

Minutes of April 7, 2011 Joint Meeting
Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC)

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TAC Members present: Brenda Broyles, Scott Hobson, Irene Merrifield, Rick Morgan, Alf Randall, Kevin Stilson, Pepper Whittlef, and Jeff Woeber.

CAC Members present: Donald Bruestle, Laurie Clark, Bill Davis, Eppie Griego, and Debbie Rose.

Others present: Lisa Streisfeld, Region Planning and Environmental Manager and Richard Zamora, Resident Engineer.

Mr. Hobson called the regular joint meeting of the TAC to order on Thursday, April 7, 2011 at 8:35 a.m. in the Temporary City Council Chambers, 301 West B Street.

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

Mr. Hobson introduced himself and Pepper Whittlef and stated that he, Ms. Whittlef, Kevin Stilson, and Earl Wilkinson, the City's Public Works Director would be staffing the MPO.

(2) Approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting of February 3, 2011.

Motion to approve: Ms. Rose
Second: Mr. Davis
Unanimous

(3) Standing Agenda Item: CDOT Region 2 request(s) for amendment(s) to the PACOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the MPO/TPR area. Requires TAC and PACOG Board action to approve/disapprove/modify. Additional details about the amendments appear in attached CDOT letters and spreadsheets.

The Amendment adds funding in the amount of \$10,000,000 for the I-25 Bridges in Pueblo. This funding is designated specifically for the Ilex Bridge Project and is earmarked for early right-of-way acquisition and design activities. Resident Engineer Richard Zamora gave a brief overview of the project and answered questions.

Motion to approve: Ms. Clark
Second: Mr. Griego
Unanimous

(4) Standing Agenda Item: CDOT Region 2 notification of administrative amendments to the PACOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the MPO/TPR area. No Action Required.

The first administrative amendment is Signal Improvements at Spaulding and McCullough in Pueblo West. 2011 Hazard Elimination Funds will be used for signal improvements as part of the overall roadway improvement project at that intersection.

The second administrative amendment is US 50 C and 23rd Lane Improvements. Funding in the amount of \$100,000 will be used to extend pipes, install an inlet, and mitigate safety issues at this location.

No TAC action is required on these items, for informational purposes only.

(5) Changes to the LRTP. Additional amendments to Chapters 1 and 9 recommended by CDOT prior to final adoption.

Ms. Whittlef reviewed the amendments in Chapter 1 and Mr. Stilson reviewed the amendments in Chapter 9 of the Long Range Transportation Plan, which were recommended by CDOT. Mr. Hobson indicated that the public comment period has been extended until April 15, 2011. Since the PACOG meeting on March 24, 2011, there has been one additional public comment received concerning rail service in the plan.

(6) MPO Staff Report

a. Advertisement for the three at-large TAC member applications accepted through April 8, 2011.

b. 2011 CDOT Enhancement Grant Applications.

c. Restructuring of City Urban Transportation Planning Division.

a. Mr. Hobson gave an update on the applications received for the three at-large TAC member applications. At this time, there have been four applications received. Applications will be accepted through Friday, April 8, 2011.

b. Mr. Hobson stated that the deadline for submitting grant applications for 2011 CDOT Enhancement Grants is Monday, April 18, 2011. Applications should be submitted to Wendy Pettit at CDOT at 905 Erie Avenue.

c. Mr. Hobson gave an overview of the restructuring of the Urban Transportation Planning Division of the City's Planning Department. He stated that he will be responsible for the administration, budget and recording functions of the MPO. Pepper Whittlef will be the direct contact for CDOT Region 2 and will be the primary staff person who will be the alternate for John Cordova at the State Transportation Advisory Committee Meetings in Denver. Mr. Hobson, Ms. Whittlef and Earl Wilkinson will share responsibility for attending meetings that are most critical on a statewide basis for transportation.

Mr. Hobson asked the Committee if they would be interested in appointing a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to conduct the meetings and to allow staff to continue to provide staff reports and information to the Committee.

A motion was made to table any action on reorganizing the structure of the meetings until after the appointment of the new Citizen Advisory Committee members.

Motion to approve: Ms. Clark

Second: Ms. Rose

Unanimous

(7) Items from TAC members or scheduling of future agenda items.

Ms. Whittlef handed out a calendar of walking and biking events to be held in Pueblo starting in May.

Brenda Broyles gave a brief update to the Committee concerning replacement of the fleet of City buses in the Transit Department. She also updated the Committee on a trolley operation and trolley routes for the City.

Ms. Whittlef gave a brief update to the Committee concerning walkability within the roadway corridors in the downtown area, including the 4th Street Roadway Corridor. Components being considered include streetscapes, connectivity, sidewalk widening, parking issues, etc.

(8) Adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

THE US 50 W PEL TAT WILL NOT MEET AFTER THE TAC ADJOURNS.