

Minutes of August 4, 2011 Joint Meeting  
Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC)

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TAC Members present: Scott Hobson, Kevin Stilson, Earl Wilkinson, Rick Morgan, Wendy Pettit, Irene Merrifield, Alf Randall, and Jeff Woeber.

CAC Members present: Kristen Castor, Don Bruestle, Charles Davis, Bill Davis, and Laurie Clark.

Others Present: Sato - Shawn Han, Gaurav Vasisht, Scott Ramming and Lisa Bachman; CDOT Craig Clark, and Rose Marie Ibanez – Secretary to the TAC.

Mr. Hobson called the regular joint meeting of the TAC to order on Thursday, August 4, 2011 at 8:41a.m. 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 7, 2011.

Motion to approve: Bill Davis  
Second: Don Bruestle  
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. Presented by Wendy Pettit, Region II Planner.**

ONE CDOT Region II request(s) for PACOG MPO/TPR TIP amendment(s) FY 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program  
Requires TAC and PACOG Board action to approve/disapprove/modify

**Project Name: US 50 B median and shoulder improvements**

**STIP Number: SR26644.037**

**Project Location and Description: Install median and shoulder rumble strips on SH50B between MP 332 to 349**

**Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): 2012 Hazard Elimination Funds**

**Federal Program Funds: \$ 135,000**

**State Matching Funds: \$ 15,000**

**Local Matching Funds: \$**

**Other Project Funds: \$**

**TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 150,000**

\*Pueblo County has a roadway improvement project at McCulloch and Spaulding. They will widen Spaulding to provide dual Eastbound to Northbound left-turn lanes

Motion to approve: Laurie Clark \**(subject to correcting the location description text of project US 50B in the CDOT letter).*

Second: Kristen Castor

Unanimous

- (4) **THREE 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.**

1. **Project Name: Crow Cutoff Rd Bridge**

**STIP Number: SR27001.007**

**Project Location and Description: Bridge Pueblo PUC04.17.213B**

**Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): 2012 Bridge off**

**Federal Program Funds: \$113,884**

**State Matching Funds: \$**

**Local Matching Funds: \$ 28,472**

**Other Project Funds: \$**

**TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$142,356**

**Additional Bridge off system funds and local match to back fill short fall in construction costs.**

2. **Project Name: Dillon Drive overpass**  
**STIP Number: SPB6397**  
**Project Location and Description: Dillon Dr. and I-25 Overpass**  
**Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): 2012 Regional Priorities**  
**Federal Program Funds: \$7,037,150**  
**State Matching Funds: \$**  
**Local Matching Funds: \$ 146,285**  
**Other Project Funds: \$**  
**TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$8,500,000**

*\*(Subject to correcting the spreadsheet totals.)*

**Roll forward of RPP funds allocated to the Dillon Drive overpass. (Waiting for signature)**

3. **Project Name: US 50 and 23rd Lane intersection improvements**  
**STIP Number: SR26867.031**  
**Project Location and Description: US 50 and 23rd Lane intersection improvements**  
**Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s): 2012 Regional Priorities**  
**Federal Program Funds: \$82,790**  
**State Matching Funds: \$**  
**Local Matching Funds: \$ 17,210**  
**Other Project Funds: \$**  
**Total project Fund amendment: \$100,000**

**(5) MPO Staff Report – Presented by Scott Hobson**

- 1) **A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR THE PUEBLO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO INCLUDE SPECIFIED TASKS AND FUNDING RELATED TO ADDITIONAL CONSOLIDATED PLANNING GRANT FUNDS.**

Mr. Hobson reported the request is to transfer \$30,000 from UPWP the downtown pedestrian transportation plan that is currently underway to improve energy efficiency in transportation. The city has funds from two grants, the Energy Efficiency Communities \$40,000 and DOLA \$50,000. The consultant's *downtown study* proposal exceeds the two funding grants by \$30,000. The study connects The Historic District - Riverwalk to Santa Fe Avenue to 8<sup>th</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> street to Midtown Shopping Center to facilitate pedestrian movement. The two grants are from DOLA in the amount of \$50,000 and a community program -Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant in the amount of \$40,000. One of the concerns expressed was the use of funds for just the downtown area rather than the choosing something else in the MPO area making sure that we are not backfilling a funding shortage. Ms. Castor said she felt that this is a good thing for the depressed downtown area that needs more accessibility as long as we are not compromising something else. Mr. Hobson said that this specific project is in line to "piggyback on the 4<sup>th</sup> St. signalization to I-25 in 2012. There are other specific projects identified in the 2012/UPWP such as forming an RTA. The 2012/UPWP has a carryover of \$200,000, and CDOT has estimated an additional \$250,000 for 2012. He said we do not have projects that are "ready to go" to compete when CDOT funds become available. Ms. Merrifield reported that this is normal activity and in line with Federal Regulations that MPO's can engage in studies and surveys with their planning partners to analyze alternative travel solutions as PPAG is now doing.

