



# Appendix 10: Public Input

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# 10.1 Open House Advertisement



PUEBLO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

City of Pueblo - Urban Transportation  
Planning Division

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, February 22, 2011  
4:00pm – 7:00pm - Ball Room C East

Pueblo Convention Center

320 Central Main Street  
Pueblo, Colorado

## 2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT AND ADOPTION OF 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program

The PACOG Transportation Advisory Commission will be holding a Public Meeting to receive input from all interested parties regarding the adoption of amendments to major transportation studies now being considered by the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Transportation Planning Region (PACOG MPO/TPR – all of Pueblo County). These plan and program amendments are for the "Pueblo Area Long Range Transportation Plan for 2035" Transportation Plan and the adoption of an updated Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the years 2012 to 2017.

Both documents can be reviewed at [www.PACOG.net](http://www.PACOG.net). Questions or comments can be submitted with a "one click" reply message.

MAJOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ELEMENTS FOR 2035 INCLUDE:

- REGIONAL CORRIDORS AND ROADWAYS
- URBAN, RURAL, REGIONAL AND INTERCITY TRANSIT SERVICE
- FREIGHT AND PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE
- NATIONAL, STATE, AND REGIONAL BICYCLE ROUTES
- PEDESTRIAN TRAILS AND SUPPORT FACILITIES
- FREIGHT MOVEMENT AND INTERMODAL TRANSFERS
- COMMERCIAL AND GENERAL AVIATION

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING TO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE FINAL DRAFTS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THESE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING DOCUMENTS. IN ADDITION, THE DOCUMENTS CAN BE REVIEWED IN PERSON AT THE MPO/TPR OFFICE AND QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED BY MAIL, ELECTRONIC MAIL, OR TELEPHONE TO:

Bill Moore, MPO Administrator Phone: (719) 553-2945  
223 N Santa Fe Avenue  
Pueblo, CO 81003 E-mail: PACOG\_MPO@pueblo.us



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN.....PLAN, PLAN, PLAN**  
You are invited to attend the meeting on April 28th, 2010 to discuss current transportation issues in the Pueblo Metropolitan Area and rural Pueblo County. Why? Because you drive, bike, walk, or take transit, and you may have seen places where you think we can improve the transportation system.

**PUEBLO TRANSIT CENTER @ 2ND AND COURT ST.  
WEDNESDAY APRIL 28TH, FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.**

**AMENDMENT TO THE PACOG 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**  
The Pueblo Area Council of Governments (PACOG) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization and Transportation Planning Region (PACOG MPO/TPR) for the Pueblo County region. The MPO/TPR is beginning work on an amendment to the existing 2035 Long-range Regional Transportation Plan (LRTP) and this Public Meeting is to receive input from all interested parties. The amendment to the PACOG 2035 LRTP will analyze changes since early 2008 in the existing transportation system environment, demographic trends, and any other significant changes within the planning area. The goal is to formulate a LRTP with visions, strategies, and policies that balance regional transportation improvement plans, programs, and priorities with local needs for multi-modal mobility, safety, security, system quality, and livability.

**CDOT REGION 2 PUEBLO COUNTY PROJECT PRIORITY PROGRAMING PROCESS (4-P) MEETING WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS**  
A meeting to discuss with representatives of local government entities the project status, priorities, and proposed revisions to the CDOT Statewide Transportation Plan (SWTP), and to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). CDOT officials will also discuss transit funds made available by the recent FASTER legislation for local transit improvement projects. This is also an opportunity for residents to meet Transportation Commissioner Gilbert Ortiz, Sr. to discuss transportation issues within all parts of Pueblo County.

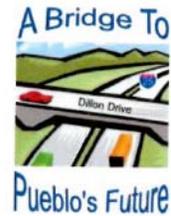
Individuals Requiring Special Transportation, Access, or Communications Accommodations Should Notify the PACOG MPO Office by 12:00 Noon on Monday April 26th.

Please submit QUESTIONS or COMMENTS to: For SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS Contact:  
Bill Moore, MPO Administrator Todd Ahenius, Senior Planner  
223 North Santa Fe Avenue 223 North Santa Fe Avenue  
Pueblo, CO 81003 Pueblo, CO 81003  
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## 10.2 Public Comments



### Comment Form

I-25 and Dillon Drive/Eden-Platteville Boulevard Interchange Improvements  
Environmental Assessment (EA) Public Hearing  
Pueblo Convention Center  
320 Central Main St.  
February 22, 2011

Please complete the following form to ensure that your opinions and concerns will be noted. Please drop the form in the Comments Box here in the room, or mail to Mr. Mickey Beyer, City of Pueblo, 211 East D Street, Pueblo, CO 81003. Additional information can also be found at the Pueblo Area Council of Governments (PACOG) website. [www.PACOG.net](http://www.PACOG.net)

Please note your comment will become part of the public record. All comments will be responded to in the decision document.

