

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

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TAC Members present: Scott Hobson, Kevin Stilson, Mikey Beyer, Jack Johnson, Earl Wikinson, Rick Morgan, Wendy Pettit, Irene Merrifield, Alf Randall, Pepper Whittlef, and Jeff Woeber.

CAC Members present: Kristen Castor, Don Bruestle, Bill Davis, and Epimenio Griego.

Others Present: City of Pueblo - Bill Zwick and Beritt Odom, PW Parks - Carol Cosby and Eric Smith, Matrix Design Group; Bessemer Historical Society- Julie Rodriguez, Executive Director and Victoria Miller, Historian; and Rose Marie Ibanez –Secretary to the TAC.

Mr. Hobson called the regular joint meeting of the TAC to order on Thursday, July 7, 2011 at 8:47 a.m. in the Temporary City Council Chambers, 301 West B Street.

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

Note: Approval of Items 1 and 5 were deferred for the arrival of more members in order to have a quorum.

- (2) Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of June, 2011.

Motion to approve: Mr. Bruestle
Second: Mr. Morgan
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. No action required. Additional details about the amendments appear in attached CDOT letters and spreadsheets.

NO AMENDMENTS

- (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 TAC action required.**

Project Name: **4th Street Bridge (SH96)**
STIP Number: SPB273R,
Project Location and Description: 4th St. Bridge (SH96)
Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): **FY 2011 Bridge on system**
Federal Program Funds: **\$ 360,000**
State Matching Funds: **\$ 90,000**
Local Matching Funds: **\$**
Other Project Funds: **\$**
TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$450,000

Ms. Pettit reported this administrative amendment adds \$450,000 to resolve violations with stormwater and flagging issues with the railroad on the 4th Street Bridge project. The FY2011 Bridge Pool is funding the addition.

Project Name: **CR302 – Lime Road**
STIP Number: **SR27000.002**
Project Location and Description: **CR302 – Lime Rd. Rail Road at Crossing project**
Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): **2011 Rail Road At Crossing Pool**

Federal Program Funds: \$ **68,766**
State Matching Funds: \$
Local Matching Funds: \$
Other Project Funds: \$
TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$68,766

Ms. Pettit reported this administrative amendment adds \$68,766 to complete a railroad crossing project on Lime Road. The funding is a combination of Federal and State money in the FY 2011 Rail Road Crossing Pool.

(5) MPO Staff Report

1) Present 2012-2013 UPWP. Request approval to present at next scheduled PACOG Meeting.

Mr. Hobson reviewed the 2012/2013 UPWP and explained the three highlighted color categories used to define activities; and the three levels of budget scenarios for the funding levels. The "high" are basic required compliance activities that must be completed at all levels of funding. The "normal" activities could be accomplished with the middle budget. The "low" budget activities can be eliminated or deferred to future UPWP's if we do not have the highest level of funding. The plan format is still the same as the last three plans but the last two plans did not have any special projects that now are included and identified in the 2.5 as Sub-Area and Special Transportation. The West Pueblo Connector to downtown and the preliminary work that would be the same as the PEL on US 50 West conducted by CDOT. Preliminary work would be the assessment of roadway corridor alignment, identify property owners, and identify environmental together with historical and cultural issues. The feasibility for funding and other related issues for forming an RTA. Other activities are the E. 4th Street (SH96) Traffic Analysis for current future traffic volumes. Platteville/ Dillon capacity analysis to analyze current and future traffic volumes. The assumptions used to define the low, middle and high budget levels are detailed in the budget section. Unspent funds are carried forward from year-to-year and typically are used during years when a comprehensive update of the LRTP is performed. The next update on 2040 LRTP will be worked on thru next three year period. He recognized Mr. Stilson's and Ms. Whittle's hard work and efforts on the UPWP and said they are very familiar with the plan and could any answer questions.

Motion to approve: Mr. Davis
Second: Mr. Bruestle
Unanimous

(6) Transportation Enhancement Project Presentation. Each presentation will be allowed 10 minutes (Max) to present followed by 5 minutes (Max) for question by board members. The presentation will present in the following order:

(Government Staff Members – Project Packets will be available for download from the PACOG website by 5 pm on Friday July 1, located under the HOT TOPICS on the main page (Copies will not be provided for government members). Copies will be provided only for CAC members at the meeting.)

- 1) 8:45 am - Phase 2 – Northern Ave. – Presenter: Bill Zwick**
- 2) 9:00 am - Grand Ave. – Scape – Presenter: Bill Zwick**
- 3) 9:15 am - CF&I Museum – Presenter: Julie Rodriguez**
- 4) 9:30 am - McCulloch Trail 1 – Presenter: Rick Morgan**

- 5) 9:45 am - Phase 3 McCulloch Main Trail – Presenter: Carol Cosby
- 6) 10:00 am - Orman Bike Lane – Presenter: Pepper Whittlef
- 7) 10:15 am - Phase 2 – Wayfinding – Presenter: Pepper Whittlef

Applications for CDOT TE funds were presented with attachments of maps, plans, support letters, photographs, budget and implementation schedules; and TE Grant point scoring sheets.

