

**Meeting minutes of  
the TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION  
(TAC)  
November 8, 2022  
9:00 a.m.**

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**Planning Department – 211 E D St., Pueblo, CO**  
**81003**

**Agenda items marked with \* indicate additional materials are included in the packet.  
Agenda items marked with \*\* indicate additional materials will be sent out later.**

**Individuals requiring Special Accommodations should notify the City MPO's Office (719)  
553-2242 by Noon on the Friday preceding the meeting.**

**AGENDA**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

*Chairman: Eva Cosyleon*

*Time of Call: 9:02 a.m.*

*MPO Members Present: Eva Cosyleon, Hannah Haunert*

*TAC Members Present: Wendy Pettit, Aaron Willis, Melanie Turner, Ben Valdez, Scott Hodson, Greg George, Greg Pedroza, Heather Norton, Lachelle Davis, Scott Hobson*

*CAC Members Present: Don Bruestle, Cheryl Spinuzzi*

*Others Present: Geoff Guthrie, Macario Torrez, John Buttram*

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

*There were no introductions nor public comments.*

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**October 11, 2022 Minutes\***

*Motion to Approve: Greg Pedroza*

*Second: Ben Valdez*

*Unanimous:*

**4. 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)\*\* - approval for PACOG Board**

*Motion to Approve: Greg Pedroza*

*Second: Ben Valdez*

*Unanimous:*

*This went through public comment and there were comments from CDOT, City, and Transit (FHWA).*

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

**FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program**

**Administrative notification of Roll Forward Project Funding or TIP/STIP Policy amendment(s) in the MPO and TPR area(s)**

Project Name: **US 50 B and US 50 C at SH 231 (36<sup>th</sup> Lane)**

STIP Number:

Project Location and Description: **Design efforts for the safety improvements at each intersection**

Fund Source(s): **FY 2024 FASTER Safety funding**

Federal Program Funds: \$

State Matching Funds: \$ **112,395**

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$

**TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 112,395**

**Adding additional funds:**

The addition of the FASTER funding to this project will allow for the design efforts to begin per the presentations given to TAC, PACOG, and the Pueblo Board of County Commissioners. The scope of the project is for the installation of safety improvements for US50B @ CO231 and US50C @ CO231 intersections. The work will include raised concrete islands, installation of new signs, realignment of pavement markings, and installation of an Intersection Conflict Warning System only at US50B @ CO231 intersection.

**Action Requested: Informational**

**6. Airport terminal remodel\* – Greg Pedroza**

**Action Requested: Discussion**

*Greg Pedroza said that they are in a contract with a design firm. There is about \$5b in the bipartisan bill for Aviation for the next 5 years. This upgrade will be about \$3.5m. In the presentation, Greg had some rendered pictures and some cost estimates. Don Bruestle asked if the entrance will be for clearly visible, Greg said they may add large potted plants in front of the windows. There is a tentative drawing in the presentation, they have added some restrooms past security. Don asked about letters of support, Greg said FAA did not want them included.*

*Eva Cosyleon asked about the Skywest contract, Greg said that Skywest is pulling out and the new airline will be Southern Airways, they will have multiple flights a day.*

**7. Association for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) Conference Summary**

**Action Requested: Informational**

*Eva Cosyleon said that the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) Program is that you can borrow 49% of eligible project cost. This includes Land Use, Real Estate and Public Transportation (Transit Orientated Development (TOD). Housing and Transportation should be included in the projects. Other Cities and MPOs had a criteria that include affordable housing and connection, or public transportation (bike lanes, etc...). In Clinton County, they also did a safety audit with a call for projects. The Safe Streets for All will be good for this. Project criteria should include projects that doesn't increase crashes, safety measures, housing, transit development, mapping potential projects and benefits of*

accessibility. Public engagements included On the Table; this is where people would participate in a meeting that they are already a part of. This would add another topic to discuss.

