



**Meeting minutes of
the TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (TAC)
November 14, 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: 9:00 a.m.

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

TAC Members Present: Aaron Willis, Geoff Guthrie, Shawn Winters, Lindsey Jaquez, Lachelle Davis, Greg Pedroza

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

Others Present: Macario Torrez, Wendy Pettit, Scott Hobson, Andrew Hayes, Greg George, Karim Ayoub, Don Scanga, Jared Meira, Jacquelin Hernandez, Sanjiv Gupta, Wendy Pettit

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

Dylan Goodman is the new Transportation Planner. Laura Leyba is the new ADA representative. Jared Miera is the Energy Manager for Pueblo County. Karim Ayoub is the Project Manager for Pueblo County. Don Scanga is with CDOT's local agency group. Jacquelin Hernandez is the Engineering Intern for Pueblo County. Sunjiv Gupta is with CDOT Headquarters as the Safety Circuit Writer Programmer.

3. Approval of Minutes

October 10, 2023 Minutes*

Motion to Approve: Richard Arko

Second: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Unanimous:

**4. Pueblo Area Council of Governments Transportation Improvement Plan
FY2028 Regional Priority Program (RPP) Project Addition***

CDOT Region 2 requests the addition of the following project in FY2028, to be funded by RPP:

Policy Action:

Project Name: I-25A Pueblo Safety Improvements

STIP Number: SR26867.TBD

Project Location and Description: Safety & operational improvements along I-25A through Pueblo

Fund Source(s): FY28 Region 2 Regional Priority Program (RPP)

Federal Program Funds: **\$ 729,680**

State Matching Funds: **\$ 70,320**

Local Matching Funds: **\$**

Other Project Funds: **\$**

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 800,000

This amendment programs FY28 funds to the construction phase of this project.

This is a placeholder, and the location can be changed.

Motion to Approve: Don Bruestle

Second: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Unanimous:

5. 2023 MMOF/Carbon Reduction Projects

Requested: Presentations

Jared Miera is the Energy Manager for Pueblo County. His project is to add an Electric Vehicle and an Electric Bicycle (ebike) Charging Station to Sange De Cristo Art Center's (SDAC) parking lot. Pueblo County has an Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Expansion Project. This is to increase the need for EVSE infrastructure. This includes level II and DCFC chargers for public use. Don Bruestle asked if Jared was familiar with the Governor's plan to have chargers no further than 50 miles apart, Jared said he was not. NEVI has already identified gaps in the system. The e-bike charger will accommodate 5 ebikes. Jared is aware that the Governor said that about 82% of vehicles on car lots will be electric. The charging rack will be a contact charger, so bicycles will slide into a charging port. Greg George said that they have been looking at this location for the past year and Blackhills Energy (BHE) said that there isn't much power, so this project will include a new transformer outside of the building. Pueblo County will be paying for the charging cost. The location of this project is 210 N Santa Fe Ave, on the northwest section of the parking lot. This will be an easy on and off of I-25. This may change once they have final calculations of BHE, Electrician, and the Walk Audit. Greg said that the solar panels on the roof were put in 2010, this project will help get these going again. The next step is to continue to provide public access. There are 4 public fast charging stations in Pueblo, and one is Tesla only. Greg said that they want to standardize EV with AVP. Laura Leyba asked what keeps the ebikes from getting stolen, Jared said there are bike locks. There will be cameras installed. The ebike rack might be closer to the building, it depends on BHE, electrician and the walk audit. Eva Cosyleon asked if the ebikes would have a cover. Laura asked about adding solar panels to help, Jared said that they have 10 sites in mind that either have a canopy or roof mount. The solar panels on the roof of SDAC will be repowered. The panels are really outdated and are 13 years old. They are also looking at battery storage. The infrastructure is around \$150k. Jared said they are asking for the full amount of Carbon Reduction which is \$325k. Eva asked how far the new transformer benefit, Greg said that it can accommodate an additional building. Lindsey Jaquez asked if this would upgrade the solar panels, Jared so it wouldn't.

