



Minutes of the Transportation Advisory Committee
Thursday, June 21, 2006
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 pm.
and Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the
Community Advisory Committee and the Transportation Advisory Committee
Thursday, June 21, 2006
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Lower Conference Room

1. **TAC Call to Order / Establish a Quorum / Introductions**

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Buttery at 2:03 p.m. Introductions were made and in attendance were:

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

David Buttery, Chairperson
Scott Stevens, 1st Vice Chair
Craig Blewitt, 2nd Vice Chair
Craig Casper
Corinne Donahue
Dan Folke
Tom Kassawara
Rich Kramer
Wendy Pettit
Janet Stephens
Robert Vinton

REPRESENTING

City of Woodland Park
City of Fountain
City of Colorado Springs
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
City of Colorado Springs
City of Manitou Springs
Town of Monument
El Paso County
Colorado Department of Transportation
El Paso County
Colorado Department of Transportation

GUESTS

Mary Frye
Cathy Green
Kathie Haire
Leslie Hickey
Jason O'Brien
Rob MacDonald
Angie Perry
Ken Prather
Yolanda Roberts
Warren Whiteaker
Jennifer Young

REPRESENTING

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
Town of Monument
City of Colorado Springs, Traffic Engineering
City of Colorado Springs
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2. **Agenda Approval**

A motion was made by Mr. Blewitt to approve the agenda and was seconded by Ms. Stephens. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Stevens made a motion to approve the May 18, 2006 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Donahue and passed unanimously.

5. **2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #1**

Mr. Prather informed the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) that the Cities of Manitou Springs and Woodland Park have each submitted a request to amend the 2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The purpose of the amendment is to combine projects to save on contracting and administrative costs which Mr. Prather stressed will not change the availability or amount of funding. In addition, Ms. Donahue distributed a letter (copy on file with minutes) from the City of Colorado Springs Transit Services Division requesting their 2003 Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) funds be identified in the current TIP and Statewide Transportation Plan (STIP). Mr. Folke made a motion to recommend approval of TIP Amendment #1 to the Board. Mr. Blewitt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. **TES and STAS Membership**

The Pikes Peak Partnership has requested that Ann MacDonald replace Susan Anthes as alternate representative on the Specialized Transportation Advisory Subcommittee (STAS). The City of Colorado Springs has requested that Jeff Haley replace Chris Lieber as primary representative and that Chris Lieber fill the alternate representative vacancy on the Transportation Enhancement Subcommittee (TES). Ms. Stephens made a motion to recommend the Board approve all appointments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blewitt and passed unanimously.

7. **Senate Bill 97-001 Priorities**

Mr. Casper commenced the discussion on Senate Bill 97-001 (S.B. 1) priorities explaining that the strategic corridors for the Pikes Peak area have been identified (I-25 and Powers Boulevard) but the prioritization of individual segments within those corridors have not. Currently the top three priorities are the I-25 and State Highway 16 Interchange, the US 24 and I-25 Cimarron Interchange, and the widening of I-25 from North Academy to Monument.

Mr. Kassawara introduced Cathy Green from the Town of Monument to discuss the possibility of moving the Baptist Road Interchange up on the priority list. Ms. Green reported that in November the Town of Monument will be asking residents to vote for a one cent sales tax increase to pay for the Baptist Road Interchange. The Town of Monument would like the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to pay them back at an unspecified date in the future. The town will then use that money to pay for delayed maintenance on other roads.

In order to accomplish this, Ms. Pettit informed TAC members that the Baptist Road Interchange project will require a resolution from the PPACG Board to show it as a priority. Mr. Casper reminded TAC members that there currently is insufficient money in the TIP to accomplish the \$15 million project but recommended perhaps using funds from the I-25 widening from North Academy to Monument to pay for it instead.

Mr. MacDonald distributed a listing (copy on file with minutes) of all the projects that had been slated for Referendum A money emanating from the Transportation Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS) Bill of 1999. Since the Baptist Road Interchange was on this list it is automatically a

part of the Strategic Transportation Projects Investment Category Programs or 7th Pot projects. Mr. MacDonald explained that as 7th Pot projects are already identified as both PPACG and CDOT priorities, there may be no need for the resolution. In addition, if there were to be a payback for the Baptist Road Interchange with federal or state funds, it is likely that the money could not be used for local roads as the Town of Monument had originally considered. As this was a discussion item and there was still more information needed on the subject, it was decided the TAC members would convene for a special meeting (date to be determined) to give a recommendation to the Board prior to their July meeting.

