

**Minutes of the  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
March 7, 2013  
8:30 a.m.**

**Temporary City Council Chambers, 301 West B Street**

**1. *Call Meeting to Order***

Chairman: Scott Hobson

Time of Call: 8:38 am

TAC Members Present: Scott Hobson, Pepper Whittlef, Alf Randall, Joan Armstrong, Dan Centa, Wendy Pettit, and Michael Snow.

CAC Members Present: Laurie Clark, Kristen Castor, Megan Murillo, Don Bruestle, Raymond Seybold, Michael Cuppy.

Others Present: Sarah Snowberger – Secretary to the TAC, John Valerio – Transit Planner - CDOT, and Karen Rowe – CDOT

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

Roundtable introductions were made by all individuals present at the meeting.

**3. *Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held March 7, 2013.***

Motion to Approve: Laurie Clark

Second: Kristen Castor

Unanimous

**4. *CDOT Region II TIP/STIP Consent Item***

*CDOT Region II did not have any TIP policy amendments for the month of March.*

**5. *CDOT Region II TIP/STIP Administrative Notification***

CDOT Region II gave notification of administrative amendments to the PACOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the MPO/TPR area.

Project Name: **SH45 and SH96 Intersection Improvements**

STIP Number: SR26644.033

Project Location and Description: Resurfacing on Pueblo Blvd

Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s):

Federal Program Funds: **\$82,790**

State Matching Funds: **\$17,210**

Local Matching Funds:

Other Project Funds:

**TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$100,000**

Repairs were required on Pueblo Blvd where original work was completed as it was not lasting work and was just patched as a short term solution.

Project Name: **4<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge**  
STIP Number: SR26768.038  
Project Location and Description: 4<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Replacement  
Fiscal Year(s) and Fund Source(s):  
Federal Program Funds: **\$80,000**  
State Matching Funds: **\$20,000**  
Local Matching Funds:  
Other Project Funds:  
**TOTAL PROJECT FUND AMENDMENT: \$100,000**

It was reported that the original request for funds was to install fencing to keep transients out from under the bridge and starting fire's, this money is to ensure the wetlands return.

**6. *Transportation Matters – Karen Rowe, CDOT***

Karen Rowe with CDOT presented the TAC with information regarding current gas tax at the state and federal levels. Ms. Rowe explained that transportation costs like road maintenance which includes but is not limited to widening and snow removal as well as other transportation costs like interchanges and asphalt paving have increasing costs without an increase in gas tax. Ms. Rowe expressed this presentation was intended for public outreach to get other groups interested in presenting the information. The TAC provided feedback to make the presentation more appealing to the public and clearly express the importance of gas tax needs.

**7. *Regional Commuter Bus Plan – John Valerio, Transit Planner, CDOT***

John Valerio with CDOT presented to the TAC a regional commuter bus service for the I-25 and I-70 corridors. Funding for this service would come from CDOT from the FASTER pool of money. Mr. Valerio explained no local funds would be required but local resources such as existing bus stations would be necessary to have access too. There is \$10 million in funds available and this service would utilize \$2.5 million to fund the service statewide. CDOT would initially purchase all buses and private companies would be driving the routes. Mr. Valerio expressed that this service is meant for an express option for commuters, therefore it would be preferable for buses to not have to go far from the interstate to do pick-ups and drop-offs in order to have a more efficient schedule. The TAC provided feedback with the main concern of accessibility to other forms of public transportation, as the majority of commuters from Pueblo would be going to Colorado Springs and there would be very limited access. The TAC requested Mr. Valerio come back for more discussion on this topic as well as invite Brenda Broyles, City of Pueblo Director of Transit.

**8. *MPO Staff Report***

**1. *CDOT "RAMP" Accelerated Construction Funding Program***

Due to time limitations the CDOT Policy Brief, Project Selection Criteria, as well as the instructions for Pre-Applications and the Application itself were distributed to members of the TAC for their review and discussion to be had at a later time, if needed.

**9. *Items from TAC members or scheduling of future agenda items.***

There were none.

**10. *Adjournment***

Chairman Scott Hobson adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

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