

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 14, 2007  
**TO:** PPACG Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Mary Frye, Transportation Planner  
**THROUGH:** Robert MacDonald, Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** FY-2008 Through FY-2035 Regional Transportation Plan Schedule

***ACTION REQUESTED: Information***

**SUMMARY:**

Development of the 2008 through 2035 Regional Transportation Plan continues to move forward. The Vision, Mission and Principles were adopted by the PPACG Board of Directors in December 2006. The Small Area Forecast is nearing completion as PPACG staff hears and responds to public and jurisdictional comments on the forecast data the PPACG Board released last month for public review. The project to completely rebuild PPACG's travel demand forecasting model, which was started in November 2005, awaits the adoption of the Small Area Forecast process to begin its final phase. Activities designed to encourage public participation are now being planned and will soon come to the forefront.

An important component affecting the development pace of the 2008-2035 Regional Transportation is the Small Area Forecast. With the PPACG Board of Directors' adoption of the forecast, which is proposed for the April Board meeting, public participation activities and project definition can move ahead. However, the delay in finalizing the Small Area Forecast has necessitated revisions to the development schedule for the 2008 through 2035 Regional Transportation Plan. PPACG staff has requested and received from the Federal Highway Administration an extension of three months, moving the planned adoption date originally scheduled for September 12 to December 12, 2007.

Key public participation activities are in the planning stages now and will be implemented during March and April. The Public Participation Working Group, approved by the Board met for the first time February 22. The Working Group reviewed the results of the stakeholder interviews that PPACG's consultant team conducted in January and February, provided input on plan "branding" concepts, and helped edit the first draft of an on-line survey for PPACG's website. Working Group members were also asked to give their perspectives on what they felt were the most important outcomes of the planning process. The Public Participation Working Group will meet March 19 to help develop the format for a community transportation workshop. That workshop will be held Saturday, April 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Colorado Springs City Auditorium at 221 East Kiowa. More information on the workshop will be provided at the April PPACG Board of Directors meeting.

**PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:**

The PPACG Board of Directors adopted procedures for the public involvement process on August 17, 2005.

**BACKGROUND:**

None

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

None

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Not applicable

**STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:**

PPACG technical and citizen advisory committees are providing input into key phases of plan development. Staff also has formed a Public Participation Working Group to guide public involvement activities.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Not applicable

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

Not applicable

**ATTACHMENT:**

None