

**Meeting minutes of the
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (TAC)
July 9, 2024
9:00 a.m.
[211 E D Street, Pueblo, CO 81003](#)**

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Amended Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairwoman: Eva Cosyleon

Time of Call: 9:01 a.m.

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

TAC Members Present: Aaron Willis, Geoff Guthrie, Lindsey Jaquez, Lachelle Davis, Melanie Turner, Greg Pedroza, Scott Skinner, Sean Maik, Macario Torrez, Laura Leyba, Ben Valdez, Shawn Winters, Aaron Willis

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

Others Present: Wendy Pettit, Sarah Skinner, Danell Ward, Luann Martinez, Aaron Willis, John Holzwarth, Amanda Hobson, Medora Bornhoft, Bill Haas, Duane Sayers, Andy Karsian

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

Medora Bornhoft is from CDOT HQ in the Multimodal Planning Branch. Duane Sayers is the Director of Rail - Planning and Operations with Front Range Passenger Rail District. Andy Karsian is the General Manager for the Front Range Passenger Rail District.

3. Approval of Minutes

June 11, 2024 Minutes*

Motion to Approve: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Second: Richard Arko

Unanimous:

4. MPO request(s) the following amendment projects into the FY 2024 –2028 Pueblo Area Council of Governments Transportation Improvement Program (PACOG TIP)*

Motion to Approve: Don Bruestle

Second: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Unanimous:

TIP Amend 2024.048 Policy Amendment

Project Name: CSU Hydrogen Charging Infrastructure

Agency: CDOT

STIP Number: N/A

Project Location and Description:

Fund Source(s): CF&I

Fund Source	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
CF&I State	\$ 1,560,339.60	\$ 1,560,339.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,120,679.20
Local Match	\$ 390,084.90	\$ 390,084.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 780,169.80
Total	\$ 1,560,339.60	\$ 1,560,339.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,900,849.00

Cheryl Spinuzzi asked if this is for the Semi trucks, Eva Cosyleon said she doesn't believe so. Don Bruestle asked if this will distribute hydrogen or manufacture, Ben Valdez said that is it to manufacture it.

5. Transit My Ride phone app* – Ben Valdez

Action Requested: Presentation

Ben Valdez said that this app will do real-time diversion, and planning and implementation on the fly. TripSpark is the leading the industry as far as ADA compliance. It also currently uses GTFC signals. The ask will cover advertising launch, printed launch, and 2 years of operation. This app will also plan your movement and show the location of the bus. There is an annual fee. Laure Leyba asked if other Cities had this app, Ben said Colorado Springs, Denver, and Fort Collins. Laura also asked if you could buy a ticket, Ben said that there is a way to expand that option, but they are not exploring it. Sean Maik asked if the City's Project Managers has projects going on, who do they update. Ben said they will go through his Operation Supervisor. Eva Cosyleon asked about increased users, Ben said this is not to help increase users but to help simplify for current users. Laura asked about a blind option and language, Ben said yes, it is included.

6. FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)*

Action Required: Informational

Eva Cosyleon said that she is amending the work program to include the Consolidate Planning Grant funding, carryover money, and other new projects.

7. TAC ByLaws*

Action Required: Vote to be sent to PACOG attorney

Motion to Approve: Don Bruestle

Second: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Unanimous:

Don Bruestle has a few suggestions: Article 5 Section 7 – remove the word elected to replace with appointed position, Article 6 Section 6 – change elected to appointed. Article 4 Section 5 – to include the agenda and at least one full business day in advance (post on Friday, meeting on Tuesday) – post to Rawlings Library, Article 5 Section 1 – change to 6 members, Article 5 Section 7 – change officer to member.

8. MMOF – Michael Snow

Action Requested: Update

The Multimodal Transportation & Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF) helps integrate a system to help with seniors (aging in place), accessible and flexible public transportation, mobility, safe routes to school, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions (GHG). This includes fixed route, non-demand transit (operational or capital),

