

**Meeting minutes of
the TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
(TAC)
April 11, 2023
9:00 a.m.**

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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

TAC Members Present: Aaron Willis, Greg Pedroza, Lachelle Davis, Rob Frej, Geoff Guthrie, Shawn Winters, Melanie Turner

CAC Members Present: Don Bruestle, Cheryl Spinuzzi

Others Present: Macario Torrez, Laurel Jones, Wendy Pettit, Glenn Krause, Tanis Manseau

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

Wendy Pettit is from Pueblo County.

3. Approval of Minutes

March 14, 2023 Minutes*

Motion to Approve: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Second: Don Bruestle

Unanimous:

4. Hwy 50 & Purcell / Drew Dix & Dillon project* – Laurel Jones

Requested: Update and presentation

Hwy 50 & Purcell completed paving, signal installation, concrete median/sidewalk, final striping, guardrail, signs, ponds, and pedestrian improvements. Final stabilizing and seeding is currently

underway. In Laurel's presentation, she had quite a few pictures of the median, and some overviews. Don Bruestle asked what the total amount that was spent on this project, Laurel said she will look into it. Eva Cosyleon asked what the lessons learned, Laurel said that they have a list but the main one is ground water, it is contaminated with Selenium. The water must be shipped to Denver to be treated. There has been about \$5m in water treatment. Eva Cosyleon asked about the other projects if they would get selenium. The ground water level was about 4 to 10 feet deep. She doesn't think the other projects will have Selenium.

Drew Dix & Dillon has two work areas; There is going to be a roundabout on Drew Dix and Frontage Rd and Dillon is going to extend from the NB offramp I-25 to the north. The red portion is going to be a bridge. The roundabout will be 160 feet diameter (WB67 semitruck). There is a fewer conflict points, allows free flow, and slow speeds down (a lot of pedestrian traffic). Phase I (Fall 2023) is installing the detour, Phase II (late 2023) is the construction of southbound I-25 ramp and westbound, Phase III will be finishing the configuration and east frontage road. If everything goes as planned it might be finished at the end of this year. The City of Pueblo will be putting the artwork on the west roundabout at Dillon and I-25. They are going to close the eastbound to northbound traffic. This work will complete the split diamond. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked about the box culvert (Exit 108). Laurel said that it is in design. Geoff Guthrie said that it is 2026 money. Design is only funded.

5. City's Projects & 2020 MMOF – Kelly Grisham

Requested: Update

6. 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 Amend: #2023.014

Project Name: Pueblo Transit

STIP Number: TBD

Project Location and Description: Update Computer system in all transit buses.

Fund Source(s): FY23

Federal Program Funds: **\$35,000**

State Matching Funds: **\$**

Local Matching Funds: **\$**

Other Project Funds: **\$**

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$35,000

Adding additional funds:

\$35,000 is needed for computer upgrades in transit buses.

Geoff Guthrie said that this is for the GPS message board. Wendy Pettit asked what the money was from, Eva Cosyleon said that it is ARPA funds.

b) Project Name: US50B and US50C at CO231 Safety Improvements

STIP Number: SR27002.078

Project Location and Description: Intersection safety and drainage improvements at both intersections

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

Federal Program Funds: **\$**

State Matching Funds: **\$8,243**

Local Matching Funds: **\$**

Other Project Funds: **\$**

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$8,243

Adding additional funds:

\$8,243 in additional State of Colorado FY24 FASTER Safety design phase funds needed for a task order amendments with Public Involvement consultant firm due to work above original scope.

This is for both intersections.

