

**Meeting minutes of the
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (TAC)**

May 14, 2024

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, Melanie Turner, Ben Valdez, Greg Pedroza, Scott Skinner, Scott Hobson

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

Others Present: Macario Torrez, Wendy Pettit, Isabel Rollins, Lachelle Davis, Sarah Skinner, Andrew Hayes, Danell Ward, John Holsworth, Rob Frei, Steven Meier, Luann Martinez, Aaron Willis, Isabel Rollins, Greg George

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

Macario Torrez is the Transit Planning Technician for Pueblo Transit. Steven Meier is the City of Pueblo Parks and Recreation Director.

3. Approval of Minutes

April 9, 2024 Minutes*

Action Required: Approve/Disapprove

Motion to Approve: Cheryl Spinuzzi

Second: Richard Arko

Unanimous:

4. 2025-2028 Draft TIP*

Action Required: Approve/Disapprove

Motion for Board Approval: Cheryl Spinuzzi

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Second: Don Bruestle

Unanimous:

Dylan Goodman went over the 2025-2028 TIP Tracker, he mentioned that the colors have been changed to a pastel green, blue, and pink. Every project has its own project line and then the funding categories are listed. Laura's comments were asking about our acronyms, going into more details of the TAC vs TTC (Transportation Technical Committee) / CAC (Citizen Advisory Committee). Dylan said that the acronym list was pulled from the Statewide Transportation Advisory Commission (STAC). Eva Cosyleon asked CDOT if this gets looked over to remove outdated names, Geoff Guthrie wasn't sure. The other item that was added is the fiscally constraint list project. This is what we currently have or what is programmed and what we have left. Geoff Guthrie asked what program means, Dylan said that it means the funds exist. Geoff said that the project has a funding placeholder. These include the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), Multi-Modal Transportation and Mitigation Option Funds (MMOF), and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding, which means that the MPO has project funding.

5. MMOF City of Pueblo Parks & Recreation Request: Trail Signs*

Action Requested: Presentation

Eva Cosyleon said there is about \$512,000 left in the MMOF. Steven Meier informed everyone that it has been a challenge getting signage (vandalized) and even getting to the river (wayfinding). He is looking at getting a better sign system to identify access points, get people to the trails, etiquette signs, and reminder signs (pick up dog poop, etc...) There are a few maps of the location and dimensions of the signs. Mile Marker 0 will be at the confluence. Don Bruestle suggested using clear identification for the trails, Steven said .5A would be for .5 mile at the Arkansas River. Lachelle Davis asked what the funds will be used for, Steven said this will be used for buying materials. Melanie Turner asked if the big signs can be installed, Steven said that they don't know on which designs and will decide internally. Geoff Guthrie suggested facing these north to prevent sun damage. Cheryl Spinuzzi suggested using some sort of film on the signs, Steven said he has mixed feeling on those. Eva Cosyleon suggested using pictures instead of text and using correct colors. Don Bruestle asked if they will be using "you are here", Steven said that that is what the QR code will be. Eva also suggested adding Transit stop symbol. Tura Cowan asked about the height of the signs, Steven said they are about 7 feet. She said that her chair can elevate to read it better and others do not. Tura suggested adding brail, Steven said the mile markers and etiquette signs will have brail. Lachelle Davis said that they still need to go through the local agency process. Eva said that the remaining balance is a little over \$525k. She also reminded everyone to look over the criteria.

6. Industrial and Purcell Intersection Design Update

Action Requested: Informational

Greg George said they are about to launch the design work, there were 7 consultants and they narrowed is down to 1 after phone interviews. Rocksol is the company. They are going to do part of the potential land acquisition if needed. They are waiting for documents from CDOT to get started. Melanie Turner asked about widening, Greg said that they could work with 2 corners. The control box has been moved. The southwest corner would also work because the owner will give up Right-of-Way (ROW). The northwest corner is a stormwater basin, so this might not work. Eva Cosyleon asked how many crashes, Greg said that location is number one but didn't have the numbers. The sidewalk will be moved to the east at the next intersection. Cheryl Spinuzzi asked about the planning/zoning process, Greg said it goes to the Metro Architectural Advisory Board then County Planning.

7. 2021 Top 25 High Crash Locations (City of Pueblo) and 2021 Fatal Locations (Pueblo County)*

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Action Requested: Informational

Hannah Haurert said that the intersections of Hwy 47 and Dillon and Hwy 50 W and Elizabeth St tied with 33 crashes. She did break them down into crash types which include Broadside, Rearend, Approach Turn, and Other. She also included how many were serious injured and fatalities. There were a pedestrian crash at Hwy 50 and Club Manor Dr, Northern Ave and Prairie Ave, Hwy 50 and Bonforte Blvd/Hudson Ave, Hwy 45 Pueblo Blvd and Northern Ave, Hwy 45 and Red Creek Springs Rd/Rutgers Ave, and Hwy 96 and Elizabeth St. There were also fatalities at Northern Ave and Prairie Ave, and 2 at Northern Ave and Orman Ave. She also included a few maps of the crash locations and fatality locations. The crash map shows the ranking number. Melanie Turner said that these will always be the top locations because they are the highest volume. The Safe Street for All grant has been awarded and will include 11 City and 4 County intersections to use AI technology for a study. The next phase will be a large public outreach. Greg said that these problem spots will help build the standard. He also mentioned that they are closely working with the Sheriff's department for speeding. Dylan Goodman asked if anyone has looked at cheap traffic controller quick build (re-engineer the roadway temporarily). Greg said that they did lane calming, data says it did calm some. Don Bruestle said that he spoke to the City's Traffic Enforcement, and he said they don't have a lot of staffing.

