

**Minutes of the
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 6, 2012
8:30 a.m.**

Temporary City Council Chambers, 301 West B Street

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman: Scott Hobson

Time of Call: 8:42 am

TAC Members Present: Scott Hobson, Pepper Whittlef, Rick Morgan, Alf Randall, Wendy Pettit.

CAC Members Present: Kristen Castor, Don Bruestle, Laurie Clark, and Eppie Griego.

Others Present: Sarah Snowberger – Secretary to the TAC.

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

There were no introductions or public comments.

3. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held September 6, 2012.

Motion to Approve: Kristen Castor

Second: Don Bruestle

Unanimous

4. CDOT Region II TIP/STIP Consent Item

CDOT Region II made request(s) for amendment(s) to the PACOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the MPO/TPR area.

Project Name: **US 50 Congestion Relief Project**

STIP Number: SPB6450

Project Location and Description: US 50 West of I-25

Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): **Congestion Relief Funds**

Federal Program Funds: **\$226,020**

State Matching Funds: **\$46,980**

Local Matching Funds:

Other Project Funds:

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$273,000

Signalization project is expected to begin moving forward within six months and will be a detection system based on traffic flow from Dillon to Purcell on US 50 going in both directions. This project will also have detection methods for the side roads at each intersection.

Motion to Approve: Kristen Castor

Second: Eppie Griego

Unanimous

5. CDOT Region II TIP/STIP Administrative Notification

CDOT Region II gave notification of administrative amendments to the PACOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the MPO/TPR area.

Project Name: **US 50 Baltimore to Wills**

STIP Number: SR26867.006

Project Location and Description: US 50 Baltimore to Wills paving and safety project

Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): FY 2012 FASTER Safety Funds

Federal Program Funds:

State Matching Funds: **\$852,045**

Local Matching Funds:

Other Project Funds:

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$852,045

Wendy Pettit reported there was a shortfall from the opening bids and the project came in over the engineering estimate.

Project Name: **US 50 Swallows to Baltimore**

STIP Number: SR26867.036

Project Location and Description: US 50 design project for the US 50 corridor

Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): FY 2012 FASTER Safety Funds and Regional Priority Funds

Federal Program Funds: **\$95,057**

State Matching Funds: **\$750,000**

Local Matching Funds:

Other Project Funds:

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$845,057

Ms. Pettit reported these funds are needed for the next phase of the environmental requirements in the US 50 corridor. The project will be from Wills to Pueblo Boulevard at an approximate 1.8 miles in length. History survey, storm water management plan development, and perform required NEPA processes.

6. MPO Staff Report

A. Proposed Changes to CDOT Maintenance Regions

Scott Hobson reported that the maintenance region for Pueblo or El Paso Counties has not changed. There is a tier policy at the state level that ranks the State Highway System by traffic flow and volume which will then be used to prioritize funds based on volume levels. It is a concern that the southern region of the state has less volume as compared to the Denver metro area and could potentially lose out on state funding.

B. National Highway System Update

Pepper Whittlef reported at this time the only recommendation for state highway recommendation was SH 96. It was reported that having a highway on the National State Highway System comes with greater maintenance and operational requirements without the guarantee of additional funding to maintain the minimum standards. It is possible that any National Highway Registry funding could be reprioritized for the region however if funding is not granted this could impact city and county budgets as the city and/or county would be responsible for maintaining minimum federal standards. Ms. Whittlef reported the advantage to being on the National Highway System could be receiving more matching funds but would only be from the On System Fund. The TAC recommended considering SH 47 for the registry as well.

C. MPO Planning Funds Grant Distribution

Mr. Hobson reported PACOG is guaranteed a minimum of \$350,000 in funding, if there is a shortage of funds other MPO's have agreed to contribute to the PACOG fund to match the minimum guaranteed amount. If there is more funding available than the minimum the PACOG will receive more. 60% of the MPO funds will be for the Long Range Transportation Plan and the other 40% will be for annual operations of the MPO.

D. CDOT State Transportation Handout

A handout was provided outlining predictions for trends regarding the State of Colorado Transportation.

E. Update on Bill Davis

The TAC agreed having a plaque made for Bill Davis' wife, Mrs. Davis in Mr. Davis' name to be presented at the January 24, 2013 PACOG meeting and TAC members will be in attendance to show their respect. The at-large vacancy will be advertised and applications will have a deadline to be received prior to the January PACOG meeting. The other two current CAC members will remain in their at-large seats for another year. Mr. Don Bruestle also shared concern for the lack of attendance at the TAC meetings and suggested correspondence be sent to members of the region to encourage future attendance.

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

There were no future agenda items scheduled.

8. Adjournment

Chairman Scott Hobson adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.