave Phase 4 trail only: Greg George

Second: Don Bruestle

Unanimous

There is a reduction in 2023 funds. Funds in 2024-2025 are gone. Projects that were awarded in 2024-2025 needs to be allocated to the out years – 2026+. Eva Cosyleon played with the numbers and the existing projects are going to stay whole. We are lucky unlike other MPO's. We have some extra funding. Headquarters informed us that we either use it or lose it. There are 3 projects that were submitted, Northern Ave Trail Phas4, Civic Center Phase 2, and Youth Ride Free (Transit). The amended TIP will come next month. Ben Valdez asked the timelines are and if the bus stops are in the RFP, what pot of money, Geoff Guthrie said it's 100% State. Helen Dupree said it will happen at the end of the State Fair, there isn't much asphalt, as far as the bus stops, she will need to look at it. Greg George asked about the ridership money, Ben said that they draw at the end of the month. This is based on reimbursement. Ben said it is between \$65k to \$75k annually. They would use it over a year and a half. This is not considering District 60 kids. Ben said that they are in negotiations with PCC. He said he has a concern about the Veteran's Ride Free Program because they didn't quite anticipate how many would be riding. There are currently 1,000 riders a week. Numbers are increasing. He said that they are going to be moving stops again. Their next move is to concrete City Park. Transit is funded through Federal Transit Administration (FTA), it is 80/20 match for maintenance of facilities, and a 50/50 match for operations. Higher ridership = higher funding. There has been a 10-15% increase over the last 3-4 years. This is an increase pre-covid numbers. Laura Leyba asked how they are counted, Ben said that bus operator tallies them. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked if there is a program to let the kids know about the lack of school bus, Macario said there isn't a program, they have just been working with the school districts. Ben said that they made a map to help the children figure out which route to take. There is going to be bus monitors to teach the kids. Eva said that they have been promoting it. Ben said they have it on their website. There are a few things they need to update to make it better. Don Bruestle asked if teachers still make announcements to their classes, Ben did not know but Greg George said that D70 does. Don also asked if this would make it whole, Eva said it does make it whole.

Helen said that they asked for more funds, but it is less than before. They are going to rebid the project with some slightly different phasing. They are expecting to come in lower. Greg asked what the split is, Eva said \$108k is for Ben's and \$536k is for Helen's. Chuck Roy said that the scope has changed from the original, this is the 5th revision. Lachelle Davis asked what happens if the bids come in high again, are they able to build the project with the amount of funding. Chuck said that they will have to descope the traffic signal improvements and continue forward with the sidewalk improvements. He said that this is to make the intersection compliant. Eva requests that they provide historic evolution of Northern project and to pause on the project. Chuck said they are already advertising in the chieftain and will go out to bid tomorrow, it is bad to put it on pause. Greg made a motion to fund the Youth Ride Free and the trail only for Northern Ave Phase 4 once bids come back (if it is under their asking price). There were no objections. Ben said that if it is a low enough bid then he would gladly take \$20k more to make it 2 full fiscal years. Chuck said that the full RFP (landscape, sidewalk, signal work) is going out tomorrow. Jennifer Sparks asked how you can descope the signal work, Chuck said that they included bid alternates.

7. Areas of Persistent Poverty* – Mead and Hunt

Action Requested: Informational

Macario Torrez said that they were awarded (\$160k) the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant, this is to conduct a feasibility study on their current transit system and focus on serving major employment centers. Paul Silberman had a presentation, this included the demographics graphics of Pueblo County, 60% of the Census Tract are classified as areas of persistent poverty. Population is 112,000 with 65+ with 19%, under 18 is 22%, poverty is 15%, disabled is 16%, and the median household income is \$57,000. He had a map of job locations; these are outside the current service of Transit. This makes it hard for lower skilled jobs, manufacturing jobs, and 3rd shift.

