

Minutes of July 5, 2012 Joint Meeting
Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC)

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TAC Members present: Scott Hobson, Alf Randall, Rick Morgan, Amy Schmaltz, and Wendy Pettit.

CAC Members present: Kristen Castor, Don Bruestle, Eppie Griego, Laurie Clark, and Chuck Pelto.

Others Present: Sarah Jeske – Secretary to the TAC.

Scott Hobson called the regular joint meeting of the TAC to order on Thursday, July 5, 2012 at 8:39 am in the Temporary City Council Chambers, 301 West B Street.

- (1) Introductions and Public Comments (non-agenda items only).**
- (2) Special Recognition Given to Rose Ibanez.**
- (3) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 5, 2012. (No TAC meeting in June)**

Motion to approve: Kristen Castor
Second: Eppie Griego
Unanimous

- (4) 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. Additional details about the amendments appear in attached CDOT letters and spreadsheets. Presented by Wendy Pettit, Region II Planner.**

**CDOT Region II request(s) for PACOG MPO/TPR TIP amendment(s)
FY 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program**

Requires TAC and PACOG Board action to approve/disapprove/modify

Project Name: **SH 45 and SH 96 Intersection Improvements**
STIP Number: SR26644.033
Project Location and Description:
Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): **FY 2013 Hazard Elimination Funds**
Federal Program Funds: **\$ 270,000**
State Matching Funds: **\$ 30,000**
Local Matching Funds: **\$**
Other Project Funds: **\$**
TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 300,000

Project Name: **SH 45 and SH 96 Intersection Improvements**
STIP Number: SR26644.033
Project Location and Description:
Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): **2012 Transportation Enhancement Funds**

Federal Program Funds: **\$ 80,000**
State Matching Funds: **\$**

Local Matching Funds: \$
Other Project Funds: \$
TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 80,000

The scope of the Project is to install the second south bound to east bound left-turn deceleration lane, a west bound to north bound right turn acceleration lane, and a north bound to west bound right turn deceleration lane on Pueblo Blvd. Because of the widening, two signal poles will be replaced, the existing 22' wide box culvert will be extended, a 400' long retaining wall will be installed, and the left in/left out access from Boy Scout Way to Pueblo Blvd (SH45) will be restricted. The latest engineering cost estimate shows a shortfall of \$380,000.

Ms. Pettit reported that the additional \$380,000 is needed because the widening of the lanes and the added culvert are making the installation of the retaining wall necessary. The widening is not impacting any other existing stone walls, such as the walls on Thatcher. No drawings are available at this time for this Project change, but as soon as there are, plans will be distributed accordingly. The Enhancement Funding of \$80,000 being requested is a pool of funds of old money from cutting back prior Projects. These funds are available for future Projects that have shortages, using these funds will not affect future project funding.

Motion to approve: Laurie Clark

Second: Chuck Pelto

Unanimous

- (5) **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. Additional details about the amendments appear in attached CDOT letters and spreadsheets presented by Wendy Pettit, CDOT Region II Planner.**

**CDOT Region II request(s) for PACOG MPO/TPR TIP amendment(s)
FY 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program**

Administrative notification of Roll Forward Project Funding or TIP/STIP Policy amendment(s) in the MPO and TPR area(s) –no TAC or Board action required.

Project Name: Purcell Park and Ride
STIP Number: SR27003.013
Project Location and Description: **Park and Ride**
Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): **FASTER 2013 State Transit funds**
Federal Program Funds: \$
State Matching Funds: \$ **126,180**
Local Matching Funds: \$
Other Project Funds: \$
TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$126,180

Additional construction funds for the Purcell Park and Ride off I-25 at MP 108.