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transportation demand management programs, mobility projects, studies, bike/ped projects, modeling tools, and GHG reduction. There is a 50% match rate but in Pueblo Area we have 0%. MMOF projects are contracted and overseen by CDOT. Infrastructure projects have a \$300k minimum and non-infrastructure projects have a minimum \$25k. Local agencies are required to report projects annually. Don Bruestle asked if this could be used for the airport, Michael Snow said that air transport is not identified but it depends on what is being done. The 2020 awards are 47% spent (\$36m/\$76m), and in 2022 awards are 10.5% spent (\$22m/\$212m). Melanie Turner asked about the left-over money from 2020, Michael said that projects are more challenging to get to a ready state. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked if the 2020 funds are lost, Michael said that they will have to reauthorize the funding. Also to explain how slow and complicated the whole process is. The match formula has been updated with the most recent data. The Funding projections have been updated too. The retail delivery fees are the main funding source. You can award projects in the future. CDOT will be reviewing the applications and scope change. Pueblo area gets 2.92% with a total of \$2,283,789. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked if this money can be used to repair sidewalks, Michael said that this can be used to repair residential sidewalks. Greg George asked if the % is based on population, Michael said yes but there are other criteria (age, DI) that is calculated. Melanie Turner asked about the 2024 funds and not being enough for an infrastructure project, Eva said that she combined 2024 and 2025 funds and with Ben's request, this leaves about \$200k left. The scoring criteria includes network/modal connectivity, safety, greenhouse gas reduction (GHG), quality of life, economic impact, cost benefits, local/community support, and application quality. CDOT will review and check the eligibility, budget, project delivery, and scope/feasibility. There will be a new MMOF Program Guide, and a few webinars. They have a new email mmof@state.co.us. Future funding could be used to complete current projects. Don Bruestle asked about education and publication, Eva said we do post on our website and the Chieftain. The consultant will do an education on roundabouts. Luann Martinez said that there needs to be more effort than writing something online.

9. Front Range Passenger Rail update* - Andy Karsian

Action Requested: Presentation

Colorado's highway system was built for a population of 3 million and is currently housing over 5 million people. This rail will help connect intercities together which is reliable, fast, and safe. The Rail District has teamed up with CDOT and RTD. There are a few funding opportunities, and it is located outside of Pueblo Transportation Technology Center (TTC). The purpose is to connect Pueblo to Fort Collins along existing freight railroad corridors. There will be nine stations. Long term will include Wyoming and New Mexico. Fort Collins and Pueblo will take 3 hours. Intercity speeds will be between 79-90 MPH. This project will cost \$3.4 billion. The goal is to start service in 2029 with six round trips. A new sales tax ballot measure will be a key component. This is \$.23 cents on \$100. The Stations Location is in active conversations. The biggest ridership includes the northern area and the metro area at 25%-30%. Andy Karsian said they are predicting 580,000 to 1.2 million riders. He also included a chart on performance between different systems. The Rail will help offset the GHG, reduce congestion along I-25, reduce crashes/fatalities, and reduce road maintenance cost. This will benefit an increase in the employee pool, visitors, and reduce parking needs. HB 1012 – House bill for Front Range Passenger District Efficiency Clean-Up Clean (re drew boundaries), SB 184 – new fee for rental car fee, and SB 230 – three new funds to support operations and capital needs. Cheryl asked about connectivity to the airport, Andy said that there will be connectivity. She also asked about the cost, Andy said around \$.37 per mile (180 mile corridor) but this could change or get discounts.

10. Grant update – Isabel Rollins

Action Requested: Update

There are two grants, Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program and Charging and Fueling Infrastructure.

11. Other Local Agencies Updates

Action Requested: Informational

Greg George said that they are doing trail design on the Medal of Honor, Industrial and Purcell – survey work will start soon so RokSol can start on the design, process chip and slurry, overlay in a couple weeks, EV project (design) for RFQ, and the RAISE grant (\$8.6m). The RAISE Grant will tie in the Joe Martinez/Medal of Honor

trail to 24th Street then south to the Arkansas River then east to the new trailhead.

Shawn Winters said that they are working on TAP 4 and 5 - Joe Martinez - waiting for CDOT to approve for advertisement, Purcell Trail – notes to proceed for design, Civic Center Trail – waiting to complete IGA (intergovernmental agreement).

Melanie Turner said she didn't have any updates but thinks it would be a good idea for the group to send in their ideas on improvements (sidewalk). Her examples were Hwy 45 Pueblo Blvd and 11th Street and Moffat Trailhead. She said that she is going to apply for the SMART Grant which makes the traffic signals smarter with newer technology. The smart signal will detect and adjust timing. She also asked about the At-Grade Grant, Sarah Skinner said that isn't open yet. Sarah said there are boot camps that they can be a part of. Geoff Guthrie asked which ones, Melanie said 29th Street and Plateville. Greg George said that their RAISE Grant could include the 11th Street bridge pedestrian cantilever.

12. CDOT Updates

Action Requested: Informational

Geoff Guthrie said that the Hwy 50B is out to advertisement and bids open August 8th. The funds are swapping from State to Federal.

13. MPO request(s) the following amendment projects into the FY 2024 –2028 Pueblo Area Council of Governments Transportation Improvement Program (PACOG TIP)*

TIP Amend 2024.012.01 Administrative Amendment

Project Name: HAAF Elementary

Agency: City of Pueblo

STIP Number: SR26868.033

Project Location and Description: This project constructs sidewalks and connections; installs high visibility crosswalks; and installs ADA curb ramps.