Motion to approve: Laurie Clark

Second: Bill Davis

Unanimous

**2) Additional Statewide Transportation Funding Update**

CDOT was notified at the STAC meeting of additional funding for the regional MPO's,

but the information received is an incomplete report and more clarification is needed. We do not qualify for CMAC funding as some of the larger MPO do. Any additional funding for our MPO would go to the Long Range Transportation Plan. We should have a more complete report from the September STAC meeting.

**The presentation of the tally results on the Transportation Enhancement Projects to recommend a resolution to the PACOG Board for their approval. 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) Phase 2 – Northern Ave. – Presenter: Bill Zwick
- 2) Grand Ave. – Scape – Presenter: Bill Zwick
- 3) CF&I Museum – Presenter: Julie Rodriguez
- 4) McCulloch Trail 1 – Presenter: Rick Morgan
- 5) Phase 3 McCulloch Main Trail – Presenter: Carol Cosby
- 6) Orman Bike Lane – Presenter: Pepper Whittlef
- 7) Phase 2 – Wayfinding – Presenter: Pepper Whittlef

Kevin Stilson presented the scoring order of each project ranking by

Tally.

- 1) McCulloch Trail 1
- 2) Phase 2 - Northern Ave.
- 3) Grand Ave.
- 4) Phase 3 McCulloch Main Trail
- 5) Orman Bike Lane
- 6) CF&I Museum
- 7) Phase 2 - Wayfinding

Motion to approve: Kristen Castor *-supports ranking tally*  
Second: Alf Randal *-as is*  
*Not unanimous*

There were tally concerns about the text in safety section, and the tally scoring process that weighted the top projects extremely close, almost to a tied score. It was suggested that the Pueblo West's two Trail projects should be listed side by side. Mr. Stilson said the next round for TEP funds will have the recommended suggestions in the scoring tally. A request was made to the city to prioritize Northern and Grand projects. Ms. Pettit reported that PACOG and CDOT can have a say in the final decision but normally go as they are ranked.

Motion to approve: Kristen Castor *-support the ranking-  
but amending to defer to the City to prioritize Northern and  
Grand Avenue.*  
Second: Alf Randal  
Unanimous

**(7) 50 West PEL Study – Review of Preferred Alternative.**

Presented By: Joe Garcia, CDOT Project Manager  
M. Scott Ramming, PhD, PE,  
Senior Transportation Planner  
J.F. Sato and Associates

Mr. Ramming presented the outline describing the four levels in the "Screening

Process" for the preferred alternative. In level 3, two intersection options are signalized and continuous flow (CFI). The three interchanges options are the diamond, partial cloverleaf (Parclo) and diverging diamond. The mainline options are existing, future four-lane alternative and future six-lane alternative. The local road improvements are the Pueblo Blvd. Extension and the West Pueblo Connector (Joe Martinez Blvd. Extension). The no action alternative does not meet purpose and need to reduce congestion and improve safety. Alternative A and B may not accommodate demand beyond 2035. Alternative C is the most expensive alternative. Alternative D is the least expensive alternative. The preferred alternative is E (diverging diamond) that has flexible phasing to respond to increases in travel demand beyond 2035 that is the least congested alternatives. It is *one* of the most expensive options but it is the *least "expensive option"* for Pueblo Blvd with the *least stream and wetlands impacts*. First step is to document and adopt the preferred alternative in the PEL report, the Long Range Transportation Plans and in a Memorandum of Agreement. Next comes the access management plan, identify and prioritize short-term improvements, identify and implement next steps for corridor improvements. Last step, is *funding, NEPA clearance and construction*.

**(8)** Adjourned at 10:25 am.

**THE US 50 W PEL TAT WILL MEET THIS MONTH AFTER THE TAC ADJOURNS.**