



**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOARD)  
Wednesday, September 13, 2006  
9:00 a.m.**

**Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Conference Room**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**El Paso County**  
**Town of Green Mountain Falls**  
**City of Woodland Park**  
**Teller County**  
City of Colorado Springs  
City of Colorado Springs  
City of Manitou Springs  
Colorado Transportation Commission  
El Paso County  
Public Transportation Representative  
Town of Palmer Lake

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Air Quality Control Commission  
**City of Colorado Springs**  
City of Cripple Creek  
City of Fountain  
City of Victor  
El Paso County  
Military Representative  
Park County  
Town of Alma  
Town of Calhan  
Town of Fairplay  
Town of Monument

**GUESTS**

Ms. Electa Beckner  
Mr. Craig Blewitt  
Mr. Doug Blough  
Mr. Dan Conway  
Mr. Dirk Draper  
Mr. Amy Filipiak  
Mr. Tim Harris  
Mr. Bill Keller  
Mr. Bob Mora  
Ms. Laura Muir  
Mr. Dave Poling  
Mr. Tom Ragland

**REPRESENTED BY**

**Commissioner Wayne Williams, Chair**  
**Mayor Tyler Stevens, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair**  
**Mayor Gary Crane, Secretary**  
**Commissioner Jim Ignatius, Treasurer**  
Councilmember Darryl Glenn  
Vice Mayor Larry Small  
Mayor Marcy Morrison  
Commissioner Terry Schooler  
Commissioner Sallie Clark  
Dr. James Null  
Mayor Max Parker

**REPRESENTED BY**

Commissioner Chris Neumann  
**Councilmember Jerry Heimlicher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair**  
Mayor Ed Libby  
Councilmember LeNore Ralston  
Mayor Kathy Justice  
Commissioner Dennis Hisey  
Dr. Bob Stein  
Coroner Sharon Morris  
Mayor Mark Dowaliby  
Mayor Gary Reimers  
Mayor Fred Boyce  
Mayor Byron Glenn

Regional Advisory Council  
City of Colorado Springs  
Momentum Advertising  
THK Associates  
CH2M Hill  
Organization of Westside Neighbors  
Colorado Department of Transportation  
City of Colorado Springs  
Colorado Department of Transportation  
Momentum Advertising  
Colorado Department of Transportation  
CH2M Hill

Mr. Chuck Ritter  
Mr. Kevin Shanks  
Ms. Ann Skinner  
Ms. Janet Stephens  
Mr. Dave Watt  
Ms. Jennifer Webster  
Ms. Jude Willcher

Nolte Associates/Riverbend Crossing  
THK Associates  
Colorado Department of Transportation  
El Paso County  
Colorado Department of Transportation  
Colorado Department of Transportation  
City of Colorado Springs

### **STAFF**

Mr. Robert MacDonald, Executive Director  
Mr. Craig Casper, Transportation Director  
Mr. Mike Decker, PPAAs Director  
Ms. Mary Frye, Transportation Planner  
Mr. Aaron Klibaner, Regional Planning Manager  
Ms. Barb Louricas, Executive Secretary  
Mr. Rich Muzzy, Environmental Program Manager  
Mr. Jason O'Brien, Transportation Planner  
Mr. Ken Prather, Transportation Planner  
Ms. Yolanda Roberts, Transportation Technician  
Ms. Margaret Shelton, Accounting Manager  
Mr. Warren Whiteaker, Transportation Planner  
Ms. Jennifer Young, Policy and Communications Manager

### **06-152 INTRODUCTIONS & CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Williams established a quorum for the Board of Directors. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

### **06-153 AGENDA APPROVAL**

Commissioner Williams requested that Item 6A, Front Range Express (FREX) Sustainability Study, be removed from the agenda and replaced with Information Item 7A, US 24 Corridor West Environmental Assessment Update.

Mayor Crane made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Ignatius seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **06-154 PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

There was no public comment.

### **06-155 APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 8, 2006 MEETING**

Mayor Morrison made a motion to approve the August 8, 2006 minutes. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **06-156 CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following items were acted on as a whole by the Board:

- Membership Appointments:
  - Community Advisory Committee
  - Specialized Transportation Advisory Subcommittee
- Site Application for Cowperwood Lift Station-Ratify
- Site Application for Riverbend Lift Station

Commissioner Ignatius made a motion to approve the items on the consent calendar. Mayor Stevens seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **06-157 US 24 CORRIDOR WEST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT UPDATE**

Mr. Casper introduced Mr. Dave Watt, CDOT's Project Manager, who provided an update on the US 24 Corridor West Environmental Assessment (EA). He stated that the study has been ongoing for two years, and the decision document is expected in February 2009. Mr. Watt said that the team is currently completing the design option evaluation. The expressway alternative is preferred at this time.

Mr. Casper said that the 2035 Small Area Forecast (SAF) for population and employment will be presented to the Board in draft form in October. The Long Range Transportation Plan will be completed the middle of 2007 including the final 2035 SAF, which is expected to be completed in October 2007.

