

**Minutes of the
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
June 14, 2018
8:30 a.m.**

**Community Room of the Municipal Justice Center, 200 South Main Street
Agenda Items Marked with * indicate additional materials included in packet**

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman: John Adams

Time of Call: 8:30 a.m.

MPO Members Present: John Adams, Bart Mikitowicz, Hannah Haunert

TAC Members Present: Don Bruestle, Wendy Pettit, Pepper Whittlef, Alf Randall, Brad Curtis

CAC Members Present:

Others Present: Kevin Sparks, Sal Piscitelli, Joe DeHeart

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

Introductions were made for Kevin Sparks, he is an Assistant Professor at CSU-P in the Civil Engineer Technology Department.

3. Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held on June 14, 2018

Motion to Approve: Don Bruestle

Second: Alf Randall

Unanimous

4. CDOT Region 2 Updates (Informational)

Joe Deheart said that the construction projects that are going on through 2018 is Hwy 50W, Truss Bridge (Santa Fe Ave over Arkansas River), Ilex Project, and Hwy 69 Bridge replacement by Westcliffe. CDOT is currently working on a list of construction projects that will be in 2019. Bridge Enterprise dollars are helping. Don Bruestle asked what construction item number 12 is. Pepper Whittlef said that is drainage improvements out in the Mesa. She also asked when they would finish Hwy 50W, Joe DeHeart said by middle of December.

The Truss Bridge (Santa Fe Ave Bridge over Arkansas River) is being painted. The tarps are to collect the paint chips and paint spray. The bridge will be a lighter green. There were a lot of layers underneath the bridge deck that needed to be replaced. Sidewalk and handrail are all that is left besides painting. The Bridge should be open in Mid-September. There were at least 2,000 rivets that were rusted at one end and needed to be replaced.

Pepper Whittlef asked about the Ilex light, Joe Deheart said he will look into it. Bart Mikitowicz asked if the sub account number correlate with the STIP Number. Wendy Pettit said that an extra column would be fine. She said that they will have the draft of the Program Distribution List by the end of November. Then we can start working on the Long-Range Plan.

2023 will need to be added to the STIP.

5. Performance Measures PM2 and PM3 Memorandum of Understanding Template*

(Discussion)

This discussion is if we are going to accept CDOT's targets for the pavement, bridges, and reliability of the road or make our own. There is a template in your packet. The roads include I-25, Hwy 50, Hwy 45, and Hwy 96. Wendy Pettit did mention that we can add to it later. These goals need to be adopted by November. This will be 2 years and 4 years. These include roads that are on the Interstate system and National Highway System.

Motion to Approve: Don Bruestle

Second: Alf Randall

6. FY 2019 Scope-of-Work*

Scope of Work is October 1st, 2018 through Sept 30th, 2018. There are a few things amended in the 2019 Work Program so that the contractors can start work this year. The primary changes are that a few studies were added: Bike/Ped plan, Pueblo Transit Relocation, and site study for the Southwest Chief North-Front Range. Pueblo Transit Relocation study will start this fiscal year, but majority of the work will be in 2019. We are also updating our LRTP (Long Range Transportation Plan) for 2019. Wendy Pettit asked if we will add more money into that plan and John Adams said yes.

Pepper Whittlef asked about the Station Location. The Station Location is for a Train Station. John Adams said that the cost would be \$200k. The consultant is WSP-Randy Gruber.

7. Ballot Issue 153 – Sale Tax Increase for Transportation

The Ballot Issue 153 is a .26% increase sales tax. CDOT and the Locals would share 40% of the funds. The project that is included would be I-25 between City Center Dr to 13th St, Hwy 50 W, and the Dillon Extension.

The other Ballot is "Fix our damn roads", there is no real gain for CDOT or the Locals. There will be a joint meeting in September when the language is finalized. State General Funds would fund these projects, this will only work if the economy is robust. If this isn't brought to Transportation, then all the funding would be reduced.

We could have a special TAC Meeting to go over this. John Adams asked if we could join the meeting and Wendy Pettit said that she will find out.

8. Ideas and Methods to Improve Communicating Project Information to Citizens

(Informational & Discussion)

Bart Mikitowicz said that he is working on a project that combines ARC GIS with Microsoft Word and Excel. This will help in identifying data and add a more of a detailed list of projects. This will make it easier and faster to sort for a certain category (IE: Cheapest, critical, etc.) The citizen will give feedback on the process of visualization. Bart is working on a Bike/PED Plan. Wendy Pettit said that we need to be more involved in the Communities and public outreach. Bart would like to know what the citizens think and what we can change to improve the plan.

Pepper Whittlef suggested to include PACE, ADA or TAC possibly in the F.I.R (Field of Review) stage to get crucial feedback for curb, bike lanes, etc. Joe Deheart suggested that it should even be earlier than the FIR because by the time FIR is out, it is too late. Bart Mikitowicz said we want the public to pick which idea and not form a new idea (option A or option B).

9. Items from TAC Members or scheduling of future agenda items

2023 in October Meeting

Update on West Pueblo Connector

10. October 11, 2018 Meeting Location – CDOT Region 2 Big Sandy Conference Room
Map will be supplied with October Packet

11. Adjournment

Bart Mikitowicz adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m.