

Minutes of August 2, 2012 Joint Meeting  
Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC)

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TAC Members present: Scott Hobson, Pepper Whittlef, Alf Randall, Rick Morgan, Wendy Pettit, Jeff Woeber, and Bob Schmidt.

CAC Members present: Kristen Castor, Don Bruestle, Laurie Clark, Raymond Seybold and Chuck Pelto.

Others Present: Sarah Jeske – Secretary to the TAC, Bill Zwick – Landscape Architect, Beritt Odom – Senior Planner, Steven Meier – Principal Planner.

Scott Hobson called the regular joint meeting of the TAC to order on Thursday, August 2, 2012 at 8:36 am in the Temporary City Council Chambers, 301 West B Street.

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

**(2) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 5, 2012. (No TAC meeting in June)**

Motion to approve: Kristen Castor  
Second: Raymond Seybold  
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. 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: **4<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge**  
STIP Number: SR273R  
Project Location and Description:  
Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): **FY 2013 Bridge-on System Funding**  
Federal Program Funds: **\$ 116,000**  
State Matching Funds: **\$ 29,000**  
Local Matching Funds: **\$**  
Other Project Funds: **\$**  
**TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 145,000**

Project Name: **4<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge**  
STIP Number: SR273R  
Project Location and Description:  
Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): **FY 2013 Regional Priorities Funding**  
Federal Program Funds: **\$ 66,000**  
State Matching Funds: **\$ 14,000**  
Local Matching Funds: **\$**

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

Project Name: **4<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge**  
STIP Number: SR273R  
Project Location and Description:  
Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): **FY 2013 Transportation Enhancement Funding**  
Federal Program Funds: **\$ 75,000**  
State Matching Funds: \$  
Local Matching Funds: \$  
Other Project Funds: \$  
**TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 75,000**

The scope of the project is to add \$145,000 of Bridge-on System Funding for the safety of the bridge by building facilities to eliminate the ability to start fires. The Enhancement Funding and Regional Priorities Funding are needed in the amount of \$155,000. Funding will be used to complete the ADA ramp for the stairs on the Southwest corner that was not finished during initial project.

Motion to approve: Kristen Castor  
Second: Chuck Pelto  
Unanimous

Project Name: **Us 50 Corridor-Initial Design**  
STIP Number: SR26867.036  
Project Location and Description: Initial design of US 50 from West Swallows to Baltimore  
Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): **FY 2013 Regional Priorities Funding**  
Federal Program Funds: **\$ 546,410**  
State Matching Funds: **\$ 113,590**  
Local Matching Funds: \$  
Other Project Funds: \$  
**TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 660,000**

This project will look for logical projects that can be built as a result of the newly completed US 50 PEL study.

Motion to approve: Raymond Seybold  
Second: Laurie Clark  
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. Additional details about the amendments appear in attached CDOT letters and spreadsheets presented by Wendy Pettit, CDOT Region II Planner.**

*CDOT Region 2 did not have administrative amendments requests for August.*

- (5) Transportation Enhancement Project Presentations.**

Four Transportation Enhancement Project presentations were presented by Bill Zwick, Beritt Odom, Steven Meier, and Pepper Whittlef. A recommendation was made by Mr. Raymond Seybold suggesting that attendance be required for the entirety of all four Transportation Enhancement presentations in order to submit a score. Motion was made to approve the recommendation;

Motion to approve: Don Bruestle  
Second: Chuck Pelto  
Unanimous

**West 4<sup>th</sup> Street SH-96 Streetscape – Presenter: Bill Zwick**

This Project will add new signalization and streetscape enhancements at: West 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Santa Fe Avenue, West 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Greenwood Avenue, and West 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Elizabeth Street. New crosswalks, handicap ramps, and curb neck-outs, to address safety issues, with landscape planters, decorative paving, decorative streetlights and upgrades to storm water inlets at intersections are also included in the Project Description. The implementation timeline of the Project is defined in a schedule to begin October 2012, with a completion of January 2014. The Project will be multi-phased and will provide safety and aesthetic improvements including widening of sidewalks from four to ten feet to include parking to the West4th Street/SH96 corridor. Local support for the Project has come from Pueblo City Center Partnership, Pueblo Downtown Association, Sangre de Cristo Arts Center, Pueblo Active Communities and Environments, Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo, and Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority plus active participation from the Pueblo Police Department. The Project will take advantage of the 2013 CDOT Signalization Project which will provide the \$2 Million matching funds and will design, administer and construct the improvements with the City of Pueblo. The annual maintenance will be performed by the City's Parks and Recreation Department and additional funding will be provided by the Streetscape Maintenance and Operation account from the Department of Planning and Community Development.

