

TAC Minutes
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 5, 2015
8:30 a.m.

City Council Chambers, 1 City Hall Place

Agenda items marked with * indicate additional materials are included in the packet.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman: Scott Hobson

Time of Call: 8:43 AM

TAC Members Present: Pepper Whittlef, Wendy Pettit, Brenda Boyles, Mark Lovin, Joan Armstrong, Don Bruestle, Alf Randall, Ray Seybold, Wendy Pettit, and Michael Snow

CAC Members Present: Megan Murillo, , Kristin Castor, Salvatore Piscitelli

MPO Staff Present: Scott Hobson, Reyna Ehrman

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

Reyna Ehrman new Transportation Planner in Planning and Community Development.

Carol Martinez from Planning and Community Development assisting with minutes and agenda preparation.

3. Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held on January 8 , 2015

Motion to Approve: Don Bruestle

Second: Kristin Castor

Unanimous

4. CDOT Region II TIP/STIP Policy Agenda Item(s) *

CDOT Region II Has Notification of Four (4) TIP/STIP Policy Amendments to the PACOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the MPO/TPR area. Additional Information is Available in the Attached Letters and Spreadsheets.

1. Project Name: Pueblo Transit

STIP Number: SST7047

Project Location and Description: Various small urban awards (see attached)

Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): **FY 2014-5339 FTA Funds**

Federal Program Funds: **\$ 235,177**

State Matching Funds: **\$**

Local Matching Funds: **\$ 58,795**

Other Project Funds: **\$**

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 293,972

New 2014 FTA 5339 award funding three (3) para-transit vans for replacement, heavy duty lift replacement (shop), tire small and bus tires) changer, service truck air compressor, two (2) support vehicles, and buses diagnostics software

This TIP amendment will be included into the Statewide Transportation Plan that allows for a contract to be issued to Pueblo Transit for expenditure of those funds.

2. Project Name: **Pueblo Transit**
STIP Number: SST7047
Project Location and Description: Various small urban awards (see attached)
Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): **FY 2015-5339 FTA Funds**
Federal Program Funds: **\$ 308,000**
State Matching Funds: **\$**
Local Matching Funds: **\$ 77,000**
Other Project Funds: **\$**
TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 385,000
New 2015 FTA 5339 award for a new bus

3. Project Name: **I-25 Through Pueblo**
STIP Number: SPB3865
Project Location and Description: Access management plan and Hazmat cleanup for Ilex project
Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): **FY 2015-Regional Priorities Program Funds**
Federal Program Funds: **\$ 1,448,825**
State Matching Funds: **\$ 301,175**
Local Matching Funds: **\$**
Other Project Funds: **\$**
TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 1,750,000

I-25 Corridor Management & Hazmat. The scope of work is to complete an access study for the next phase of the New Pueblo Freeway (the segment between the 29th Street Interchange and US50B (Belmont Interchange), and provide initial funding for hazmat cleanup within the project limits of the I-25/Ilex project.

This is being paid for out of fiscal year 2015 regional program fund. The access plan is primarily for US 50, the Belmont Interchange and 29th street. As funding becomes available we have to have the access plan in place for that phase of the project. We currently do not have funding. This is part of the preparation as we get ready for the funding.

4. Project Name: **SH 96/Chester Signal Improvements**
STIP Number: SR27002.042
Project Location and Description: Traffic Signal Upgrade
Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): **FY 2017 FASTER Safety funds**
Federal Program Funds: **\$**
State Matching Funds: **\$ 650,000**
Local Matching Funds: **\$**
Other Project Funds: **\$**
TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 650,000

SH 96A/Chester-Signal Improvements. The scope of work includes removing the existing signal, installing a new signal and improving ADA ramps.

Mr. Hobson reviewed the four TIP Policy Amendments including general project description, costs, and source of funding. Ms. Whittlef asked if the I-25 access study was going to be added to HDR Engineering's existing agreement with CDOT. Ms. Pettit indicated that CDOT would likely need to complete a separate procurement process for that project. Mr. Bruestle asked if the Local matching funds were budgeted for the Pueblo Transit matching funds by City Council. Ms Boyles said that the 20% Local matching funds will be provided from City of Pueblo General Funds and

the funds are already approved within the City's Transit budget. The funds will be budgeted and appropriated once the contracts are received from CDOT. Mr. Bruestle asked if something will be done on the 4th and 8th street bridges in regards to pedestrians' walking because there is not a lot of separation between traffic and pedestrians'. Mr. Hobson said he is not aware of any specific money programmed out of bridge funds for 4th street and Chester project. Ms. Whittlef indicated that the bridges would need to have sufficiency rating at a low enough level to qualify for bridge funds in order to have sidewalks included in a bridge renovation or replacement project. Mr. Bruestle asked about any volunteer efforts to improve the appearance of the railings on the bridges. Ms. Whittlef said that the City's street department provided paint for the railings a couple of years ago. Also, she indicated that CDOT and the City would welcome a volunteer effort to improve the appearance of the bridges. Mr. Bruestle indicated that residents from the east side had expressed concern of a lack of speed limit signs on east 4th Street. Mr. Seybold thought that there were some signs in place. Mr. Hobson said that he would check with CDOT staff on the signage along the corridor.

Motion to Approve: Kristin Castor
Second: Megan Murillo
Unanimous

5. CDOT Region II TIP/STIP Regular Agenda Item

CDOT Region II has Notification of One (1) Administrative Amendment of Roll Forward Project Funding to the PACOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the MPO/TPR area. Additional Information is Available in the Attached Letter and Spreadsheet.

