

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOARD)**

Wednesday, March 10, 2004

9:00 a.m.

PPACG Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT

City of Colorado Springs
City of Colorado Springs
City of Fountain
City of Manitou Springs
El Paso County
El Paso County
Public Transportation
Teller County
Town of Green Mountain Falls
Town of Monument
Town of Palmer Lake

MEMBERS ABSENT

Air Quality Control Commission
City of Colorado Springs
City of Cripple Creek
City of Victor
City of Woodland Park
Colorado Transportation Commission
El Paso County
Park County
Town of Alma
Town of Calhan
Town of Fairplay

GUESTS

Mr. Mark Andrew
Ms. Vicki Kraus
Ms. Andrea Phillips
Mr. Chris Smith
Ms. Winifred Thompson
Mr. Bob Torres
Mr. Mark Zinn

REPRESENTED BY

Councilmember Richard Skorman
Councilmember Larry Small
Councilmember LeNore Ralston, Chairperson
Mayor Marcy Morrison
Commissioner Chuck Brown
Commissioner Wayne Williams
Dr. James Null
Commissioner Jim Ignatius
Mayor Dick Bratton
Mayor Betty Konarski
Mayor Nikki McDonald

REPRESENTED BY

Administrator Doug Lempke
Councilmember Margaret Radford
Unassigned
Mayor Kathy Justice
Councilmember Gary Crane
Commissioner Terry Schooler
Commissioner Jim Bensberg
Commissioner Don Staples
Mayor Bob Ensign
Mayor John Cullyford
Mayor Nancy Reed

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STAFF

Mr. Rob MacDonald, Executive Director
Mr. Andy Firestine, Regional Planning Manager
Ms. Mary Frye, Transportation Planner
Ms. Barb Louricas, Executive Secretary

Mr. Rich Muzzy, Environmental Program Manager
Ms. Dolores Quinlisk, Area Agency on Aging Director
Ms. Margaret Shelton, Accounting Manager

04-38 INTRODUCTIONS & CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was established for the Board of Directors. Councilmember LeNore Ralston called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Introductions were made.

04-39 AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Ignatius seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

04-40 PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no items for public comment.

04-41 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 11, 2003 MEETING

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Minutes. Commissioner Ignatius seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

04-42 CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the items on the consent calendar. Councilmember Null seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

04-43 STATE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE DRAFT RESOLUTION

Mr. MacDonald discussed a resolution that was included in the Board packet that is to be considered by the State Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC). Mr. MacDonald is asking for direction from the Board on revenues to be considered for statewide transportation funding. Commissioner Brown said that because the Blue Ribbon Panel appointed by the Governor has not made progress in their attempt to make recommendations to generate State transportation funding. Commissioner Brown indicated that it was the unanimous vote of the STAC, which represents all Transportation Planning Regions (TPRs), to develop a resolution to be sent to the Colorado Transportation Commission and CDOT in support of the consideration of an increase to the gas tax.

Dr. Null stated that he supports the concept of direct user tax, and therefore, supports the resolution.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to support the STAC Resolution. Mayor Konarski seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote, with two dissenting votes by Mayor Morrison and Commissioner Williams.

04-44 PROPOSED CHANGE TO PPACG PERSONNEL GUIDELINES

Ms. Margaret Shelton explained that periodic reviews of the *Personnel Guidelines* are performed by PPACG staff. Upon review by PPACG's employment attorney, it was recommended that the existing Affirmative Action Program and Plan developed in 1980 be removed because PPACG is not required to have such a program since PPACG does not receive direct Federal grants.

Councilmember Skorman inquired about a liability issue. Ms. Shelton responded that the fact that PPACG has an Affirmative Action policy in place could be a liability because standards are in effect that are not required. Ms. Shelton further stated that because the Federal grants PPACG receives are administrated through the State, PPACG is not required to have a formal program.

Councilmember Skorman recommended that the Board of Directors support a diverse workforce at PPACG. Mayor Konarski indicated that she has spent considerable time working for affirmative action and cannot support withdrawing the program from the *Personnel Guidelines*.