**East 4<sup>th</sup> Street Enhancement Project – Presenter: Beritt Odom**

Transportation Enhancement funds are being requested for the completion of planning, survey, design, and construction documents for the East 4<sup>th</sup> Street/SH96 Enhancement Project. Planning and design will include aesthetic improvements for the streetscape and safety measures to calm and slow traffic and bring attention to the crosswalks in the intersections of East 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Erie Avenue, and Fountain Avenue and Glendale Avenue. The Project is intended to slow traffic and allow pedestrians to safely cross the street. It will also enhance pedestrian connectivity to the retail businesses along the commercial corridor. Because vehicles travel at a higher rate of speed, seventy nine accidents have been reported in the last three years, six of which involved pedestrians and one reported as fatal. Safety elements may include landscaped neck-outs, bump-outs or pedestrian islands. Existing on-street parking will be preserved. Decorative cross-walks will be paired with the traffic calming features to make the intersections more attractive and draw driver's attention to pedestrians crossing the street. Implementation of the Project is projected to begin with Grant Notification in October 2012 and completion in November 2013. The Pueblo Police Department, Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority, Latino Chamber of Commerce, Pueblo Active Communities and Environments, East Side Neighborhood Association, and a local property owner are among the supporters of the Project. Project matching funds are from Crime Prevention and Environmental Design but do have a risk of being reallocated for other needs if not used. Maintenance will be done by the City's Parks and Recreation Department and additional funding will be provided by the Maintenance and Operation account for Streetscape from the Department of Planning and Community Development. A direct connection to the proposed Fountain Creek Watershed Trails and Recreation Project will boast an upgraded trail system, creek access and top of the line skateboard park. The 2035 LRTP identifies East 4<sup>th</sup> Street/SH96 as continuing to be a Principal Arterial street. Therefore, all improvements including aesthetic improvements conform to that plan.

*10 minute break between presentations.*

**Arkansas River Trail Upgrade and Safety Improvement Project, Phase 3 – Presenter: Steven Meier**

The City is requesting Transportation Enhancement Funds for Phase 4 of the Arkansas River Trail Upgrade and Safety Improvement Project. The Project will include the completion of a paved handicap accessible parking lot, turn around/drop off area for trail users, re-vegetation of native plants for erosion control and storm water quality, and burying of overhead utility lines. The Project will provide enhanced pedestrian connectivity to the existing City River Trail System that extends over 24-miles, providing pedestrian and bicycle access to community destinations such as: Lake Pueblo State Park, Pueblo Nature Center, Pueblo Zoo, City Park, Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo, Historic Union Avenue, and Pueblo Mall. Implementation of the Project will begin September 2012 with grant notification, Project awarding in October 2013, and Project closeout in May 2014. The Project has received support from The Pueblo Conservancy District, Pueblo Active Communities and Environments, Pueblo City Center Partnership, and City of Pueblo Parks and Recreation. The Project improvements piggyback onto Phases 1-3 of the River Trail Upgrades and matching funds are budgeted but do have risk of reallocation if not used. Annual maintenance will be performed by the City's Park and Recreation Department which is already allocated funding on an annual basis to maintain the City of Pueblo's River Trail System. The City will also follow the guidelines set forth within the Arkansas River Trail Extension Plan that recommends maintenance and management considerations in order to provide a safe and pleasant experience for bicycle/pedestrian facility. The Trail Head Project promotes primary access to the City's River Trail System.

*Rick Morgan and Bob Schmidt left the meeting between presentations.*

**Multimodal Improvements – Goodnight/Cleveland Corridor and Elizabeth/Greenwood Corridor – Presenter: Pepper Whittlef**

The City is requesting Transportation Enhancement funds to install on-street bike lanes on Goodnight Avenue and Cleveland Street from City Park to Abriendo Avenue; Elizabeth Avenue from Hwy 50 to Grand; and on Greenwood Street from 1<sup>st</sup> Street to 25<sup>th</sup> Street. Pedestrian crossings would be enhanced at Goodnight Avenue & Argyle Avenue; Cleveland Street & Orman Avenue, and the 20<sup>th</sup> Street corridor from Court Street to West Street. Neighborhood identification signs and bike racks would also be installed. Project funding totals \$190,000 with In-kind matching funds from the City and cash matching funds from PACE. This Project will link City Park to Orman Avenue, Pueblo Community College to St. Therese School, Dutch Clark Stadium, Arkansas River Trail System, Dittmer Park, and a Pueblo Transit Route, to the Goodnight Avenue and Cleveland Street corridor, US50 multi-use path, HARP, Runyon Lake, Freed Middle School, Mineral Palace Park, Parkview Medical Center, and Pueblo Transit Route, to the Elizabeth Avenue Greenwood Street corridor. Implementation for this Project will begin with grant notification in October 2012, and closeout in August 2013. It will be managed by Pepper Whittlef, designed by Reyna Ehrman, and signs and markings will be installed by Traffic Maintenance crews and a contractor. The Project would provide residents with alternative modes of travel plus bike racks and upgrades in pedestrian facilities at key parks and schools and will potentially reduce vehicular travel speeds on roadway corridors. It will also promote healthy environments and recreation and would expand Pueblo's Bicycle Plan. Support has been received from Pueblo Active Community Environments and two residents. This Project will remove a travel lane on Elizabeth Avenue and Greenwood Street between 24<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Streets.

**(6) MPO Staff Report**

*There were no Staff Report Items.*

**(7) TAC members did not schedule any items for a future meeting.**

**(8) Meeting adjourned at 10:21 am**