Karim Ayoub has a project for the intersection at McCulloch Blvd and Spaulding Ave. In the spot-audit, there were connectivity issues, there needs to be ped poles and connecting sidewalks. Karim said they are asking for the \$86k, this is just to do the electrical work. The rest of the work would be in-house. There was one injury crash with a vehicle and bicycle. There will be retro reflectivity added to the traffic signals. This is the highest ADT (Average Daily Traffic) location with over 22,000 vehicles. Eva Cosyleon asked about connecting the businesses to the sidewalk on the northeast and southeast corners. Pueblo County doesn't have concrete forms for ADA ramps, this is included in the ask. Don Bruestle asked the width of the sidewalk, Karim said 5 feet. Cheryl Spinuzzi had a concern about the new sidewalk going directly into the parking lot. Laura also had the same concern about the people going into traffic. Cheryl asked about going north from the northwest corner, Greg and Karim said they don't want pedestrian traffic going that way because of the high volume of traffic. Karim said that they also looked at getting the audible for the ped poles but didn't have an estimate. Eva asked if the crossing time would be increased, Karim said yes, they will have to retime this intersection. Lachelle Davis said that there is a big process for a little amount of money. Karim said that maybe this can go towards electrical and next year they can do concrete work. If they are asking for an in-kind match then it needs to be approved by TAC and the TC. Eva said that they can use the 2022 MMOF Federal instead and not have to go through the process. Cheryl asked how these funds will go to the projects, Eva said that she will look at each project and see which funds would best fit.

Andrew Hayes gave a presentation about the State Fair Improvements. This project was submitted last MMOF. This is pedestrian improvements along Small Ave, Arroyo Ave, Beulah Ave, Acero Ave, and a portion of Mesa Ave. There have been some improvements to the ADA ramps. The rest of the improvements are new curb and gutter, sidewalk, and ramps. Mesa Ave from Prairie Ave to the brick wall is owned by the State Fair. The bus stop will replace the brick with concrete. Don Bruestle asked if there is going to be signage indicating that there will be curb ramps along the Beulah Ave sidewalk, Andrew said that the striping will show this. Laura Leyba asked about Beulah Ave between Small Ave and Summit Ave, if it could be indented. Melanie Turner said that it is possible to add bump outs and Andrew said the sidewalk could be shortened to add room for ADA. Greg George asked about stormwater issues, Andrew said that they are doing a redesign for this area. Don Bruestle suggested that the State Fair put in rain gardens. Laura Leyba suggested doing a demonstration project. She also suggested cutting into the sidewalk to allow for better parking/accessibility. Geoff Guthrie asked if the City's right-of-way goes to the wall, Andrew said he thinks so but will check. Geoff also asked about the travel lane and to narrow it down to slow traffic. Andrew said that they will be in curb ramps every so far. Lindsey Jaquez had a concern about people using walkers and not having enough room to safely get out by the curb. Lachelle Davis had a concern about how much the project is and how much funding we have, Andrew said this could be done in phases and not in a particular order. Small Ave is \$900k, Beulah Ave is \$300k, Acero Ave is \$675k. Laura asked about the parking along Mesa Ave, Andrew said the wall by Acero Ave towards Prairie Ave belongs to the State Fair. Eva Cosyleon asked about walk-audits, Andrew said no but will incorporate the one that was done. Dylan Goodman suggested that the gate at Beulah have a shorter crosswalk, Andrew said that there is a potential for a mid-block crossing.

Eva Cosyleon said she would like to get a sub-committee together, Greg George said he would be the presentative for the County and Melanie Turner said she would be the representative

for the City.

6. Other Local Agencies Updates

Action Requested: Discussion

Greg George said that the takeover of Pueblo West is going well, there are a lot of big challenges. They did some drainage improvements. They are training new employees and doing in-housework. Don Bruestle had a concern about the Right-of-way being tampered with, Greg said they are close to launching their long-term master plan. This includes roads they have identified, conducted traffic counts (above local artillery), and a geospatial marker (PCI-pavement and condition index- review). They are also getting grading conditions with a prioritized matrix (will be presented to Metro, School Districts, Businesses, and Residential Centers). They are going to purchase some more equipment. They are going to do an educational campaign on what Right-of-Way is and what is allowed (not a standard mailbox). Greg and Karim also talked about the drainage issues and will be hiring 3 different consultants. There are two sections, north and south of US Highway 50 West. There will be a master plan and once that is in place, they can start assessing development fees. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked about the local's contribution, Greg said it's just from the sales tax. Greg said that they report to the Advisory Board, and they will get full funding in January. Don Bruestle said he had someone ask about Purcell and McCulloch and what the depth renovation was, Karim said that the water intrusion in the cracks was at fault. So, this will mean the best solution would be a slurry seal. The next failure would be something different. After the first of the year, there will be a master plan and analytics.

Melanie Turner said the City is wrapping up the paving season. She said Prairie, Joplin, Troy, Goodnight, Cleveland, Ridge, and Abriendo were paved this year. Melanie said that they have a similar program that the County does that assesses the roads, this is what they use to decide which streets are getting paved. Goodnight and Cleveland received the cape seal treatment, this is the chip seal with slurry on top. They are still doing concrete projects that will prepare for next year's paving (last part of Northern Ave). Melanie said she applied for W 11th Street Bridge (near the Blvd) and W 8th Street Bridge (Dry Creek). There are plans 90% complete to redo the 8th Street Bridge. There is no sidewalk.