8. **Transportation Director's Report**

There was no Transportation Director's report.

9. **TAC Subcommittee Report**

There were no TAC subcommittee reports.

10. **TAC Member Entity Announcement**

Ms. Stephens introduced Rich Kramer, Deputy Director for the Department of Transportation, as an alternate representing El Paso County.

11. **Action Items for Next TAC Meeting**

- Senate Bill 97-001 Priorities

Mr. Kassawara left the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

12. **CAC Call to Order / Establish a Quorum / Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Felschow at 3:05 p.m. A quorum was established and introductions were made. In addition to the TAC members and guests listed above, in attendance were:

CAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Felschow, Chairperson
Dan Spohn, 1st Vice-Chairperson
Francine Hansen, 2nd Vice-Chairperson
John Morse
James Sawyer
Trajn Boughan
Chuck Erwin
Helen Dyer

REPRESENTING

Citizen-At-Large
El Paso County
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El Paso County
Teller County

13. **Revision to Small Area Forecast**

Mr. Casper informed the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and the TAC that while PPACG does not have any direct need to adopt a revision to the 2030 forecast prior to adopting the ongoing 2035 update, an official revision would eliminate some issues and save time for the environmental assessment efforts underway. Three of the five projects have encountered some resistance to continuing to use the current 2030 Small Area Forecast forecasts because it does not take into account the new population resulting from the recent Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) announcement. This announcement states that the number of troops stationed in the Pikes Peak Area will increase by over 10,000 by the year 2010. As a result, these projects must

undertake additional efforts in order for them to be acceptable. There is a strong time constraint for these projects. The affected projects are:

1. Fort Carson Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for on-base construction of facilities to accommodate new troops
2. Fort Carson Air Quality General Conformity
3. Fort Carson Interchange and SH 16 Environmental Assessment (EA)

The CAC and TAC discussed the methodology, but did not take any formal action.

Mr. Vinton left the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

14. **2007 Update to the Long-Range Transportation Plan: Vision and Goals Workshop**

Ms. Frye facilitated the CAC and the TAC in a workshop to develop a working draft of the Vision, Mission, and Principles. The two committees' members challenged themselves to develop these components of the planning framework to be:

- Realistic and credible,
- Well-articulated and easily understood,
- Appropriate,
- Responsive to change,
- Ambitious, and
- Able to challenge and inspire the group to achieve its mission.

CAC and TAC members also wished to define within the components of the planning framework the following:

- What are the Needs and Opportunities?
- What are we going to do to address these Needs?
- What Principles guide our work?

Both CAC and TAC members agreed that the first three components planning framework should be articulated as Vision, Mission, and Principles. Their work resulted in the following:

Draft Vision: Create a pre-eminent multi-modal transportation system that meets regional mobility and accessibility expectations as essential elements of the Pikes Peak Area's quality of life.

Draft Mission: Plan multi-modal transportation facilities and services that efficiently move people and goods and support economic vitality while sustaining and improving the quality of life in the Pikes Peak Region.

Draft Principles:

1. **Preserve the function of the existing transportation system.**
2. **Provide efficient transportation for people and goods.**
3. **Develop a multi-modal transportation system that provides access to employment, services, and other destinations.**

4. **Fully integrate connections within and between modes for people and for freight.**
5. **Increase the safety of motorized and non-motorized travel.**
6. **Increase the security of the multi-modal transportation system.**
7. **Support the economic vitality of the Pikes Peak Area.**
8. **Improve mobility of people and goods.**
9. **Protect and enhance the environment by implementing transportation solutions that are sensitive to natural and human contexts.**

These initial three components of the planning framework will be the subject of further public review. The CAC and TAC members voted to forward a recommendation to the PPACG Board of Directors in July that the draft Vision, Mission, and Principles serve as the basis for further public input.

Ms. Petit left the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

15. **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the CAC meeting by Ms. Dyer and seconded by Mr. Felschow. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made to adjourn the TAC meeting by Ms. Stephens and seconded by Mr. Blewitt. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.