Councilmember Ralston asked that the PPACG labor attorney be contacted by PPACG staff for his input about adding a statement of intent to encourage a diverse workforce as much as possible. Ms. Shelton said that the PPACG attorney did recommend the statement of intent.

Councilmember Ralston requested that the item be on next month's agenda.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the elimination of the Affirmative Action Program from the PPACG Personnel Guidelines. Councilmember Small seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority vote, with one dissenting vote by Mayor Konarski.

04-45 2030 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN: GOAL WEIGHTING AND OTHER PLAN DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Ms. Mary Frye updated the Board of the progress on the development of the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan. Ms. Frye highlighted information regarding the development of a recommendation for weighting the four Board-adopted goals. Ms. Frye advised that the travel model has been updated and to be used for analysis; the local government staff are preparing project proposals which are due on March 22. PPACG staff will evaluate the projects according to the Board-adopted evaluation criteria; the specialized transportation plan and public transportation plans are being updated; the 2030 Plan document is being prepared and reviewed by staff and local government staff on the PPACG advisory committees. Additionally, the PPACG committees are reviewing the process to develop the 2005-2010 Transportation Improvement Program.

Ms. Frye reminded the Board of the vision, four goals, and 11 objectives that were adopted at the December Board meeting, and the evaluation criteria adopted at the February Board meeting. The final piece of project prioritization process is to develop weights for each of the four goals. Ms. Frye indicated that input has been acquired through the CAC, TAC, STAS and TES subcommittees, public focus groups, interactive website form, newsletters, and a public meeting on March 4. Ms. Frye said that the consolidated weights will be presented in April for approval by the Board.

Mayor Bratton inquired if the previously used Planning Factor 3 included accessibility to persons with disabilities or integrated into the system. Ms. Frye responded that the planning factors that are listed along the left-hand column of Attachment 1 are the Federal planning factors and are required by Federal law to be addressed as part of planning process. Ms. Frye indicated that accessibility is for all people including those with disabilities, multi-modal functions, and also single occupant vehicles.

Commissioner Williams is concerned that mobility is not given the appropriate weight and is shown as receiving about half the rating as the other criteria. Ms. Frye said that Attachment 1 was a discussion tool to present how the seven 2025 Plan factors were translated into the initial weights for four goals in the 2030 Plan.

Mr. Torres said that the CDOT investment strategies (mobility, system quality, safety) should also be addressed in the PPACG 2030 Plan so the two plans can work together.

Commissioner Williams stressed that he believes that economic vitality is an important goal. Mr. MacDonald added that the 2025 Plan developed three years ago allocated less weight to the area of economic vitality. In the three year review process PPACG can readdress this particular issue. Councilmember Small said that this is a regional transportation plan to allocate funds to improve the transportation system. Dr. Null said that the transportation system needs to be in place for a successful convention center, which is an economic development issue.

04-46 POWERS BOULEVARD ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Mr. Mark Andrew, Resident Engineer with CDOT Region 2, gave an update on the Powers Boulevard construction projects and environmental assessment.

Mr. Andrew said that CDOT is currently working with the Flying Horse Ranch Development (Classic Homes) on a preliminary design for I-25 and Northgate and the Voyager Interchange. Mr. Andrew said that Classic Homes is planning the development of a golf course and other design/alignment profiles. Mr. Andrew said that the Research to SH 83 project has been divided into four phases: 1) structures at Pine Creek and Kettle Creek; 2) pavement in northbound lanes being concrete; 3) southbound being asphalt; and 4) complete Powers Boulevard to Highway 83 and complete the Shoup Road Intersection realignment.

Mr. Andrew explained that the developer, La Plata, is constructing Briargate Parkway to Research Parkway including improving the intersections. The Briargate Boulevard section will be a six-lane corridor that will connect westward to I-25.

The Woodmen Road/Powers Boulevard Interchange design is complete and currently waiting for acquisition of right-of-way and funding.

Mr. Andrew discussed the progress of the Powers Boulevard Environmental Assessment (EA). The decision by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) should be made in the summer of 2005. Mr. Andrew discussed highlights of the traffic volumes analysis and travel times analysis.

