

**Minutes of the
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 7, 2015
8:30 a.m.
City Council Chambers, 1 City Hall Place**

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman: Scott Hobson

Meeting called to order 8:35 am

MPO Present: Reyna Ehrman

TAC Present: Dan Centa, Don Bruestle, Michael Cuppy, Michael Snow, Wendy Pettit

CAC Present: Kristin Castor, Megan Murrillo

Guest Speaker: Maureen Paz de Araujo

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

3. Approval of Minutes

April 16, 2015 Meeting

Motion to approve: Megan Murrillo

Seconded: Kristin Castor

Approved unanimously

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

There were no Policy Amendment Notifications for April

5. CDOT Region II TIP/STIP Administrative Amendment Agenda Item(s)

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

Project Name: Santa Fe Streetscape

STIP Number: SR25079.016

Project Location and Description: **Intersection Improvements**

Federal Program Funds: **\$ 36,000**

State Matching Funds: **\$**

Local Matching Funds: **\$ 9,000**

Other Project Funds: **\$**

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$45,000

This project is in need of additional funding to meet cost increases in the engineering estimate. The funds are from the Region 2 old transportation enhancement pool. These funds are the result of closed project savings.

Scott informed the TAC that the improvements for this project are between 6th and 8th streets on Santa Fe Avenue. Enhancements will be made to match the improvements at 4th and 5th streets. Megan Murrillo asked what the time frame for the project was. Scott Hobson replied that the final design must be approved by CDOT, go out for bids which must be approved by CDOT. Scott reiterated his plan for future TIP amendments, having those individuals who are working on the project present it in a timely manner allowing TAC time to give input and suggestions.

6. *Travel Demand Model Review * - Maureen Paz de Araujo, HDR Engineering, Inc.*

Maureen Paz de Araujo from HDR Engineering, Inc. gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Travel Demand Model and how it can be used versus other types of models and how they can be used.

Scott mentioned that the 2040 version of the Travel Demand Model is shown as if we were able to complete all projects in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Currently we do not have the funds to do so. Michael Snow asked if we will provide a financial breakdown of the projects in the LRTP. Maureen and Scott discussed use of a financial chapter in the LRTP as well as how goals will be included and used to show which projects provide the most benefit.

Michael Snow and Dan Centa both questioned how the model was validated. Maureen replied that traffic counts from both the city and CDOT were obtained and compared to the model's calculation which obtained a -3% difference. In addition Dan Centa brought up his concern regarding making conclusions based on the color scheme of the model due to the fact that signals are not accounted for. Maureen reminded the committee that the Travel Demand Model is on a macroscopic level and is not used to differentiate between signalized and unsignalized intersections. Maureen also stated the individual links on the model can be manually changed regarding capacity for certain projects, but cautioned this could skew the outcome of other portions of the model.

7. *2040 Regional Transportation Update – Process and Status*

The table included in the packet was shown and discussed. It depicts who is doing work on each topic/item for the LRTP. Michael Snow questioned if there was a timeline for when each chapter would be done and presented to the TAC. Maureen answered that within the table some chapters show that they have been written while others are in the works yet others are to be started at the completion of corresponding chapters. Scott mentioned that we are looking at holding several open houses to get input from the public. These will be held at the end of June or early July.

8. *Staff Report – Update on St. Charles Mesa Trail Access Plan*

Scott stated that he presented the draft scope of work to the PACOG Board. The Board gave approval to move forward with the plan but suggested using some of the elements from the plan done in 1996. Scott said we have this file electronically and can send it out to the TAC if wanted. He also mention talking with Pueblo County to discuss what hours can be used by the County yet paid for by the MPO.

9. *Items from TAC members or scheduling of future agenda items.*

Kristen Castor stated she wanted to get an agenda item regarding the Regional Transportation Authority and who would be taking the lead on that issue.

10. *Adjournment*

Chairman Scott Hobson adjourned the meeting at 10:30am