

**Minutes of the
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
July 11, 2019
8:30 a.m.**

Community Room of the Pueblo Municipal Justice Center, 200 South Main Street
Agenda items marked with * indicate additional materials are included in the packet.

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AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman: John Adams

Time of Call: 8:33 a.m.

MPO Members Present: John Adams, Bart Mikitowicz, Hannah Hاونert

TAC Members Present: Don Bruestle, Wendy Pettit, Shawn Winters

CAC Members Present: Kristen Castor

Others Present: Aaron Willis, Meghan Boydston, Mike Timlin

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

Introductions were made for Meghan Boydston (Transportation Planner – consultant for Bustang) and Mike Timlin (CDOT Bustang Program Manager).

3. Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held on June 13, 2019.

Motion to Approve: Don Bruestle

Second: Kristen Castor

Unanimous

4. TIP/STIP Administration Modifications Agenda Item(s)

- a. CDOT Region 2 requests for PACOG MPO/TPR TIP amendment(s)
TAP Roll-Forward and Administrative Modifications FY 2019-22 TIP*
(Informational)**

Project Name: **North Creek Rd North Bridge Emergency Repair**

STIP Number: SR47006.006

Project Location and Description: **Bridge repair due to flood in 2015**

Federal Program Funds: \$653,407

State Matching Funds: **\$135,830**

Local Matching Funds: \$

Other Project Funds: \$

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$789,237

Project Name: **North Creek Rd South Bridge Emergency Repair STIP**
 Number: SR47006.007
 Project Location and Description: **Bridge repair due to flood in 2015**
 Federal Program Funds: **\$514,193**
 State Matching Funds: **\$106,889**
 Local Matching Funds: \$
 Other Project Funds: \$
TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$621,082

The bids for both projects came in higher than the engineering estimate and these funds are being added to allow Pueblo County to award the projects so that the construction can be completed on these two structures.

b. City of Pueblo requests for PACOG MPO/TPR TIP Administrative Amendment*
(Informational)

Project Name: **ARKANSAS RIVER TRAIL UPGRADE – PHASE 4**
 STIP Number: SR 25079.058-TAP
 Project Location and Description: **Southwest corner of 4th Street bridge in Pueblo**

| | Current | Previous |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Federal Program Funds: | \$ 616, 494 | \$616,494 |
| Local Matching Funds/Overmatch: | \$ 157,529 | \$ 88,237 |
| Other Project Funds: | \$ <u>64,887</u> | <u>\$64,887</u> |
| | \$838,910 | \$769,618 |

TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$ 838,910

This project will entail completing phase 4 of the Arkansas River Trail Upgrade and Safety Improvement Project which includes the construction of a trail head parking area along the west side of the 4th Street Bridge, a vehicle access road to the river and handicap parking and drop off to the White River Park. Construction cost have increased since the original estimates in 2016. The increase in funding is solely local funds as overmatch for addition work for burying power lines.

A few members had a question about it being called White Water Park instead of White River Park.

5. CDOT Region 2 Updates (Informational)

The Planning meeting for Pueblo County presentation will be on Friday, August 9th. CDOT will be looking for comments from the public.

6. Southwest Chief North Front Range Station Study (Informational Update)

There are three locations that have been identified: Option 1 is the existing Pueblo Union Depot, Option 2 is the building west of the Depot, and option 3 is the undeveloped property immediately northwest of option 2.

Wendy Pettit asked about the historical impact, John Adams said building will go slower. Pueblo County has set aside some money to further the Southwest Chief from the 1A projects.

**7. Pueblo Transit Administration and Maintenance Building Relocation Study
(Informational Update)**

The new building will be on Erie Ave north of 18th St, there has been conversations for purchasing the property. Wendy Pettit said the intersection gets icy. Don Bruestle asked if the Radio Shop will be moving too, John Adams said he doesn't know.

8. September TAC meeting location

Wendy Pettit said that she will see if we can have the meeting at CDOT. Kirsten Castor said the Boy's Ranch could be used.

**9. Bustang Proposed New Routes – Presentation by HDR Consultants
(Discussion and Possible Recommendation to the Board on Routes)**

Mike Timlin said that they are working on Phase 3, which is expanding Outrider. There are 21 routes for possible expansion.

Outrider is a rural regional bus service that connects smaller cities/towns and has a different funding than Bustang. There were 21 potential routes that were prioritized and analyzed. These were then identified by DTR and through stakeholder phone interviews. Potential Bustang routes were evaluated but eventually excluded. In the presentation, there was a map of the existing routes, potential Outrider service, and potential Bustang service. By Summer 2019, routes should be determined, a service plan will be developed, and by Fall 2019, implementation of the new Outrider routes.

Implementation Feasibility

- Cost
- Current Service Operation
- Identify the proposed routes as a priority
- Additional new services
- Stakeholder support

Social Equity / Geographic Equity

- Gather Data (Minority, Below Poverty, Households without access to vehicles)
- Aggregate Data
- Ranking (low, medium, high)
- Determine CDOT Transportation Region and Transportation Planning Region for each route

Ridership/Productivity

- Gather Data
- Aggregate Data and Assign Score
 - .5 mile buffer
- Normalize and Weight Datasets
 - Population = 15%
 - Employment = 15%
 - Disadvantage Population = 35%
 - Seniors
 - Below Poverty Line
 - Disabled
 - Households without vehicle access = 35%

- *Weigh the scores by one-way travel*
In the presentation, the results were shown.
 - *Next Steps*
 - *Meet with all Transportation Planning Regions (TPR)*
 - *Provide project overview*
 - *Solicit feedback*
 - *Develop service plans for top prioritized routes*
 - *Routing*
 - *Stop Location*
 - *Layover Locations*
 - *Number of trips per day*
 - *Potential Ridership*
 - *Productivity*
 - *Garage Pull Time*
 - *Number and type of buses required*

If you would like more information, please contact Meghan Boydston @ meghan.boydston@hdrinc.com or Mike Timlin @ Michael.timlin@state.co.us

10. CDOT Transportation Planning Reset
(Roundtable Discussion)

Aaron Willis had a slideshow showing where every meeting had taken place. There are still several more meetings. The highest-ranking concerns are Growth/congestion, road condition/safety, and other travel options.

The Telephone Town Hall will be August 15 at 5:30 p.m. Wendy suggested changing the time because of all the farmers that would be working.

11. Transportation Alternatives Program Projects and Bridge off System Projects
These were included in the packet.

12. Items from TAC Members or scheduling of future agenda items
(Roundtable Discussion)

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1A Projects update
West Pueblo Connector

13. Adjournment

Chairman John Adams adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.