



MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOARD)
Wednesday, January, 2007
9:10 a.m.
PPACG Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT

El Paso County
Town of Green Mountain Falls
City of Colorado Springs
Town of Palmer Lake
Town of Monument
City of Colorado Springs
City of Colorado Springs
City of Fountain
City of Manitou Springs
City of Woodland Park
El Paso County
El Paso County
Military Community Representative
Public Transportation Representative
Teller County

MEMBERS ABSENT

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

GUESTS

Mr. Craig Blewitt
Mr. Bob Briggs
Mr. Chuck Brown
Councilmember Sharon Brown
Mr. Mark Cloer
Ms. Kelly Fausnacht
Ms. Francine Hansen
Mr. Tim Harris
Mr. Mike Leslie
Ms. Amy MacDonald
Mr. Rick Orpman

REPRESENTED BY

Commissioner Wayne W. Williams, Chair
Mayor Tyler Stevens, 1st Vice Chair
Councilmember Jerry Heimlicher, 2nd Vice Chair
Mayor Malcolm "Max" Parker, Secretary
Mayor Byron Glenn, Treasurer
Councilmember Darryl Glenn
Vice Mayor Larry Small
Mayor Jeri Howells
Mayor Marcy Morrison/Mayor Pro Tem Mark Morland
Mayor Gary Crane
Commissioner Sallie Clark
Commissioner Dennis Hisey
Mr. Vince Rusinak
Dr. James Null
Commissioner Jim Ignatius

REPRESENTED BY

Commissioner Chris Neumann
Mayor Ed Libby
Mayor Kathy Justice
Commissioner Terry Schooler
Coroner Sharon Morris
Mayor Mark Dowaliby
Mayor Gary Reimers
Mayor Rachel Edwards

City of Colorado Springs
Rocky Mountain Rail Authority
Springs Toll Road
City of Fountain
Congressman Lamborn's Office
City of Colorado Springs
Community Advisory Committee Chair
Colorado Department of Transportation
City of Manitou Springs
City of Colorado Springs
Fort Carson

Ms. Wendy Pettit
Mr. Dave Poling
Ms. Janet Stephens
Mr. Dave Watt

Colorado Department of Transportation
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El Paso County
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STAFF

Mr. Robert MacDonald, Executive Director
Mr. Craig Casper, Transportation Director
Mr. Mike Decker, Area Agency on Aging Director
Ms. Mary Frye, Transportation Planner
Mr. Aaron Klibaner, Regional Planning Manager
Ms. Barb Louricas, Office Manager
Mr. Rich Muzzy, Environmental Program Manager
Ms. Annie Oatman-Gardner, Military Impact Planner
Ms. Margaret Shelton, Controller
Ms. Jennifer Young, Policy/Communications Manager

1. 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.

Mayor Jeri Howells and Mayor Malcolm "Max" Parker arrived at the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Williams requested that Agenda Item No. 7A, *City of Colorado Springs FREX Fare Increase Briefing*, be moved to Communications.

Mayor Morrison made a motion to move Agenda Item No. 7A to the Communications Section and add Agenda Item No. 6C, *Appointment of PPACG Representative to Fountain Creek Visioning Consensus Committee*. Commissioner Hisey seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no public comments.

4. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 13, 2006 MEETING

Commissioner Hisey made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Ignatius seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- Membership Appointments:
 - Community Advisory Committee
 - Regional Advisory Council

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

6. 2008 THROUGH 2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN: FORMATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WORKING GROUP

Ms. Mary Frye, PPACG Transportation Planner, indicated that a contract between PPACG and Catalyst Consulting has been executed to assist in the public participation activities for the 2008 through 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. Ms. Frye said the techniques to be used will be media outreach, focus groups, opinion surveys, interactive website, and a community-wide workshop in the spring.

Ms. Frye requested that the Board approve the formation of a working group to assist in the facilitation of communication with key stakeholders and transportation groups in the region. The responsibilities of the working group will be input into development of public involvement methods to facilitate communication, obtain representative viewpoints, accurate information on transportation, and generate interest in the transportation plan process. Ms. Frye said that the working group membership will consist of members from PPACG advisory committees, member entity advisory committees, and other members who are recommended.

Ms. Frye said that there is no recommendation from the Community Advisory Committee or the Transportation Advisory Committee because of weather-related meeting cancellations. She requested that the Board approve the formation of a working group because of the need to proceed with tasks.