1). Bill Zwick (project manager) presented the Northern Avenue Phase 2 project that will reconstruct the existing concrete medians with landscaped medians and replace the dilapidated asphalt trails on northern and southern side of Northern Avenue with concrete trails. The project calls for installation of approximately 140-foot wide concrete trail from the intersection of Northern Avenue and Cambridge Avenue to the intersection of Lehigh Avenue/Hollywood Drive and Northern Avenue intersection. The primary goal of the overall project is to improve the aesthetic appeal of Northern Avenue, safety and accessibility for multi-modal traffic adjacent to the busy street for area destination links to residential, State Fair, shopping centers, churches and schools. The total TE project cost is \$543,878 with a 35.6% match.

2). Bill Zwick (project manager) presented the Grand Avenue Scape for a multifaceted project that includes aesthetic improvements for the streetscape, increased safety measures for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, improved vehicular traffic flow and historic preservation components through interpretive signage. The Grand Avenue right-of Way extending north from Central Main to First Street and the entire City Hall campus, includes the striping of bicycle lanes extending from Central Main Street to north to Santa Fe Avenue. This proposed project “piggyback’s” on the \$15 Million renovation of the historic City Hall and Memorial Hall, which is scheduled to begin this summer 2011. The total TE project cost is \$437,500 with a 26% match.

3). Julie Rodriguez and Victoria Miller presented the Bessemer Historical Society Transportation Park project for landscaping, repaving the parking lot, repair sidewalk surrounding the proposed Transportation Park and restriping parking stalls. Other scenic beautifications for museum are quality LED spotlights, security camera system to deter criminal activity around exhibits and the property of BHS and immediate neighbors. The exhibition and interpretation of large transportation artifacts used by the CF&I and in heavy industry. The total TE project will cost \$221,751 with a 20%. Frank Yaklich has committed to be the project manager.

4). Eric Smith of Matrix Design Group presented the McCulloch Trail 1 project overview that starts at Joe Martinez, east of Main McCulloch Blvd, across US Highway 50 to the Wal-Mart parking lot. The project will have a 12 foot wide (8-foot concrete, 4-foot crusher fine) non-motorized trail that will be used as an additional mode of transportation and a means of recreation and safety for the entire pueblo West community. The project separates pedestrian, bicycle traffic from the highest traffic volume major arterial in Pueblo West with this off-system trail extension that adds another mode of transportation that significantly improves safety for the elderly and school children that use the trail. The total TE project will cost \$283,325 with a 20% match. Matrix Design Group

has an "on-call" contract with Pueblo West Metro District and is overseeing the design and construction with Mr. Smith as the principal in charge; and Ray Perez as the project manager.

5). Carol Cosby presented the conclusion of the McCulloch Main Trail Phase 3 project that offers connectivity and safety that would start at Purcell Boulevard head west down the equestrian/utility easement connecting the current McCulloch Main Trail. This phase would entail a transportation network system that will run directly next to the Pueblo West Elementary school, the Middle School, the community park, and eventually would tie into the city of Pueblo. The total TE project will cost \$421,600 with a 27% match. The project will be designed in-house, and thru a contractive service by the end of this year.

6). Pepper Whittlef presented the on-street bicycle lane installation project from Orman Avenue – Lincoln Street to Indiana Avenue that promotes alternative transportation mode, increases biking opportunities. The goal for the project is to enhance the existing bicycle corridor between City Park and Lake Minnequa. In addition to the bike symbol pavement markings, regulatory and warning signs will be used where appropriate. The total TE project will cost \$73,080 with a 20% match. Ms. Whittlef is the project manager for implementation on the project.

7). Pepper Whittlef presented the Pueblo Wayfinding Signs Phase II that installs tourist destinations signs for guiding tourist to Destination Pueblo and expanding it city wide. The Phase II concentrates on signage on Pueblo Blvd and on SH47 near CSU-Pueblo. The consolidation of attractions to one sign structure will allow numerous other destination signs, that currently exist along these routes to be removed, thereby reducing sign clutter. The total TE will cost \$51,755 with a 20.2% match. The city crews would do the sign wording for the signs.

Ms. Whittlef asked for the completed score sheets. Those that need more time or had to leave early can complete their sheet later; but they would need to e-mail, mail, or drop them off at Urban Transportation Office by next Tuesday where they will be entered for a tally count. The tally count will be presented to the next TAC meeting for a recommendation in August to present to the August PACOG Board meeting.

Note: Approval of Items 1, 5 took place here in the meeting.

(7) Other items: Irene Merrifield recognized that this UPWP has been made better. She did a line by line comparison of previous ones and this new one. She said there is more here to help you understand about how it all fits together. The continuation of the different funding levels help you see what you can do if there is more money and what the trade-offs are with less money.

(8) Adjourned at 10.47 am.

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