*Do you have any comments, questions or concerns about the Action Alternative being recommended in the Environmental Assessment? (Feel free to use the back of the page if you need more space.)*

Pueblo, CO is on the National Bi-Centennial Bicycle Route,  
For all "foreigner" bicyclist access and route signs need to  
be everywhere, especially on every city entrance point.  
Will bikes and pedestrians be routed to Eliz. and Dillon  
or will we have interstate access to Eagle ridge?  
Bicycle/Ped. access signs need to be at the top and bottom  
of each bridge ramp, not just at the end of the entrance ramp.  
(cont. on back.)

Please provide your contact information if you would like the project team to provide a response to a question.

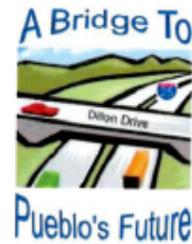
(719) 545-2210  
Steven Giltner, "Gilt's Gassers" 1718 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Pueblo, CO 81003  
Lee, Great Divide Bike & Hike, N. Santa Fe Ave, Pueblo, CO 81003  
Vance's Bicycle Shop, S. Prairie, Pueblo, CO, 8100



And each route change from the interstate needs an "Exit Here" sign with an arrow plus larger (Brighter?) signs with directional arrows for the "foreigners" (I.E.: Stem Beach becomes Lake Ave., Eden/Dillon Interchange to Dillon/Elizabeth, East and West, etc.) as well as directional multiarrow signs for bicycle/ped. at all city limit intersections (I.E.: All Pueblo Blvd./hwy intersections, 50 E+W, Business 50/96, etc.). Note; Peds./Bikers take I-25 from 13<sup>th</sup> St. to the Belmont Exit illegally. Can we get a trail access to that interchange from 13<sup>th</sup> St. and 29<sup>th</sup> St, because there is no access to Belmont from west of the Fountain River. Only 8<sup>th</sup> St. and Univ.

The City Shops builders of the sidewalk corner ramps need some more Idea help. 1) Lose all entry bumps! The "1" inch Lip to a 5" wheelchair wheel is like a straight gutter to a bicycle wheel, 2) Match the ramp to the existing sidewalks. If the sidewalk are all the way out to the curb, then only 1 entry ramp per corner and centered. Unless there are obstacles in the way. If the "old" sidewalks are away from the curb then put 2 ramps per corner in line with the sidewalks. 3) The minimum ramp width (current) must be wider than the widest wheelchair and medical gear. The single ramp needs to be as wide as possible so that bicyclist at speed will have a straighter entry instead of the current system where the bicyclist angles into the center of the corner to enter the ramp then swerves back to the sidewalk

Sign me up for the proposed classes: Enforcement - Bicycle Training class, Bicycle Rack installer, Bicycle Mile Marker and Sign installer, Bicycle Lane painter, and Planning & Engineering of all things Bicycle (I.E.: Education, Encouragement, etc.) Where do I apply for such position(s)? D St. or City Hall?  
PS, Scray the stickers/goatheads since homeowners won't !!!



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*My comments are regarding the bicycle portion of the future traffic plan. A great network of trails and wide streets currently exists. Putting focus on maintaining, connecting & providing easy access to the existing infrastructure should be stressed. Many don't even know these trails exist due to lack of signage. The Bessemer Greenway idea is an excellent way to connect existing central*

Please provide your contact information if you would like the project team to provide a *located* response to a question. *trails.*

*Ryan Kopp*  
*1001 West Evans Ave*  
*Pueblo, CO 369-2477*



Comments Received from Gary Carter, 6 Deer Run Ct., Pueblo, CO 81001  
April 4, 2011

It is critical for the passenger rail service on the Burlington-Northern line between Kansas and Albuquerque be continued and coordinated with bus service in the Arkansas Valley and along the Front Range. Attached is a schedule from the AMTRAK system.

The State should oppose the possible abandonment of the rail line between Trinidad and Raton, NM.

Look at connection of passenger rail from LaJunta to the remainder of the Front Range.

The plan does not significantly address a long term freight plan.

The railroad connection between Pueblo and Canon City is receiving only minimal use primarily from Rock N' Rail (3 loads per week) and Holcum Corporation. Is there a possibility of planning for use of the rail line for passenger rail or rail transit into Pueblo from Pueblo West.

The plan does not provide sections addressing long range planning for rail services. This should be a part of the long range focus of the transportation plan.