Mayor Parker made a motion to approve the formation of the public participation working group. Vice Mayor Small seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS MAYOR MARCY MORRISON

Commissioner Williams outlined Mayor Morrison's service to the community and indicated the numerous Boards to which she has served. Mayor Morrison has been appointed by Governor Ritter as Insurance Commissioner and this is her last meeting with the PPACG Board of Directors.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Resolution of Appreciation to Mayor Marcy Morrison. Mayor Pro Tem Morland seconded the motion. After accolades by Board members, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

8. APPOINTMENT OF PPACG REPRESENTATIVE TO FOUNTAIN CREEK VISIONING CONSENSUS COMMITTEE

Vice Mayor Small made a motion to appoint Commissioner Sallie Clark to represent PPACG in the Fountain Creek Visioning Consensus Committee. Councilmember Hisey seconded the motion.

Commissioner Hisey explained the boundaries and the formation of the Fountain Creek Visioning Consensus Committee.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

9. PRESENTATION OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAIL AUTHORITY—MR. BOB BRIGGS

Mr. Craig Casper, PPACG Transportation Director, introduced Mr. Bob Briggs of the Rocky Mountain Rail Authority (RMRA).

Commissioner Clark departed the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Mr. Briggs said that the Town of Monument and Clear Creek County began the RMRA because \$1.264 million was needed for a feasibility study on the concept of high-speed commuter service in Colorado from New Mexico to Wyoming. Mr. Briggs invited the member governments to join RMRA.

Mr. Briggs said that the feasibility study determined that the Monument tracks are the most congested freight tracks in the United States. CDOT is studying the concept of building bypass tracks in eastern Colorado for freight which will allow passenger rail to use existing tracks. There will be voter approval in 2008.

Mr. MacDonald said that the PPACG Board of Directors approved federal CMAQ funding for the initial FREX service which provides 325 passengers per day commuter bus service from the Colorado Springs area to Denver.

Mr. Parker requested that consideration be given to municipalities who would be interested in membership but are unable to fund the membership fee. Mr. Briggs said that RMRA needs to raise \$311,000 in matching funds and has potentially raised the funds so that governments who are unable to afford membership dues may also be able to participate.

10. POWERS BOULEVARD AND FORT CARSON INTERCHANGE BRIEFING

Mr. Casper introduced Mr. Dave Watt, of CDOT-Region 2, to provide an update on the State Highway 16/I-25 Interchange.

Mr. Watt said that the Environmental Assessment document is currently under review by federal agencies and Fort Carson. Mr. Watt expects a decision of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in the spring of 2007. The design is currently being developed on the SH 85 interchange and SH 16/I-25 interchange and the bridge and road work in between the two interchanges. Mr. Watt said that the rapid deployment routes are being tested with the heavy equipment transport from Fort Carson to the Colorado Springs Airport. Mr. Watt said that additional right-of-way will be acquired along SH 85.

Mr. Watt said that in August 2006, the cost estimate was \$59 million. The construction is anticipated to begin in June 2006.

Mr. MacDonald said that the previous federal earmarks of \$5-\$8 million for the SH 16/I-25 Interchange will need to be confirmed by the PPACG staff.

11. MILITARY IMPACT PLANNING PROGRAM BRIEFING

Ms. Annie Oatman-Gardner provided an update on the Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan. Ms. Oatman-Gardner said that troops at Fort Carson are expected to increase by 2010. Fort Carson is the largest employer in Colorado and additional troops will increase the military population by 45%.

Ms. Oatman-Gardner said that the growth plan study area consists of the three counties that touch the boundaries of Fort Carson—El Paso, Fremont, and Pueblo Counties. Ms. Oatman-Gardner discussed the various committees meeting on behalf of the Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan and how the plan will be defined. The Policy Oversight Committee is comprised of three representatives from the Pueblo Area Council of Governments (PACOG), PPACG, and Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments (UAACOG). The representatives from PPACG are: Mayor Jeri Howells, Commissioner Dennis Hisey, and Vice Mayor Larry Small as the alternate.

Ms. Oatman-Gardner said that there will be an extensive public process involved in the plan. The Colorado Defense Mission Coalition (CDMC) indicated that the regional housing assessment is one of the most important areas of impact. Representative Michael Merrifield will sponsor legislation to have a 2nd public education count day on February 1 for school districts impacted by military families moving into their districts after the October 1 count day. Ms. Oatman-Gardner said that economic impacts will be assessed for economic development.

12. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

There were no questions.

13. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There were no questions.

14. PPACG FINANCIAL REPORTS

There were no questions.

15. MEMBER ENTITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Williams adjourned the meeting at 10:30 am