Action Requested: Informational

7. Complete Streets – Walk Audit

Action Requested: Update

One questions was what challenges everyone faces with complete streets, funding was number one and maintenance was second. There were pictures and people added what they thought would make it a complete street. Another question was what is wrong with this street, showing Goodnight Ave and Dupps Ave. People said that there were no curb ramps. Don Bruestle said that the picture with Goodnight has a power pole in the way if there are going to be directional curb ramps. A walk audit will give different perspectives. There are some ADA curb ramps, but it leads to no-where- no connecting sidewalks. Eva Cosyleon went over the results of the surveys. She was thinking Bonforte/Hudson. Prairie Ave will be re-done so it is off the list. Pueblo County results were Salt Creek and Gale to Everett on 29th Lane. The City walk audit would be in May and the County walk audit would be in June and a results meeting will be in July.

8. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) update

Action Requested: Informational

It was decided that Purcell Blvd Phase I is priority number 1, St Clair Corridor is priority number 2, Purcell Blvd Phase II is priority number 3, and Williams Creek Trail is priority number 4. Final applications are April 21st, Lachelle Davis said that they sent out their reviews this morning.

Purcell Blvd Phase I – A trail will be running along Purcell Blvd on the western side from McCulloch Main Phase III Trail to Joe Martinez Blvd/Medal of Honor Blvd.

St. Clair will be along St. Clair Ave from Princeton St to Prairie Ave. This will include missing sidewalk, ADA curb ramps, and bike lanes on both sides.

Purcell Blvd Phase II Trail will continue along Purcell Blvd from Joe Martinez Blvd to Liberty Point.

Williams Creek Trail will connect to McCulloch Blvd to E Sapinero Dr.

9. Other Local Agencies Updates

Action Requested: Discussion

Greg Pedroza said that Southern Airways is doing much better. The Wings and Wheels car show is this Saturday. Melanie Turner said that she is still having problems, Greg said to email him the problem. Greg said that American, Alaska, and United are seamless, the other airlines will need to get baggage and go through TSA again. Eva Cosyleon asked about the redesign, Greg said that they have a shovel ready design and is applying for FAA. This will cost about \$3m with phasing.

Greg George said that they have overlay and chip seals out for bid this week. They are doing a 5–10-year plan for Pueblo West. There will be 9 miles of roadway for asphalt

overlay this year, 10 miles for chip and slurry, and Vineland Hydrohalic QC sent out April 19th. Medal of Honor is at 70% complete and should be 90% by July. This project will start next week.

Melanie Turner said that Dillon and Eagleridge roundabout is still in design. Jackson and Adams roundabout starting design, Jerry Murphy/Chinook is going out to bid next week. She said that Main Street will not have bump outs. Don Bruestle asked if the sidewalks will be the same width. He also suggested putting in some trees.

The Safe Routes to School Monument Corridor (2nd & 12th) got approved with protected bike lanes.

10. CDOT Updates

- **National Highway Freight (\$2.5m)**

Rob Frei said that in the guidelines I-25 is the only one. This is to help with safety. Eva Cosyleon suggested looking at I-25 and Lime Rd, Rob said that it may cost \$300k. Melanie Turner asked about the Rest Area on I-25, Rob said that it is viable. Cheryl Spinuzzi suggested I-25 and Pueblo Blvd. Eva asked about the timeline money, Wendy Pettit says that it has 2 years once it's rewarded. Rob said this funding should be to fix a current problem.

Requested: Informational

Aaron Willis said that STAC on May 4th will be in person. House Bill (HB) 1101 is to increase free days in Transit. Another is to look at the TPR (Transportation Planning Region) boundaries, VMT, safety, lane miles, etc... Senate Bill (SB) 213 talks about land use and transportation implications. CDOT has not hired a Division Transportation Development Director (DTD).

Glenn Krause said that the next Colorado Association of State Transportation Agencies (CASTA) will have their meeting May 9-12. Funding announcements of 3510&5311 agreements.

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

Action Requested: Informational

12. Next TAC – May 9, 2023 - Planning Conf Room 211 E D St 81003

Action Requested: Informational

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

Roundtable Discussion

HB 1101

SB 213

14. Adjourn at or before 11:00 am

Eva Cosyleon adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.