STIP Number: SST7047

Project Location and Description: Various small urban awards (see attached)

Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): **FY 2014-5339**

Federal Program Funds: **\$ 230,821**

State Matching Funds: **\$**

Local Matching Funds: **\$ 57,705**

Other Project Funds: **\$**

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$288,526

FTA 2014 FTA 5339 award. The project funds need to have a contract executed and the funds need to be rolled forward to the current fiscal year for budgeting.

Mr. Hobson reviewed the Administrative Amendment that would roll the 2014 small urban award funds into the FY2015 TIP. Ms. Broyles outlined the items that would be acquired for Pueblo Transit with the grant funds. The list of specific uses of funds was included in the agenda packet. Mr. Bruestle asked if radio communication systems were provided on buses to communicate with the Pueblo Transit headquarters. Ms. Broyles indicated that all buses had radio communications with the Transit operations center, as well as they are tracked on a GIS system.

6. Update on CDOT Region 2 – December 19, 2014 Joint MPO and TPR Regional Priorities Program Funding for FY2016-19, FY20-FY25, and Beyond 2025 Projects*

The discussion relating to the regional project priorities and PACOG 2016-2040 projects covering agenda items #6 and #8 were covered together. Mr. Hobson reviewed the adjustments that were

made to the draft PACOG On-System Priority Projects. In the FY2016-FY2019 list the US50 West project had \$100,000 reduced from Regional Priorities Funds leaving a total of \$5.4 million. Also \$5,823,847 of FASTER Safety Funds was moved into the FY2020 – FY 2025 timeframe. This kept a total of \$12,176,153 of FASTER Safety Funds in the US50 West project for FY2016-FY2019. The list provided in January did not show the \$10,176,217 of FASTER Safety Funds that are being provided for the I-25 Ilex Project FY2016-FY2019. The addition of the I-25 Ilex project was the reason the amount of FASTER funds for US50 West being was moved into the FY2020 – FY 2025 timeframe. Also the US50C drainage project within FY2016-FY2019 was reduced by \$200,000 leaving \$1 million for the project. These changes resulted in an overall increase of on-system highway project funding of \$4,052,370 for the FY2016 – FY2040 time period. The revised total of planned project funding is \$135,602,370. Mr. Hobson indicated that the SB228 funds which are not likely to become available are still included within the future funding scenarios. The other MPOs are including projects with SB228 funding, so PACOG does not be left out in the event SB228 becomes available. Mr. Hobson said that Governor Hickenlooper is not in favor of utilizing the State excess revenues would be refunded to the residents. If the following four years have excess State revenues they are likely to be programmed for the replacement of the I-70 elevated section east of the I-70/I-25 interchange. Mr. Hobson expressed the concern of some of the members of STAC that the I-70 project will take a significant amount of funds away from other important projects throughout the state. Ms. Pettit indicated that the elevated section of I-70 project had severe structural deficiencies, as well as safety issues. Instead of just fixing the problems, CDOT is looking at replacing and upgrading this section of I-70. Mr. Snow talked about CDOT analysis of impacts to the transportation system if major failures occurred on this section of I-70.

The Pikes Peak MPO included a breakdown of the amount of funds each of the two MPOs and three TPRs are planned to receive over the FY2016-FY2019 and the FY2020-FY2025 time periods for Regional Priorities and FASTER Safety funds.

7. Review of Draft PACOG Funding Program Pools and Corridor Breakdown for FY 2015 to 2040*

Mr. Hobson briefly reviewed the PACOG Funding Program Pools and Corridor Breakdown spreadsheet for FY2016-FY2040. He indicated that the funding pool amounts for FY2016-FY2019 will be incorporated into the PACOG Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) that is scheduled to be adopted by the PACOG Board at the end of April of this year. In the next few weeks, the staff will be receiving the allocation of the Asset Management Funds by project that will be incorporated into the final TIP. The Asset Management funds will be used on the more rural corridors that do not have specific projects identified in the TIP. Mr. Hobson identified program pool funding amounts for the Transportation Alternatives Program, Aeronautics, and Transit funds. Previously, PACOG has not specifically identified the federal and state funding for Pueblo Memorial Airport improvements and operations. Mr. Lovin reviewed the projects that have been completed in the past few years and plans for new improvements in the future. He also reviewed the City's general funds commitments to the airport operations. He indicated the key was to have 10,000 enplanements at the airport. The amount of funding dramatically increases once enplanements pass 10,000.

8. Review of Region 2 RPP/FASTER Safety Plan*

9. Follow up – PACOG Rural Transportation Authority Presentation

Mr. Hobson reported on Rob Mc Donald, Executive Director of the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments and Manager of the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority's presentation to the PACOG Board on January 22, 2015. He indicated that there was some interest expressed and

questions asked regarding the potential of having a voter established authority to provide funding for roadway projects, maintenance, and transit. The Board of County Commissioners has expressed interest in an effort to establish an authority. Ms. Castor indicated that the students at CSU-Pueblo are interested in developing and administering a survey on the communities willing to pay additional taxes for a transportation authority. Mr. Bruestle asked if there was any discussion on whether a group or entity was interested in spearheading this effort. Mr. Hobson indicated that the discussion at PACOG did not extend to that level. There was discussion amongst the Committee members on the potential uses of the funds related to transit and roadways. Mr. Hobson suggested that for now the Committee might consider taking a formal action supporting the development of an initiative to establish an RTA and forwarding that to the PACOG Board.

10. Adjournment

Chairman Scott Hobson adjourned the meeting at 10:23 am.