Mr. Schooler inquired about the citizens of the corridor who are disputing the forecast. Mr. Casper indicated that the forecast in nine TAZ's were questioned. Mr. Casper eliminated the growth in those TAZ's, which resulted in the same roadway cross section being required. The control totals for the SAF are determined with the concurrence of the State Demographers Office and Colorado Springs Utilities and planning staffs of the local governments. The agreed-upon control totals for population are 50,000 more than the 2030 projections and for the 2035 projections, the population totals will be increased by approximately 70,000. Mr. Casper said that because US 24 is a regional facility, he does not anticipate that traffic will decrease from current levels.

Commissioner Clark indicated that at a meeting on Monday, Mr. Casper indicated that the 2030 SAF would not be used and the 2035 SAF methodology would be used for US 24 Corridor West traffic projections. Commissioner Clark said that the 2035 SAF methodology is a better model and is more accurate with enhanced detail. Commissioner Clark said that the neighborhood association is not comfortable in continuing to use the 2030 model.

Dr. Null requested summaries of major project completion dates. Dr. Null expressed concern that plans for future public transit expansion have not been built into the system. Mr. Watt indicated that he would meet with Dr. Null.

Mayor Morrison inquired how traffic land use information is forecast accurately as far in the future as the year 2035. Mr. MacDonald indicated that the Long Range Transportation Plan is updated every four years by revising financial forecasts, land use data (Small Area Forecast), and traffic projections. Federal guidelines require that planning be performed for 25 years in the future.

Mayor Morrison asked about how long Fountain Creek impacts have been considered in the US 24 Corridor West project. Ms. Mary Jo Vobejda, CH2M Hill, reported that Fountain Creek has always

been an element in the plans for US 24 Corridor West. The planning process is taking into consideration how high US 24 West Corridor will rise above Fountain Creek.

Mr. Watt said that the next presentation will be the preferred alternative using the 2035 land use forecast in January or February 2007.

Mr. Watt introduced Mr. Dan Conway who gave a presentation on the regional economic analysis using a regional perspective.

Mr. Conway said that three project alternatives were used to begin the economic analysis: 1) As Is, 2) Expressway, and 3) Freeway. Mr. Conway said that leading social economic indicators were studied in the two-county area of El Paso and Teller Counties. Indicators used were: employment, population, household growth, and historical and future expansion of commercial markets. The historical roles of the businesses in the US 24 West Corridor were studied so that projections could be made.

Mr. Conway presented the growth for the region from 1970 to present. The historical data was used to track trends and make assumptions on how the Colorado Springs area will grow. Mr. Conway will provide copies of the full report upon request.

A break was taken from 10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

#### **06-158 RECONSIDERATION OF 2030 SMALL AREA FORECAST**

Commissioner Clark will withdraw the request of reconsideration of 2030 Small Area Forecast if she can ensure that the forecasted numbers are reviewed by the Organization of Westside Neighbors. Commissioner Williams asked if anyone present disputed that the numbers of the 2035 Small Area Forecast would be used for the US 24 Corridor West study. There was consensus that 2035 Small Area Forecast would be used.

Commissioner Ignatius indicated the numerous projects taking place in Teller County: construction of a hospital; construction of 300,000 square feet of retail space to be start in the next six months; construction of a YMCA to be started in one year; Wal-Mart and other retail projects that will provide 1,000 jobs. Mr. Ignatius reported the one-half of the work force commutes from El Paso County and the commuters use the US 24 Corridor West route. Mr. Casper indicated that the forecast area has been expanded to include Teller and Park Counties.

Mayor Crane inquired about the use of the 2030 versus the 2035. Mr. Casper indicated that the 2030 SAF will be used until the 2035 SAF is adopted as part of the Long-Range Transportation Plan. Mayor Crane indicated that he supports the use of 2030 SAF data and doesn't want a change to affect the current Environmental Clearance projects.

Commissioner Clark indicated that the next meeting of the Westside Working Group will be held on October 4, 6:30 p.m. at the Pikes Peak Regional Building, and encouraged interested parties to attend.

Commissioner Williams indicated that the US 24 Corridor West project will use 2035 SAF for EA clearance; other projects will continue to use the 2030 forecast and, therefore, Agenda Item No. 6B has been withdrawn.

Mr. MacDonald indicated that there is a Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Board committee that meets at Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments known as the Regional Economic Forum (REF) and its membership is made up of local government and community planners and economists. There is a

subcommittee of the REF that participates in the development of the SAF. Mr. MacDonald encouraged other member governments and interested parties to attend the SAF to ensure that a regional perspective is maintained.

### **06-159 FY-2007 THROUGH FY-2012 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT #3**

Mr. Prather said that the US 24 Corridor West project is in the FY-2007 through FY-2012 TIP. Mr. Prather reported that in May CDOT identified \$1.6 million for the EA phase of the US 24 Corridor West project and the Board unanimously approved the funding for FY-2006. Mr. Prather said that because of timing and the end of the State fiscal year CDOT did not obligate funds and wants to roll the funds into FY-2007 to allocate and continue with the project.