Fund Source(s):

Fund Source	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
SRTS	\$ 149,816.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 149,816.00
MMOF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 91,816.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 91,816.00
Total	\$ 149,816.00	\$ -	\$ 91,816.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 241,632.00

Notes:

Addition of MMO funding for use in construction only.

14. CDOT Region 2 request(s) the following amendment projects into the FY 2024 –2028 Pueblo Area Council of Governments Transportation Improvement Program (PACOG TIP)*

Action Required: Informational

a. TIP Amend 2024.001 Administrative Amendment

Project Name: I-25 through Pueblo

STIP Number: SPB3865.999

Project Location and Description: Reconstruction of interchange at I25 and US Hwy 50B

Fund Source(s): 7PX - Strategic Program Pool (Highway)

Fund Source	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
7PX – State (267)	(\$993,480)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$993,480)
Local	(\$206,520)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$206,520)
Total	(\$1,200,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$1,200,000)

Notes: Reconciliation – Total funding amount = \$31,000,000 state funds 7PX FY24. In a previous TIP \$1.2M RPP funds were accidentally entered in as 7PX.

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b. **TIP Amend** 2024.001 Administrative Amendment

Project Name: I-25 through Pueblo

STIP Number: SPB3865.999

Project Location and Description: Reconstruction of interchange at I25 and US Hwy 50B

Fund Source(s): BFP – Bridge Formula Program

Fund Source	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
BFP – Federal (NHPP)	\$31,550,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$31,550,000
BFP – State (SHF)	(\$31,550,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$31,550,000)
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes: Reconciliation – Fund swap from state to federal funds for BFP FY24.

c. **TIP Amend** 2024.001 Administrative Amendment

Project Name: I-25 through Pueblo

STIP Number: SPB3865.999

Project Location and Description: Reconstruction of interchange at I25 and US Hwy 50B

Fund Source(s): FR8 – National Freight Program

Fund Source	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
FR8 – Federal (NHFP)	\$747,150	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$747,150
FR8 – State (SHF)	(\$747,150)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$747,150)
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes: Reconciliation – Fund swap from state to federal funds. Total funding amount = \$8,500,000 federal funds FR8 FY24.

d. **TIP Amend** 2024.001 Administrative Amendment

Project Name: I-25 through Pueblo

STIP Number: SPB3865.999

Project Location and Description: Reconstruction of interchange at I25 and US Hwy 50B

Fund Source(s): HAZ – Hazard Elimination Program

Fund Source	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
HAZ – Federal (HSIP)	(\$70,000)	\$220,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
HAZ – State (SHF)	(\$130,000)	(\$20,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$150,000)
Total	(\$200,000)	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes: Reconciliation – Total funding amount = \$1,100,000 federal funds HAZ FY24, and \$5,142,500 Federal funds HAZ FY25.

e. **TIP Amend** 2024.001 Administrative Amendment

Project Name: I-25 through Pueblo

STIP Number: SPB3865.999

Project Location and Description: Reconstruction of interchange at I25 and US Hwy 50B

Fund Source(s): PWQ – Permanent Water Quality Program

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Fund Source	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
PWQ – Federal (NHPP)	\$0	\$0	\$515,932	\$204,159	\$0	\$0
PWQ – State (SHF)	\$0	\$0	(\$515,932)	(\$204,159)	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes: Reconciliation – Fund swap from state to federal funds. Total funding amount = \$5,869,532 federal funds PWQ FY26, and \$2,322,637 federal funds PWQ FY27.

f. **TIP Amend** 2024.001 Administrative Amendment

Project Name: I-25 through Pueblo

STIP Number: SPB3865.999

Project Location and Description: Reconstruction of interchange at I25 and US Hwy 50B

Fund Source(s): SUR – Surface Treatment Program

Fund Source	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Total
SUR– Federal (STBG)	\$0	\$0	\$ 585,140	\$0	\$0	\$ 585,140
SUR – State (SHF)	\$0	\$0	(\$585,140)	\$0	\$0	(\$585,140)
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes: Reconciliation – Fund swap from state to federal funds. Total funding amount = \$3,400,000 federal funds SUR FY26.

15. Next TAC – August 13, 2024 - Planning Conference Room, 211 E D St 81003

Deadline for presentations is August 5th at 5 p.m.

Action Requested: Informational

Doodle poll was sent out, choose between 1st Monday and 2nd Tuesday.

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

Roundtable Discussion

People over Parking

2020 & 2022 MMOF Projects

17. Adjourn at or before 11:00 am

Adjournment was at 11:11 a.m.