## **8. Complete Streets, Next Steps**

### **Action Requested: Discussion**

FHWA would like to have 2.5% planning funds go towards Complete Streets. The next step would be to build our stakeholder group. This will include Transit, County – Public Works, City – Public Works, and Traffic Engineering. We should also add ADA. Melanie Turner said that the City of Pueblo has Complete Streets (sidewalks, landscape, etc...) policy but may not be 100%. Eva Cosyleon asked Melanie if she would like to talk about the City's reclassification. Melanie said that the standards they have for developers is that they determine the roadway they would need (example: residential local). Each road classification has certain criteria that you can and cannot do. For example, a principle arterial you cannot have parking and include a center median. There are a few classifications that need to be modified (spacing between driveways). Melanie said that they will look at if Transit has a bus stop there. Eva said that every street does not need a bike lane, it just depends on what is happening on the street and the use/function. Greg George said they do not have safety requirements but there are very few curb and gutter. If there is curb and gutter then they require ADA accessibility. Eva suggested access along the Highway and how pedestrians move and a Complete Street Initiative Group (include Health Department?). Greg said that speeding, and stop signs are a main concern for safety. He is trying some striping changes to reduce speed in Colorado City. Don Bruestle has a concern of walkability; this includes multiple lanes to travel (safety islands). Eva said the next steps would be to meet and maybe go over other community policies and if it's feasible. Don Bruestle suggested a comprehensive list or a check list of what is relevant and not. Melanie asked if Grand Junction already has a policy and design, Eva said yes they do have a policy but wasn't sure about design.

## **9. Other Local Agencies Updates**

### **Action Requested: Discussion**

Greg George said that they are working on the roadway for Medal of Honor Blvd., still collecting data at 36<sup>th</sup> Lane and Hwy 50, intersection trial (lane narrowing, crosswalks, bike lanes – Colorado City) and recycled plastic roadway (Siloam Rd / Stockyard Rd).

Melanie Turner said that Union & Main Streetscape is in design, Eastside Streetscape (El Centro Park) is in design, Northern Trail Phase 3 is in design, Pueblo Street Assessment is still getting assessed, Prairie Ave Improvement is in concrete design phase, Mel Harmon Bridge is in design, Prairie to Minnequa Lake is in design, Dillon & Eagleridge roundabout is in design, Arkansas River Trail (roadway) is still awaiting the new rebid, Ridge Drive is in construction and paving will be done next year, Adams & Jackson Roundabout will start the design, Dillon Pedestrian Improvements will be done in the next few years, Northern is currently being paved, Abriendo is getting repaved next year, Berkley & Mesa Roundabout is in evaluation, Alan Hamel will be paved in 2023, West 18<sup>th</sup> Street extension is going to Council on Nov 14, 2022, Union Bridge is at CDOT clearances, Chinook and Jerry Murphy intersection is on hold, Haaff School is in design, and Lake and Orman roundabout is waiting for IGA. Melanie recently applied for two bridge grants, the first one is on E 8<sup>th</sup> Street (west of Amarillo) – this will have a new pedestrian bridge built next to the traffic bridge, the second bridge is W 11<sup>th</sup> Street

*Bridge – this bridge has a lot of erosion and a lot of brush overgrowth. Don Bruestle asked if the 11<sup>th</sup> Street bridge is wheelchair accessible, Melanie said that she believes so.*

**10. CDOT Updates**

**Requested: Informational**

*Lachelle Davis asked Melanie if the City is going with FHWA or CDOT for the Raised Grant. City was awarded the large Raised Grant; the recipient can go through local CDOTS or FHWA. Melanie asked what the benefits would be, Lachelle said that it would be treated the same as other grants but a little more difficult with contracting. Melanie said she will look into it. Geoff Guthrie said that the Revitalizing Main Streets Grant is on a brief winter hiatus until late January. He will have some updates by then.*

**11. Call for 2024-2026 TAP?**

**Action Requested: Discussion**

*TAP Grant is not ready.*

**12. Federal Highway and Federal Transit Updates (If needed)**

**Action Requested: Informational**

**13. Next TAC – December 13, 2022? - TBD**

**Action Requested: Informational**

*PACOG's meeting is December 8, 2022.*

*It was decided that the next TAC will be held temporarily on December 6<sup>th</sup> unless canceled.*

**14. Items from TAC Members or scheduling of future Agenda Items**

**Roundtable Discussion**

*Southern Airways*

*Pilot Projects (Colorado City - first quarter)*

*2050 Statewide Transit Plan (January or February)*

*Don Bruestle asked if there are in EV charging stations on the southern side of the County, Eva Cosyleon said that she will find out.*

*Mora Moone replacement has not been announced.*

**15. Adjourn at or before 11:00 am**

*Eva Cosyleon adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.*