Mr. Prather said that CDOT indicated they were informed by a Board member that this project may no longer be a priority. CDOT requested that along with the approval of the amendment that the Board either confirm that it is no longer a priority or confirm that it remains a regional priority.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve Amendment 3 to the FY-2007 through FY-2012 Transportation Improvement Program. Commissioner Ignatius seconded the motion.

Mayor Stevens indicated that the precedence of passing a resolution reconfirming that a project remains a priority is not an appropriate action and a poor precedent for the Board.

Mayor Small said that any Board member can express an opinion but the action of the full Board established the US 24 Corridor West as a priority in the TIP and remains so until the full Board indicates otherwise.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **06-160 PIKES PEAK AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS LOGO AND TAGLINE SELECTION**

Ms. Young introduced Mr. Douglas Blough and Ms. Laura Muir from Momentum Advertising who will present several options for logo and tagline design.

Ms. Muir showed six logos and two taglines to discuss that were also in the Board packet. The two taglines are "Serving our Region Since 1967" and "Communities Working Together Since 1967".

Mr. Blough discussed the color schemes. Mr. Blough highlighted the stylized mountains versus the more literal mountains and the type styles.

Commissioner Williams requested input from the Board members regarding the tagline. The Board came to a consensus on the tagline of "Communities Working Together" without "Since 1967."

Various preferences were expressed by the Board on the logo. Commissioner Williams asked for a show of hands for preference: three preferred the stylized version and five preferred the vector graphic version.

Commissioner Williams asked for input on font types. Three Board members voted that Trajan was their preference and five Board members voted that Americana was their preference. Board members

reached consensus that the tagline should have only the first letter capitalized in each word, with black color, and bolded font size.

Commissioner Williams requested that samples of the logo preferences be provided in formats for business cards, envelopes, letterhead styles, and a black and white version.

Councilmember Glenn departed from the meeting.

#### **06-161 PIKES PEAK AREA AGENCY ON AGING FOUR-YEAR PLAN**

Mr. Michael Decker said that the Older Americans Act requires that Area Agencies on Aging update the Four-Year plan every four years. Mr. Decker indicated that input was acquired via surveys completed by local seniors who use subcontractor services. Mr. Decker said that various changes will be made to programs and will be outlined in the Plan. Mr. Decker will request approval of the Four-Year Plan at the October Board meeting.

#### **06-162 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT GRANT UPDATE**

Mr. Muzzy indicated that Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments received grant funding from the Office of Economic Adjustment for the Fort Carson regional growth coordination plan. The contract between Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments and the Department of Defense has been signed. Two positions are being advertised and the Request for Proposals has been completed and advertised. The proposals are due on October 4.

Mr. Muzzy indicated that at the October Board meeting, he will request that two representatives be appointed from the Board to serve on the Policy Oversight Committee.

#### **06-163 PRELIMINARY FY-2007 PIKES PEAK AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BUDGET INFORMATION**

Mr. MacDonald indicated that the preliminary budget details were distributed on the table. Mr. MacDonald said that the budget is increasing by \$200,000 primarily due to the new Military Impact Planning grant award for approximately \$486,000, and Transportation and AAA grants being decreased by \$286,000.

Commissioner Clark requested that a comparison be provided of other Councils of Government on the number of staff and per capita costs. Mr. MacDonald said that he will provide this information next month. He added that he meets with other COG Executive Directors from the four state region and will at least provide their information for the Board.

#### **06-164 2006 OZONE SEASON UPDATE**

Mr. Muzzy indicated that the 2006 ozone season ended on August 31. There are two ozone monitoring stations located at the US Air Force Academy and Manitou Springs.

Mr. Muzzy reported that ozone concentrations in 2006 were higher in Denver and the northern Front Range. Colorado Springs area reported higher concentrations in Manitou Springs and lower concentrations at the Air Force Academy.

## **06-165 COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

Commissioner Clark said that the next meeting of the Fountain Creek Visioning Plan will be held in Pueblo at the Convention Center on September 29 at 12:30. The meeting is being co-hosted with the City of Pueblo.

Commissioner Schooler indicated that along with the improvements to the US 24 Corridor West come opportunities to improve the aesthetics of Fountain Creek, west of I-25.

## **06-166 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. MacDonald indicated that numerous meetings have occurred regarding issues surrounding Fort Carson and the DOD OEA grant.

Mr. MacDonald met with members of MOVE Colorado to discuss funding opportunities for statewide transportation needs. Mr. MacDonald will schedule representatives from MOVE Colorado for a presentation at a future Board meeting.

## **06-167 PIKES PEAK AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FINANCIAL REPORTS**

There were no questions.

## **06-168 MEMBER ENTITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Ignatius invited all Board members to the dedication ceremony of the Catamount Ranch on September 29 at noon.

Dr. Null announced the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs Fall Symposium to be held on November 16 from 8:30 to 2:00. The Symposium will be on Endangered Species featuring three speakers: 1) Mr. Terry Anderson, Economist with PERC; 2) Craig Manson, Teacher with McGeorge School of Law; and 3) Mr. Rob Ramey, Geneticist, consultant to the Department of Interior.

## **06-169 ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Williams adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.