Request for additional \$126,180 goes in conjunction with the original \$600,000 awarded in 2011 for the Park and Ride. The original \$600,000 approved for the Project was based on a preliminary set of plans prepared by Nick Sanford. The additional \$126,180 is what is needed for Project funding. At this time there are no designs for the Project and before the property owner, Mr. Walker, agrees on the Project he would like a conceptual design. Because of no design and undetermined timeline of project, Mr. Walker is uncomfortable with selling the property to CDOT. This Project has been placed on hold for some time due primarily to multiple personnel changes at CDOT. Ms. Pettit will follow up on who is currently assigned to the Project. Three or four months ago there was contact with Mr. Walker who expressed concern of trash on his property. It was

reported that participants from the Youth Offender System have been out to the property several times doing clean up but Mr. Walker is requesting a more permanent solution for trash containment. It was suggested to consider fencing to help protect the Walker property from any additional trash issues. Mr. Hobson to follow up on Project plans at a later time once he receives resources from Ms. Pettit.

(6) MPO Staff Report – Scott Hobson

Four 2013 Transportation Enhancement Projects submitted from the City of Pueblo presented by Scott Hobson.

West 4th Street SH-96 Streetscape. Mr. Hobson reported this Project would improve three intersections on 4th Street at, Santa Fe, Greenwood, and Elizabeth. This Project coincides with the CDOT Projects to replace signals along 4th Street west of Santa Fe and one signal east of Santa Fe. The improvements to the 4th Street and Elizabeth intersections are in conjunction with improvements to the County Judicial building.

East 4th Street Enhancement Project. Mr. Hobson reported this as a planning design project improvement to the streetscape on E. 4th & Erie. \$80,000 is being requested for this design project with a \$20,000 match from the City.

Arkansas River Trail Upgrade and Safety Improvement Project. Mr. Hobson reported this Project is to improve the road by initiating a turn around/drop off area near the water trail by the water park as well as handicap access improvements.

Multimodal Improvements – Goodnight/Cleveland Corridor and Elizabeth/Greenwood Corridor. Mr. Hobson reported this Project includes installation of bicycle lanes, crosswalks, pavement markings, regulatory signs, and bicycle racks.

Mr. Hobson asked the Committee if they would like to do a review process wherein each committee member ranks each Project based from a brief presentation as was done last year. The ranking would be done from a ranking sheet from PACOG. The other option provided was to have City Council rank the projects since they were all submitted by the City. Staff reported there were complaints about ranking last year due to people not coming to presentations and still ranking projects. The Committee agreed to ranking projects and presentations are to be scheduled for August 2, 2012 TAC meeting, applications and evaluation forms will be sent out the week prior to the meeting.

Updated 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan presented by Scott Hobson.

Mr. Hobson reported that the 2040 LRTP will be similar to the 2035 LRTP. The 2040 LRTP will include goals and steps to review how the plan is going and doing. There will also be a communication plan included. The plan will include information about future transportation and daily transportation counts. Drafting of the LRTP will begin in 2013 and is scheduled to be adopted late in 2014 by TAC, PACOG, and the State to adopt in 2015. The existing environmental section will remain, there will be some changes regarding transit and freight. The anticipated Transportation Improvement Plan is based on an estimated future budget for a six year span of time. Ms. Castor discussed concern for RTA funding which would affect City Lift and other forms of public transportation. Mr. Hobson stated that the current 2035 LRTP does not currently address a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), but can possibly be worked into the 2040 plan. Staff reported it is necessary to have advocates to support RTA, and two partners are required to get funding. Mr. Hobson to get representatives from two or three companies to do proposals and presentations in 30-45 days to go through committee review.

Coordination of Long-Range Transportation Plan with new Pueblo Regional Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Hobson reported that there have been two months of planning with PACOG regarding the 2040 LRTP and Pueblo Regional Comprehensive Plan (PRCP) plans regarding the idea of blending the plans into the same process. There have not been as many community changes within the City as compared to Pueblo West. The Comprehensive Plan would be divided into a plan for the Urban area and Sub-Area plans for the Rural Areas. Ms. Clark suggested including a plan for the Depot Authority and other Sub-Areas. Mr. Hobson to pass information to Julie Edwards. Plan can be used to help community officials in future decisions. Costs are \$100,000/year from the MPO to develop LRTP and Comprehensive Plans, \$50,000 from the City of Pueblo, \$50,000 from the County of Pueblo, and \$50,000 per year from Pueblo West.

- (7) TAC members did not schedule any items for a future meeting.**
- (8) Meeting adjourned at 9:57 am.**