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**Minutes of the  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION  
December 12, 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.**

**Individuals Requiring Special Accommodations Should Notify the City MPO's Office (719) 553-2242 by Noon on the Friday Preceding the Meeting.**

**AGENDA**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

*Chairman: John Adams*

*Time of Call: 8:34 a.m.*

*MPO Members Present: John Adams, Hannah Haurert*

*TAC Members Present: Wendy Pettit, Ben Valdez, Greg Pedroza, Dan Centa, Don Bruestle, Aaron Willis*

*CAC Members Present: Joe Garcia, Kevin Sparks*

*Others Present: Heather Norton, Bill Haas, Glenn Krause, Lachelle Davis, Dan Dahlke, Emma Belmont*

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

*Introduction was made for Bill Haas (Federal Highway Admin Office), Glenn Krause (CDOT - Transit and Rail), Lachelle Davis (CDOT Region 2 Local Agency), and Dan Dahlke (Resident Engineer CDOT).*

**3. Approval of Minutes\***

**October 10, 2019**

*Motion to Approve: Kevin Sparks*

*Second: Ben Valdez*

*Unanimous:*

**4. Update Hwy 50 W & Purcell – Dan Dahlke, P.E.- CDOT (Informational)**

**CDOT Region 2 requests for PACOG MPO/TPR TIP Formal amendment  
FY 2020-23 TIP\***

Project Name: US 50 Purcell Interchange

STIP Number: SPB7004

Project Location and Description: US 50 Purcell Interchange and Westbound Widening from MP309.0 to 312.0 McCulloch to Wills

Federal FY20 PWQ Program Funds: \$3,146,020

State Matching Funds: \$653,980

Local Matching Funds: -0-

SN 267 Project Funds: \$37,000,000

**TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$40,800,000**

*Motion to Approve: Joe Garcia*

*Second: Kevin Sparks?*

*Unanimous:*

*John Adams said this will need to go out for public comment for the TIP Amendment. Dan Dahlke handed out a map of the Purcell Blvd & Hwy 50 W intersection. It was preferred interchange versus widening. There will be additional pedestrian improvements going across Hwy 50. A double left will be added from Purcell NB to Hwy 50 WB. Joe Garcia asked about Industrial intersection and how it fits in the overall plan. Dan Dahlke said that they had to redo a traffic study to back up this plan and it showed better improvements for safety. Pueblo West will be doing a roundabout at Purcell and Industrial. They are also going to redo Platteville all the way to Industrial. Don Bruestle asked the measurement for the sidewalks, Dan said they are 6 foot. It will probably take about 2 years to complete. Heather Norton had a few concerns about the map. Dan explained to her about it being 3 lanes going into the ramps, it will be only 2 lanes at the intersection. The inside and outside shoulders are 12 foot. There will be on road bike lanes on both sides. The on-off ramps will be built first, there will always be 2 lanes open.*

**5. Update from the Federal Highway Administration – Bill Hass  
(Informational)**

*The Federal Highway Administration (FHA) is doing a re-organization because of the retirements. Armando Enriques is the new Area Engineer Region 2. FAST Act will expire in July 2020. FAST Act authorizes Federal Trust Funds and all the programs. There may be an extension.*

*FHA is currently on a continued resolution; this will be approved by congress and signed by the President if it is adopted. We are approaching the end of the STIP update and will roll into the TIP that was adopted.*

*The biggest issue is funding. The 2013 Emergency funds that were provided made a big impact on how things were done. To reinforce the structure for longevity instead of minor repairs.*

*There was a study for raising the Federal Gas Tax but was not approved, this means that money will still be transferred from the General Fund. The additional amount of funding would replace the funds coming from the General Fund if it was approved.*

**6. CDOT Region 2 Updates (Informational)**

*Wendy Pettit said that prioritization list for the projects from the TPR will begin on Monday. She is getting ready for assets to be added to the STIP.*

**7. Future Regional Transportation Priority Projects (Discussion)**

*John Adams said that Pueblo is going to receive \$2.5m. The Rest Area needs to be addressed but will need a lot more money. Don Bruestle asked if there were any other projects beside the two (Hwy 50 and the Rest Area SB by Pinon). There is RPP money*



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*that will go towards Dillon Projects. Wendy Pettit said that the Transportation Commission was putting together a process and a pot of money that will go towards the Rest Area. A few of the TAC members decided that the money would best serve Hwy 50/Purcell Projects. Aaron Willis said that the Rest Area might be moved into Asset Funding. A TIP Modification will come to TAC next month.*

**8. Submitted Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Project DRAFT Applications for FY2021-2023\* (Discussion)**

*In your packet, there are 6 TAP Projects, 3 for the City and 3 from Pueblo West. The Final application is due on January 20, 2020 to Region 2. Wendy Pettit suggested using MMO Funds for the Prairie Project. Ben Valdez had concerns about the ADA pads along Prairie. Joe Garcia asked about pull out for the bus stops, John Adams said that it doesn't include any.*

**9. Statewide 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (Discussion)**

*TPR will meet next week for the prioritization for 10-year projects (4 years fiscal plus 6 year for the pipeline). Aaron Willis said that the Statewide Plan will be finished in March/April. Wendy Pettit said that it will need to be adopted by March for the 10-year plan.*

**10. FHWA Training – Federal Grant Projects\***

*Region 2 will have FHWA training and it will be two-day event. March/April/May time frame.*

*CDOT is wanting to do a course on Construction Project Administration Training on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will cost \$200. The course will include receiving of a grant and how to get it to construction phase. It will be performed by Region Staff.*

**11. 2013-2018 Transportation Projects and the Economic Impact\* (Informational)**

*Tim Tebow compiled a list that was done over the past 5 years. It came from SB 267 and SB 1801 funds, the list cost \$216m and provided 2600 jobs. Don Bruestle suggested a press release on what had been done.*

**12. Upcoming TAC 2020 Regularly Scheduled Meetings\* (Informational)**

*John Adams asked if we should change the schedule. We will do a poll on the best day for TAC.*

**13. PACOG Website Update (Informational)**

*Pueblo County is transitioning to a new website and there might be some broken links on the website, let us know if you find something broken. The website will be easy to publish material.*

**14. Items from TAC Members or scheduling of future Agenda Items (Roundtable Discussion)**

*1A Projects  
Lake Minnequa*

**15. Adjournment**

*Chairman John Adams adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.*