Greg Pedroza said that the Reno site selection committee came, and it was a good visit. There are a few other communities they need to visit. Don Bruestle said he heard a few concerns from the members about safety, planes crashing. Greg said that they know it's a kind of daredevil performance. He thinks the lack of ability and safely transverse the layout. They need a specific turn radius and scatter free zone. He said that if it is announced, then he would have those discussions with the community. The last fatal crash happened in 2011.

Laura Leyba said that the ADA Committee asked if anyone can go to the Complete Streets meeting, Eva Cosyleon said that she is limiting it but eventually open it up.

7. CDOT Updates

Action Requested: Informational

Aaron Willis said there will not be a Statewide Advisory Committee (STAC) for December. Geoff Guthrie said they are still trying to hire the Transit Liaison. Lachelle Davis said that they will take the draft applications and run them by the specialty groups. Jennifer Sparks said that her crew is getting ready for the snow season and advertising for resurfacing projects for next year. One resurfacing treatment (guard rail) is south of town. The next big project (micro-

surfacing) is preventative maintenance on Highway 47 just east of I-25 towards Bonforte. The biggest project is to overlay on I-25 from south of the Pueblo Blvd to Eagleridge. There will be concrete repairs and new guardrail. The I-25 and Hwy 50B is going to advertise in May and construction in September/October 2024. Don Bruestle asked about a visual for Hwy 50B interchange. Jennifer said that there will be a new bridge over Fountain Creek, 2 over the railroad, and 2 bridges over I-25. The new interchange is going to be a diverging diamond. The new interchange at Dillon and Drew Dix will get new asphalt this week. Jennifer said that Matt's project at 36th Lane is moving along.

8. Complete Streets

December 12, 2023 – Rawlings Library – Bret Kelly B at 9:30 a.m.

Action Requested: Informational

There will be no TAC meeting for December. Everyone is invited to this workshop.

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

Action Requested: Informational

10. CDOT Region 2 requests the following administrative amendments to projects in the FY 2024 –2027 Pueblo Area Council of Governments Transportation Improvement Program*

These are just moving from 2025 into 2026.

a) NO TIP Amendment number needed See below amendment.

Administrative Action:

Project Name: I25 and US50B Interchange

STIP Number: SR25216.164

Project Location and Description: Reconstruction of the interchange at Exit 100A and bridges over I-25, RR, and Fountain Creek

Fund Source(s): FY25 Region 2 Surface Treatment Program (SUR)

Federal Program Funds: \$ (2,814,860)

State Matching Funds: \$ (585,140)

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ (3,400,000)

This administrative action moves FY25 funds to FY26 for the construction phase of this project

b) TIP Amendment #2023.061

Administrative Action:

Project Name: I25 and US50B Interchange

STIP Number: SR25216.164

Project Location and Description: Reconstruction of the interchange at Exit 100A and bridges over I-25, RR, and Fountain Creek

Fund Source(s): FY26 Region 2 Surface Treatment Program (SUR)

Federal Program Funds: \$ 2,814,860

State Matching Funds: \$ 585,140

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 3,400,000

This administrative action moves FY25 funds to FY26 for the construction phase of this project

c) TIP Amendment #2023.062

Administrative Action:

Project Name: I25 Resurfacing Near Colorado City ~ MP 64-80

STIP Number: SR25216.171

Project Location and Description: Pavement rehabilitation I-25 vicinity Lascar (SCTPR) to Muddy Creek.

Fund Source(s): FY24 Region 2 Surface Treatment Program (SUR)

Federal Program Funds: **\$ 10,489,150**

State Matching Funds: **\$ 1,010,850**

Local Matching Funds: **\$**

Other Project Funds: **\$**

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 11,500,000

This administrative action adds FY24 funds to the construction phase of this project

d) TIP Amendment #2023.063

Administrative Action:

Project Name: I-25 Resurfacing near Colorado City ~MP 64 - 80

STIP Number: SR25216.171

Project Location and Description: Pavement rehabilitation I-25 vicinity Lascar (SCTPR) to Muddy Creek.