They contacted 44 employers, had two surveys (HR Manager & Employee - December 9, 2024 – January 24, 2025), MS forms and Paper forms, in English and Spanish. They did not get an overwhelming response. Most people are not taking the bus because it doesn't go there. 75% drive alone in a car, and 9% ride the bus. Another question asked if the bus is available, would they take it to work, 66% answered yes. Summary received were more routes are needed, more routes in Pueblo West, improved sidewalks, improved bus schedule, improved service to PCC, and carpool and transit subsidies. Paul said that they collected a lot of census data from LED and modes, and longitudinal employment. That data showed them home locations of where people work out at the Airport Industrial Park. The next slide showed home locations of Pueblo West Industrial Park Employees. They used an accessibility tool to compare current bus routes and jobs. Most residents can't access jobs (40,000) in the major employment centers within 60 minutes by transit. This helped them develop 6 new routes. 2 in Pueblo West, 3 to Industrial Park, and 1 to Evraz/Bessemer. Mead and Hunt, Ben and Macario sat down and chose 2 (North and South) to Industrial Park, and 1 from Evraz/Bessemer. They would be called North-to-East direct, South-to-East direct, and Split Red Creek. North-to-East (NE) neighborhood focuses on Eastwood, Belmont, and Ridge. The South-to-East (SE) focuses on Blende/Vineland, Minnequa, and Salt Creek. Split Red Creek (SRC) focuses on Blende/Vineland, Downtown, and Salt Creek. NE route would increase jobs by 41%. Different run times (30,60,90 minutes), all day service, and peak service were also studied for all three routes. SE route would increase jobs by 163%. SRC route would increase jobs by 409%. All day service for the first year would cost between \$1.8m to \$5.1m operation and maintenance (OM) cost (\$4.8m to \$14m total cost). Peak service for the first year would cost a little over \$1m to \$3m OM (\$4m to \$11m total cost). They do not recommend peak service. A new bus cost around \$1m and 7 new buses would be needed. The OM cost per mile would be around \$10/mile.

Their next steps would be to finalize the ridership numbers, funding plan, and deliver a final report. Laura Leyba asked if we would need additional transit centers. Ben Valdez said that there is a potential spot on Amanda's property for a transfer spot. The problem is infrastructure, there is a lot of drainage ditches and nowhere to put a bus stop. Eva Cosyleon asked if any of the existing infrastructure could take on any of the new routes, Ben said that the north one is doable, but the infrastructure is still a problem. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked if all day means 24 hours, Paul said it is 6am-9pm. Greg George asked if a smaller electric bus could be looked at, Ben said that they do not want to go shorter than 30 feet because of being a federal recipient. Don Bruestle also suggested that there needs to be transportation but also childcare. Paul said they did send out the surveys and didn't receive many responses. Scott Skinner asked what the peak hours would be, Paul said 6-9am, and 3-7pm. Dylan Goodman asked about the economic impacts (wealth generation, tax generation, and revenue generation), Austin Foster said that they did look at 0 car households, and 1 car household. Ben said that it took them quite a few months to get someone with a driver's license to be able to drive the new vanpool. There is more information in the packet.

8. 10-Year Plan*

Action Requested: Informational

Eva Cosyleon said that every 4 years we work on our priority list to give to CDOT. There is a limited amount of funding. Rob Frei said that the plan includes 2027-2036 years and the first 4 years being realistic expectation of money and funding. The outer years are 2031-2036. Region 2 is expecting \$166m. Pueblo has received about \$160m. This puts us about 16% above our benchmark. The Policy Directive 14 was passed and approved by the Transportation Commission, this includes advancing transportation safety, fix our roads, and sustainably

increase transportation choice. Rob said that they need current projects to keep moving. In the past 8 years, these projects have been completed: I-25 & Exit 104 Dillon Drive (\$14m), and Hwy 50 & Purcell Blvd (\$50m). The active projects are Hwy 50C & 36th Lane (\$9m), I-25 through Pueblo (Hwy50B), I-25 & Exit 108 Purcell Blvd/Mobility Hub, Transit Building, and Transit fixed Routes. On removal is Hwy 47 four lane extension, and Hwy 96 West Pueblo. These projects are going to be added to the outer years: I-25 and Exit 94 Pueblo Blvd and adjacent intersections, Hwy 96/47/50B intersection, and Hwy 96 Resurfacing – West of Hwy 45 Pueblo to Red Creek Springs Road. More information/funding amounts in the packet. Eva said that there are still projects that we will include in our Long-Range Transportation Plan. Don Bruestle asked if the same rationale will be used for Hwy 50 & McCulloch, Jennifer Sparks said yes. There was a Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study done for that corridor in 2012. There will be another grade separated interchange at Hwy 50 West and McCulloch. There is no funding currently.

9. Public Participation Plan*

Action Requested: Informational

Dylan Goodman said this is a guide for local partners when performing their own planning processes and public engagement. There was a lot of feedback to keep it flexible. He added a 3-tier system, this looks at small, medium, and large plans determined by the geographic scope. He also added section 4 which is a set of guidelines on how to go about planning for public engagement and tracking the success. Dylan included an engagement strategy metrics page. This is out for public comment, next month will be final review and approval. Don Bruestle asked if this is intended to have the public engaged on as needed basis or ongoing, Dylan said it is focused on project basis. Public engagement should always strive to be an ongoing and even present effort, but it is outside of the scope of this document. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked who will receive this, Dylan said that the MPO will use this document regularly and will live on our website. There are no requirements on our local partners. Laura Leyba asked if this plan is to help new members understand, Dylan said that this plan doesn't but there is a video that is posted on our website. <https://www.pacog.net/orientation>

10. Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) Updates

- a. Aviation
- b. City of Pueblo
 - Public Works/Transportation Dept. – Paving includes 6th Street, Bonforte Blvd, Elizabeth, Victory Lane, Lexington, Vision Lane, and Saratoga. There will be a Safe Streets for All public meeting on July 8th or 9th to go over the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP). Safe Routes to School Haaff and Parkview Schools will begin construction next year. Northern Ave and Prairie will be going out to bid shortly.
 - Transit
- c. Colorado City/Rye
- d. Pueblo County
 - Public Works
 - Parks and Recreation
- e. Pueblo West – Shawn Winters left a message saying that Joe Martinez Trail is currently in the process of closing out, Purcell Trail Phase 1 and 2 is ready to bid and currently waiting on CDOT concurrence letters, and Civic Center Trail Phase 1 is at 95% design.
- f. Senior Resource Development Agency (SRDA)
- g. Others
 - CSU-P

Action Requested: Informational

11. CDOT R2 and HQ Updates

Scott Skinner said that CTE is coming out with a notice for funding on June 30th. Kathleen Collins said that Liz Young Winne is new to their team, she is the new land use and main streets planner. There is a statewide plan survey.

Action Requested: Informational

12. Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Updates

- a. ADA Commission - Laura Leyba said that there is a something going on with the Arkansas River, from City Park to Runyon Lake. They are trying to get ADA accessibilities access, this us for new study.
- b. Member At-Large
- c. Pueblo Active Community Environments (PACE) – Chuck Aksamit said that they had Safety Jam, there were around 35 kids. They learned the rules of the roads and won some bikes. Next event is in a few weeks. There will be prizes for Bike Bingo.
- d. Planning and Zoning (P&Z)
 - Pueblo County
 - City of Pueblo – Cheryl Spinuzzi said there has been a lot of inquiries and the Jellystone Park is estimating 2 years for full completion. They are working with CDOT for access. Jackson Ranch will be developing too.
- e. Pueblo Plex

Action Requested: Informational

13. MPO updates

Action Requested: Informational

- a. Bike Month* Eva Cosyleon said the next event is Paint and Bubbly. June 25th is bike to work day, there will be burritos, Pueblo chili, muffins, donuts, Pueblo salsa, and etc...
- b. Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) – Eva Cosyleon said that we are working with DiExSys and our Long-Range Transportation Plan consultants to create a Transportation Summit event. This is a combination meeting for Safety (Crashes) and the LRTP.
- c. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
- d. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Transportation Report – Eva Cosyleon said that we will go to Transportation Commission next February for approval. Our consultant has submitted the proof of concept to CDOT. They are currently reviewing it. We passed years 2030, 2040, 2050.
- e. Legislative* - Dylan Goodman said that most of them have passed and been sent to the governor for final approval.

14. FTA & FHWA updates

Action Requested: Informational

15. CDOT request(s) the following amendment projects into the FY 2025 –2028 Pueblo Area Council of Governments Transportation Improvement Program (PACOG TIP)

Action Requested: Informational

- a. TIP Amend 2024.006.03 Administrative Amendment

Project Name: I-25 Pueblo Safety Improvements

STIP Number: SR26867.138

Project Location and Description: Holding planned, unprogrammed, RPP Funds

Fund Source(s): Various Funding Type: Regional Priority Program (RPP)

Fund Source	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
RPP (Federal)	0	0	0	0	0	(\$1,641,780)	(\$1,641,780)

RPP (State)	0	0	0	0	0	(\$158,220)	(\$158,220)
Total	0	0	0	0	0	(\$1,800,000)	(\$1,800,000)

Moves \$1.8M RPP FY29 placeholder funds to I25A at Exit 108.

b. TIP Amend 2024.002.01 Administrative Amendment

Project Name: I-25 at Exit 108 Improvements

STIP Number: SR26867.119

Project Location and Description: Design and construction of interchange improvements at I25A and Exit 108.

Fund Source(s): Various Funding Type: Regional Priority Program (RPP)

Fund Source	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Total
RPP (Federal)	0	0	0	0	0	\$1,641,780	\$ 1,641,780
RPP (State)	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 158,220	\$ 158,220
Total	0	0	0	0	0	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000

Notes: Moves \$1.8M RPP FY29 placeholder funds to I-25A at Exit 108.

This is to add funding.

16. Next TAC meeting – July 8, 2025, from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Location: CDOT HQ - [5615 Wills Blvd., Pueblo, CO 81008](#)

Deadline for presentations is June 30th at 5 p.m.

Action Requested: Informational

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

Roundtable Discussion

Medal of Honor Blvd. and Trail

TIP Roll forwards

Public Participation Plan approval

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UPWP FFY 2026 Draft

Northern Ave Phase history

Rural Transportation Authority (RTA)

18. Adjourn at or before 3:30 pm

Adjournment was at 3:35 p.m.