8. June Bike Month*

Action Requested: Informational

The MPO, Grassroots Gravel, and Pueblo Active Community Environments (PACE) have been working on Pueblo Bike Month Bingo. There is a QR code you can scan with your phone that will take you to the website. We wanted to create a really fun bingo card to get people out and try different events. The kickoff is at the AMR Safety Jam at Lake Minnequa. If you get a certain number of bingos then this could be turned into raffle tickets. The Grand prize is a new Belgium Bicycle. There is also a photo contest. Don Bruestle said that PACE is about connectivity and walkability too.

9. TAC ByLaws*

Action Required: Discussion

Dylan Goodman said he needs to add a section about the Citizen at Large is selected, and members serving as their organization, and to remove the consecutive served terms. He made changes to absenteeism/unexcused absences, and the management and oversight of the sub committees is left to the vice chair. After TAC Approval, it will get sent to the PACOG Attorney, after that, then it will be presented to the PACOG Board, then we will work on the PACOG Bylaws. The PACOG Meeting consists of Water Quality, Environmental, CDOT, Transportation Commission, Front Range Rail, Statewide Transportation Advisory Commission (STAC), etc... There is a slight difference in an MPO (PACOG) update vs TAC update. Cheryl Spinuzzi said that it should be stated that the Chairperson/Vice Chair is voluntary. Dylan did inform everyone that the duties are relatively limited so that it can be expanded on the future. Eva Cosyleon said that the Chair could present to PACOG as needed.

Dylan went over the term limit, and how the alternative needs to be approved through the same process. Cheryl suggested adding something about having a good standing with PACOG. She also suggested having the chair/member removed for being disruptive. It was suggested that the members could read Director of Blank or their designee, but their designee can only be changed once a year. The only one that will need a schedule is for the At Large Citizen, September timeframe to vote.

Don Bruestle asked about instituting a policy on free fares for Pueblo Transit, subsidized by City Council.

10. Other Local Agencies Updates

Action Requested: Informational

Ben Valdez said that they will be negotiating on the Vanpool next week with the vendor that has been selected. This is to transport workers from the City and County to the Industrial area. There is no schedule, the employees sign up for the service. There will be negotiations on wheelchair accessible. He had a concern about the funding lapse from award to receiving. He has RFP's that are ready to go but the funding isn't there. The new bus routes for the north/south shopping will start on June 3^d.

Greg Goerge said that the overlay project will include 1.62 miles in Pueblo West and 10 miles in Pueblo County. Chip and slurry will be 23 miles and include 90 roads. There is also dust treatment. Eva Cosyleon asked about bike lanes and Greg said there isn't a finalized list.

Andrew Hayes said that the rest of Northern Ave (Prairie Ave to I-25 bridge) will be paved. Concrete work is finishing up on Dillon by northside Walmart. The contract awards are ready for Bonforte Blvd, this will get the improvements it needs especially from the walk audit that was done. Paving will be next season. Eva Cosyleon asked if they will be adding new ADA curb ramps or mid-block crossing to Bonforte, Andrew said that there is potential. Melanie Turned mentioned that the Bonforte and Jerry Murphy signal should be replaced. Granada Blvd from Lowe's to Farabaugh will be paved this year. Andrew said that they have the resolution to award The Safe Streets for All Grant. This is to have AI study a few different intersections throughout the City and County. These also include the highest crashes. Don Bruestle asked about Court Street south of 17th Street, Andrew said it will be worked on later this year. Utility work is still being done. Don also asked about crown work, Andrew said that it will be managed but still there. The RAISE Grant IGA has been finalized; it is in legal review.

Chuck Lopez from Transit said that they might do free fare for better air but for youth, Eva said that we already have that and suggested opening it up for everyone.

Shawn Winters said TAP 4 and 5 have been submitted for final specs, request for clearance. Purcell Trail design option letter, and Civic Center waiting for IGA. FLAP Project bridge deck has been poured, full completion in June.

11. CDOT Updates

Action Requested: Informational

Geoff Guthrie said that I-25 from MM 92 to 103 is going to get rehabilitated. There will be nighttime operations north of Exit 94 Pueblo Blvd. Melanie Turner suggested if the business owners will be notified about the reconfiguration/stripping on Hwy 45 Pueblo Blvd (from I-25 to 11th Street). Don Bruestle suggested restriping Midtown north of 4th Street.

Aaron Willis said that Policy Directive 14 is the Performance Measures and will go to the Transportation Commission.

12. Next TAC – June 11, 2024 - Planning Conference Room, 211 E D St 81003

Action Requested: Informational

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

Roundtable Discussion

House Bill 1101

Revenue Projections

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*Long Range Revenue Projects
Policy Directive 14
House Bill 1313
Transit Bill
Available Grants – Safe Routes to School*

14. Adjourn at or before 11:00 am

Adjournment was at 11:05 a.m.