Fund Source(s): FY25 Region 2 Surface Treatment Program (SUR)

Federal Program Funds: **\$ 9,577,050**

State Matching Funds: **\$ 922,950**

Local Matching Funds: **\$**

Other Project Funds: **\$**

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 10,500,000

This administrative action adds FY25 funds for the construction phase of this project

e) TIP Amendment #2023.064

Administrative Action:

Project Name: I-25 Resurfacing near Colorado City ~MP 64 - 80

STIP Number: SR25216.171

Project Location and Description: Pavement rehabilitation I-25 vicinity Lascar (SCTPR) to Muddy Creek.

Fund Source(s): FY26 Region 2 Surface Treatment Program (SUR)

Federal Program Funds: **\$ 6,384,700**

State Matching Funds: **\$ 615,300**

Local Matching Funds: **\$**

Other Project Funds: **\$**

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 7,000,000

This administrative action adds FY26 funds to the construction phase

f) TIP Amendment #2023.065

Administrative Action:

Project Name: SH 47A Preventative Maintenance

STIP Number: SR25216.161

Project Location and Description: Design and construction of Micro surfacing pavement treatment east of I25 near MP 0-3

Fund Source(s): FY25 Region 2 Surface Treatment Program (SUR)

Federal Program Funds: **\$ 1,281,175**

State Matching Funds: **\$ 266,325**

Local Matching Funds: **\$**

Other Project Funds: **\$**

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 1,547,500

This administrative action adds FY25 funds for the construction phase of this project

g) TIP Amendment #2023.066

Administrative Action:

Project Name: US 50C/Baxter Road Improvements

STIP Number: SR26646.999

Project Location and Description: Design and construction of traffic control improvements at US50C and Baxter Road

Fund Source(s): FY25 Region 2 Traffic Signal Pool (SGN)

Federal Program Funds: **\$**

State Matching Funds: **\$ 245,250**

Local Matching Funds: **\$**

Other Project Funds: **\$**

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 245,250

This administrative action adds FY25 funds for the construction phase of this project

h) TIP Amendment #2023.067

Administrative Action:

Project Name: Joe Martinez Trail in Pueblo West

STIP Number: SR25079.079

Project Location and Description: Design for a multi-purpose trail located adjacent to E. Joe Martinez Blvd. between S. McCulloch Blvd. and W. John Powell Blvd.

Fund Source(s): FY24 Region 2 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Federal Program Funds: **\$ 1,171,039**

State Matching Funds: **\$**

Local Matching Funds: **\$**

Other Project Funds: **\$**

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 1,171,039

This administrative action rolls forward \$1,171,039 of the design phase from FY23 to FY24 for this project. NOTE: The ARPA MMO Local Match Roll Forward of \$76,411 has already been approved by PACOG.

i) TIP Amendment #2023.068

Administrative Action:

Project Name: I25 Resurfacing Near Colorado City ~ MP 64-80

STIP Number: SR25216.171

Project Location and Description: Pavement rehabilitation I-25 vicinity Lascar (SCTPR) to Muddy Creek.

Fund Source(s): FY24 Region 2 Surface Treatment Program (SUR)

Federal Program Funds: **\$ 364,840**

State Matching Funds: **\$ 35,160**

Local Matching Funds: \$
Other Project Funds: \$
TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 400,000

This administrative action adds FY24 funds to the design phase of this project

j) NO TIP Amendment # needed, already in our TIP, just need a STIP #

Administrative Action:

Project Name: Purcell & Industrial Intersection Improvements Pueblo West

STIP Number: SR27016.027

Project Location and Description: Study and design of the intersection off US50A at Purcell Blvd. and Industrial Blvd.

Fund Source(s): FY24 State funded Local Multi-Modal Options Fund (MMM)

Federal Program Funds: \$ 161,500

State Matching Funds: \$

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 161,500

This administrative action programs FY24 funds to the design phase of this project

k) TIP Amendment #2023.069

Administrative Action:

Project Name: I-25A Pavement Rehabilitation MP 92 – 102.6

STIP Number: SR25216.178

Project Location and Description: Pavement rehabilitation of I-25 through Pueblo

Fund Source(s): FY25 Region 2 Surface Treatment Program (SUR)

Federal Program Funds: \$ 21,890,400

State Matching Funds: \$ 2,109,600

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 24,000,000

This administrative action programs FY25 funds to the construction phase of this project

Requested: Informational

11. Federal Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)

Requested: Informational

Most of these are wrapping up, there is an Ebike from Colorado Energy that is due November 20th.

12. Next TAC – January 9, 2024 - Planning Conf Room, 211 E D St 81003

Action Requested: Informational

Hwy 50B and I-25 interchange – visual

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

Roundtable Discussion

TAC ByLaws

Wilson and Company

Joe DeHeart

14. Adjourn at or before 11:00 am

Adjournment was at 10:56 a.m.