## 10.3 Comment Responses



[www.PACOG.net](http://www.PACOG.net)

March 14, 2011

Mr. Steven Giltner  
1718 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Pueblo, CO 81003

Great Divide Bike & Hike  
400 N. Santa Fe Avenue  
Pueblo, CO 81003

Vance's Bicycle Shop  
2220 S. Prairie Avenue  
Pueblo, CO 81005

Dear Sirs;

Thank you for taking the time to review and comment on the Pueblo Area Council of Government Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update.

With respect to the signage, the comments will be evaluated with the City and CDOT to determine how to better sign commuter bicycle access through the City, especially considering restricted access on I-25. Additionally, at trail connection over Fountain Creek is planned north of the 13<sup>th</sup> Street interchange. This trail connection is planned to be constructed with the improvements to I-25.

Your comments regarding the construction of curb ramps will be forwarded to the Engineering Department. Many of your comments are controlled by Federal ADA regulations, such as the requirement for the "bumps". Other comments provide an in site as to how the curb ramps impact or assist other roadway users, such as the width of the ramp along the curb radius.

Again, thank you for taking the time to review and comment. If you have any additional comments please contact me at 553-2722.

Sincerely,

Pepper Whittlef  
City Traffic Engineer

223 North Santa Fe Ave. Pueblo, CO 81003-4132  
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March 14, 2011

Mr. Ryan Kopp  
1001 West Evans Avenue  
Pueblo, CO 81004

Dear Mr. Kopp;

Thank you for taking the time to review and comment on the Pueblo Area Council of Government Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update. Your comments regarding maintenance, connectivity and access are valid and are critical to the idea of multi modal transportation.

With regard to connectivity, the City's Planning Department routinely applies for grants for trail connections or extensions; several connections are identified in the LRTP. The Transportation Department will be adding signage along the roadways to identify where trail access is provided. This signage project will be phased and will first focus on the access points to the Fountain Creek Trail and the Arkansas River Trail.

The Bessemer Greenway is one of many projects that the City has considered over the years. The difficulty of this particular project is that the owner of the Bessemer Ditch, has to this point, been unwilling to entertain trail access along the ditch. In many places public right-of-way exists but in order for the trail to be continuous, access to and cooperation with the ditch owner is critical. Regardless of the difficulties, this project remains on the LRTP.

Again, thank you for taking the time to review and comment. If you have any additional comments please contact me at 553-2722.

Sincerely,

Pepper Whittlef  
City Traffic Engineer



**Pueblo Area Council of Governments**  
 Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)  
 Transportation Planning Region (TPR)



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April 15, 2011

Mr. Gary Carter  
 6 Deer Run Ct.  
 Pueblo, CO 81001

Dear Mr. Carter:

Thank you for taking the time to review and comment on the Pueblo Area Council of Governments Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update. Your comments regarding passenger rail, rail transit, and regional bus connections into and out of Pueblo are valid concerns.

Your concerns regarding the continued operation of the passenger rail connection of the Burlington-Northern railroad from Kansas to Albuquerque and the concern of the abandonment of the rail line between Trinidad and Raton, NM will be forwarded to the Colorado Department of Transportation for their consideration in the Statewide Transportation Plan. These are valid concerns that are of regional concern within transportation planning areas outside of the Pueblo MPO planning area. There could likely be negative spin off affects to regional bus service if these passenger rail services are discontinued.

Your concern regarding the lack of connections from LaJunta, CO through Pueblo to the remainder of the Front Range will also forwarded to the Colorado Department of Transportation for their consideration in the Statewide Transportation Plan. Currently, Greyhound has stops along the Lower Arkansas Valley in Granada, Lamar, Las Animas, LaJunta, Rocky Ford, Fowler and Pueblo.

The planning for passenger rail and rail transit has not been addressed to any significant extent in either the 2035 LRTP or the current plan amendment. This has primarily occurred due to the plan following the guidelines to focus on issues that can financially be achievable based on the likelihood of funding during the timeline of the plan. The State Transportation Commission has been working with the Rocky Mountain Rail Authority to develop a plan to guide the implementation of passenger rail along the Front Range. The RMRA plan is scheduled to be completed in 2012. In 2012, PACOG will begin work on a Long Range Transportation Plan looking out to 2040 or possibly extending the planning horizon to 2050. Your concerns regarding planning for passenger rail corridors between Pueblo West and Pueblo, as well as passenger rail planning connecting the Front Range communities will be addressed more comprehensively. We welcome your expertise and comments as part of that process.

Again, thank you for taking the time to review and comment on the plan update. If you have any additional comments, please contact me at 553-2244.

Sincerely,

Scott Hobson  
 Assistant City Manager for Community Investment  
 MPO Staff

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