

**Meeting Agenda of the
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
May 9, 2019
8:30 a.m.**

Roll Call Room (2nd Floor) 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*
- 2. Introductions and Public Comments (non-agenda items only)*
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
April 11, 2019
Action Requested: Approve/Disapprove/Modify
- 4. CDOT Region 2 Updates (Informational)*
- 5. 2019 Transportation Bonding Question on Hold* (Informational)*
- 6. Transportation Planning Reset (Discussion)*
- 7. Bustang Park-and Ride (Discussion)*
- 8. Rural Transportation Authority (Discussion)*
- 9. Update of Pedestrian/Bike Plan (Discussion)*
- 10. Items from TAC Members or scheduling of future agenda items (Roundtable Discussion)*
- 11. Adjourn at or before 10:30 am*

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

Community Room of the Pueblo Municipal Justice Center, 200 South Main Street
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1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman: John Adams

Time of Call: 8:32 a.m.

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

TAC Members Present: Don Bruestle, Brad Curtis, Alf Randall, Wendy Pettit

CAC Members Present: Kristen Castor

Others Present: Chris Sena, Aaron Willis

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

Chris Sena – Pueblo West Senior Engineering Technician and Aaron Willis – CDOT Transportation Planner.

3. Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held on April 11, 2019.

Motion to Approve: Alf Randall

Second: Brad Curtis

Approved Unanimously

4. Recommendation to Approve the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program *

Action Requested: Approve/Disapprove/Modify

Deadline for TIP has been pushed back a month. We will approve it at our next TAC meeting in May. The TIP has already gone through the 30-day public comment period. The Performance Measures and the Memorandum of Understanding will be added to the draft. The draft is pushed back because of all the new employees in the state of Colorado. RPP may increase and if it does then we would need to update our Long-Range Plan. The projects can be reprioritized. The adoption of the TIP would be 4 years and then 2-3 years after that. The 10-year plan will always remain. There may be more funding for Transit. Kristen Castor suggested putting in bike lanes.

5. CDOT Region 2 Updates

(Informational)

Debbie Perkins has retired.

6. Bustang Park-and Ride

(Discussion)

Bart Mikitowicz's scoping review included: light plan, operations/maintenance, bike parking/lockers, electric charging stations, security, informational kiosk, additional Park'N'Ride services (Uber/Lyft etc...), evening and late-night services. The proposed location would be north of the new CDOT's building off Wills Blvd. Kristen Castor asked if the Taxi service has ADA accessible vehicles, Bart said he will look into it. Wendy Pettit said that location has the worst cell phone services and it would need to have a tower. She also suggested that the wildlife is bad. Kristen said to think about the visually/hearing impaired customers. Wendy suggested what

happens when the electricity doesn't work.

A few members did not like the suggestion, John Adams asked if we should be involved, a few people support this idea. Bart will look for different locations. Aaron Willis suggested that this should be an agenda item in the development for the Statewide Plan or RTP with Transit and Rail.

7. Update of Pedestrian/Bike Plan

(Discussion)

Bart Mikitowicz said that it is moving along, and he updated: the introduction, added Transit information, added bike parking, Pueblo County projects, Co City, Pueblo West, Rail, 1A projects, Stars Matrix, price/info on facilities and development of a workbook. He will still need to meet with CDOT, PBR, and Equestrians. Wendy Pettit said Dave Burgh is the bicycle for CDOT. Workbook will have survey questions and logic strengths. Wendy said to use email or other means for outreach. Bart would like to do a presentation on bike shares, line bike/scooters and downtown trolley. Aaron Willis said there might be some FTA related funding.

Alf Randall asked if Bart Mikitowicz wants to be invited to the kick-off meeting for the Arkansas/St Charles River Trail, Bart said yes.

8. SB 19-051 Increase General Funding for Transportation *

(Informational and Discussion)

This Senate Bill will add \$30m to Transportation for CDOT per year. Wendy Pettit says this will pay back the interest on the bonding.

9. Items from TAC Members or scheduling of future agenda items

(Roundtable Discussion)

*Future Park 'N' Ride locations
Agency for discussion
RTA (Rural Transportation Authority)
Street Utility
Downtown Trolley
Planning Presentation*

Wendy Pettit said that there is \$80m match for Transit.

10. Adjournment

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

Colorado lawmakers put \$2.3 billion transportation ballot measure on ice as they press to end TABOR refunds instead

Bonding question, reduced in size, is delayed a year with bipartisan support

Colorado voters won't face a [\\$2.3 billion transportation bonding measure](#) in November, a change that Democrats hope will smooth the road for another ballot question asking to nix certain tax refunds.

The state House voted 49-14 on Thursday to approve [Senate Bill 263](#), delaying the bonding question — which [had been teed up a year ago](#) as part of a bipartisan transportation compromise — until the November 2020 election. The Senate approved the delay 32-3 on Wednesday.

This year the majority Democrats shifted their priority for this fall's ballot to House Speaker KC Becker's plan, [approved](#) in April by both chambers, [to ask voters to "de-Bruce" state government](#). That would mean lifting spending caps under the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights that require excess revenue to be refunded to taxpayers — with the resulting money split in thirds among transportation, public schools and higher education.

"If we were to move forward this year (with the bonding measure), the same thing we saw last fall — with two competing ballot measures on transportation — would sink them both," predicted Sen. Rachel Zenzinger, an Arvada Democrat, during a floor debate this week.

RELATED: *Colorado lawmakers passed a bill asking to keep extra TABOR money. Here's how it would work.*

Democrats are drawing that lesson from [November's defeat](#) of both an outside sales tax initiative and a different borrowing measure that proposed alternate ways to raise big dollars for transportation.

Most Republicans oppose the Democrats' TABOR plan. But some GOP lawmakers agreed with delaying the upcoming bonding measure by a year, in part because the change allows for \$500 million in spending on transportation projects sooner from previously approved borrowing.

That money is needed to complete new express lanes on Interstate 25 south of Castle Rock and south of Fort Collins, among other projects.

The bigger picture for transportation funding

The Colorado Department of Transportation has said it faces a \$9 billion project backlog, and Democrats and Republicans have found agreement on other ways to chip away at it — including [a recent budget deal that devotes \\$300 million more](#) to transportation in the next fiscal year. It's less clear how much Becker's TABOR plan would free up if approved by voters; projections range from \$65 million to nearly \$1 billion in the next couple years.

The delayed bonding measure originally was part of a transportation package approved a year ago by the split-control legislature, as a backup in 2019 in case voters rejected both of the 2018 ballot measures. That came to pass.