Mr. Andrew discussed the public involvement and provided several resources for input: the website is at www.thepowerslink.com, Powers Meeting Center is located at Galley Road and Powers Boulevard; e-mails

can be sent to thepowerslink@wilsonco.com; phone number is 598-5465; and there will be ongoing public meetings and open houses.

04-47 2030 RACE/ETHNICITY POPULATION PROJECTIONS

Mr. Andy Firestine discussed the El Paso County population projections by race and ethnicity. Mr. Firestine said that the population projections by race and ethnicity were developed in response to data requests and the cohort survival model was developed that used local birth and death statistics from 1990-2002. Mr. Firestine reported that El Paso County has become more racially and ethnically diverse in the last 20 or 30 years. The five categories of race and ethnicity used in the analysis are: White Non-Hispanic, White Hispanic, Black or African American, Asian or Pacific Islander, and American Indian or Alaskan Native.

Mr. Firestine reported that the cohort survival model is built around three components of population change of births minus the deaths plus net migration into El Paso County. The birth rate data was obtained from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the population estimates were used from the National Center for Health Statistics and US Census Bureau. White Hispanic birthrates have been increasing since 1990 in addition to the decrease in White Non-Hispanic and Black or African American categories.

Mr. Firestine analyzed that the model results predict that El Paso County will become more racially and ethnically diverse in 2030 than it was in 2000. Mr. Firestine provided Board members with copies of the analysis for use in their local governments.

04-48 TRANSPORTATION FUNDING STATUS REPORT

Mr. MacDonald reported that there was a meeting prior to the Board meeting with CDOT Executive Director Tom Norton where the latest 2030 Plan funding information was disseminated. The end result of the discussion with Mr. Norton was that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) would be developed between CDOT and PPACG to commit to the amount of funding that the Pikes Peak Region can expect in the 2005-2010 time period. Mr. MacDonald said that the Region will receive approximately 9.5% of the statewide total over the next six years and 9% over the next 25 years.

Mayor Bratton inquired how CDOT determines how the enhancement funds are disseminated. Mr. Torres said that Region 2 receives about 18% of the statewide total, and 45% of the Region 2 funding is allocated for projects in the Pikes Peak Region.

04-49 STATUS REPORT ON 2004 LEGISLATIVE BILLS

Mr. MacDonald provided a status report on transportation legislation related to PPACG: 1) SB 04-004, Statewide Tolling Support, passed; 2) SB 04-114, State Auditor Performance Audit of RTD, monitoring; 3) SB-04164, Retain Excess State Revenues, monitoring; 4) HB 04-1021, BAC Support-monitoring; and new legislation that was introduced last Friday (HB 04-1392) concerning the Regional Transportation Authority states that local governments would have to have an Intergovernmental Agreement to set up an RTA and it is proposed in this legislation that CDOT would have to approve the RTA before it is referred to the voters. Mr. MacDonald stated that in his opinion the timing of the agreements could be problematic and

cumbersome. Mr. MacDonald indicated that information on the legislation will be sent to the Legislative Committee of the Board of Directors for action prior to the next Board meeting.

Ms. Dolores Quinlisk said that the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) voted to remove \$3 million of the \$4.5 million in funding for the senior supplemental services in the Human Services Budget. Ms. Quinlisk indicated that discussion was also held to cut the budget by another \$1 million leaving \$500,000. Ms. Quinlisk expressed concern that this would cut \$300,000-\$400,000 and impact all Area Agency on Aging contractors in the Pikes Peak Region.

Ms. Quinlisk asked the Board to support a resolution for distribution to the JBC. Mayor Morrison recommended that the resolution should be sent to the delegation because she feels it is too late for the JBC.

04-50 COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. MacDonald highlighted that the Family Caregiver Support Center will be advertising on the radio; details are in the Board packet.

04-51 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. MacDonald announced that the AAA Director's report is now included in the Executive Director's report.

04-52 COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

There were no questions.

04-53 MEMBER ENTITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor McDonald said that elections for Palmer Lake will be occurring in April and she will be on the ballot.

Councilmember Small announced that the Colorado Springs City Council approved to change Councilmember Heimlicher to a regular Board member and make Councilmember Radford the alternate on the PPACG Board of Directors.

04-54 ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Ralston adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

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