



**Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the
Air Quality Technical Committee and the Transportation Advisory Committee
Thursday, May 18, 2006
1:30 p.m.
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Lower Conference Room**

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

A quorum was established for both the Air Quality Technical Committee (AQTC) and the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), and the meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Stevens at 1:37 p.m. Introductions were made and in attendance were:

AQTC MEMBERS PRESENT

Vicki Card, Chairperson
Diane Evergreen
Ken Prather
Tim Scanlon
Scott Stevens

REPRESENTING

City of Colorado Springs
City of Colorado Springs
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
City of Colorado Springs
City of Fountain

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Stevens, 1st Vice Chair
Craig Blewitt, 2nd Vice Chair
Craig Casper
Corinne Donahue
Dan Folke
Glenn Messke
Wendy Pettit
Carl Schueler
Janet Stephens

REPRESENTING

City of Fountain
City of Colorado Springs
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
City of Colorado Springs
City of Manitou Springs
Peterson Air Force Base
Colorado Department of Transportation
El Paso County
El Paso County

GUESTS

Colonel Liz Anderson
Mary Frye
Kathie Haire
Jennifer Irvine
Tom Kassawara
Aaron Klibaner
Jason O'Brien
Rob MacDonald
Rich Muzzy
Angie Perry
Yolanda Roberts
Robert Stein
Rob Vinton
Warren Whiteaker

REPRESENTING

U.S. Air Force
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
City of Colorado Springs, Traffic Engineering
El Paso County
Town of Monument
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
City of Colorado Springs, Traffic Engineering
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
Chamber of Commerce, Military Affairs Council
Colorado Department of Transportation
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments

2. **Agenda Approval**
AQTC Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Scanlon to approve the joint agenda and was seconded by Ms. Evergreen. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

TAC Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Stephens to approve the joint agenda and was seconded by Ms. Donahue. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. **Public Comments**
There were no public comments.

4. **Approval of Minutes**
AQTC Motion: Mr. Scanlon made a motion to approve the AQTC December 1, 2005 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Evergreen and passed unanimously.

TAC Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Blewitt to approve the TAC April 20, 2006 minutes and was seconded by Ms. Donahue. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. **2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program**
Mr. Whiteaker announced the public comment period for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) ended May 12. Mr. Whiteaker then handed out a memorandum and a revised TIP funding table (copy on file with minutes) with additional comments and corrections not included in the meeting packet. After review, Ms. Donahue informed TAC members that the numbers listed under Transit Facilities (TIP # 915e) may need to be changed.

AQTC Motion: With the contingency that the numbers in the TIP table under Transit be corrected, Ms. Evergreen made a motion to recommend approval of the 2007-2012 TIP to the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stevens and passed unanimously.

TAC Motion: Mr. Blewitt entered an identical motion for TAC consideration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schueler and passed by unanimous vote.

6. **2007 Regional Transportation Plan Development Framework: Vision and Goals**
To begin discussion of the Regional Transportation Plan's vision and goals, Ms. Frye presented the Community Advisory Committee's (CAC) preliminary draft vision, mission and goal statements (copy on file with minutes). TAC members reviewed CAC's findings and suggested the following changes (underlined text reflects additions and strikethrough text reflects deletions):

Vision: Create a pre-eminent multi-modal transportation system that balances existing and future mobility expectations ~~with~~ as an essential element of the Pikes Peak Area's quality of life.

Mission Statement: To provide multi-modal transportation facilities and services for efficient movement of people and goods, enhance mobility, support economic vitality, protect and enhance the environment ~~and the~~ as part of the Pikes Peak Area quality of life, ~~provide mobility choices, and sustain existing infrastructure.~~

Goal 2: Develop a predictable and reliable multi-modal transportation system that is cost-effective to operate.

Goal 3: Develop an environmentally friendly multi-modal transportation system that provides a full range of accessible choices to residents and visitors.

Goal 9: ~~Improve quality of life by utilizing~~ Utilize transportation solutions that are sensitive to their human and ~~ecological~~ environmental context.

In order to bring just one set of vision and goal statements to the Board in July, TAC decided by consensus to support PPACG staff's recommendation to have a joint CAC/TAC workshop on June 21st at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Schueler left the meeting at 2:30 p.m. and Ms. Irvine took his place at the table to represent El Paso County.

7. **Small Area Forecast Update**

PPACG is currently conducting a small area population and employment forecast for the Regional Transportation Plan using a software package called TELUM, an evolution of previous forecasting models DRAM and EMPAL. Mr. Klibaner explained the purpose for using TELUM is to provide more consistency, reliability, and transparency in regional socio-economic forecasting. PPACG is now gathering data from the regional member entities, schools and military installations to produce official forecasts for 2015, 2025 and 2035 and will seek Board approval by late October.

8. **Air Quality Technical Committee Adjournment**

After a motion by Mr. Scanlon and second by Ms. Evergreen, Chairperson Card adjourned the AQTC meeting at 2:49 p.m.

9. **Air Force Surface Transportation Needs**

Colonel Anderson gave a presentation on the economic impact analysis of Peterson Air Force Base (AFB) and handed out a flyer (copy on file with minutes) detailing the base statistics.

Peterson AFB by the numbers (from 10/1/04 – 09/30/05):

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Increase from previous year</u>
Personnel *	18,000	9.2%
Annual payroll	465 million	8%
Annual expenditures	702 million	32%
Off-base jobs created	5,200	
Annual value of jobs created	121 million	20%
On-base houses	493	
Dorm spaces	708	
Construction contracts	31 million	
Impact of tuition support	5.4 million	
Total acres	1,300	
Overall annual grand total impact	1.35 billion	

* includes family members, active duty, reserve, guard and Canadian forces.

Peterson AFB is currently working with the City of Colorado Springs and El Paso County on the Marksheffel realignment and the Stewart Avenue interchange. In addition, a traffic study

forecasting entrances and exits at all gates has been completed but findings may be impacted next year when a new commissary opens and truck traffic gets shifted to the East Gate.

10. **Baptist Road Interchange**

At the last Board meeting, Mayor Glenn of Monument and County Commissioner Williams requested the Baptist Road Interchange project be amended into the 2007-2012 TIP. At present the project is listed in the 2007-2012 TIP under Local/Private funding with no State or Federal monies programmed. It is the desire of the City of Monument and the Baptist Road Rural Transportation Authority that CDOT pay back the cost of the interchange. In order to escalate the Baptist Road Interchange on the regional project priority list to receive CDOT funds, a resolution by the PPACG Board to the Transportation Commission will be required which may impact other projects currently slated for such funds.

11. **PPACG-Colorado Department of Transportation Memorandum of Agreement**

Following federal regulations set by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration, Mr. Whiteaker announced that PPACG and CDOT are finalizing a new Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to define their specific roles and responsibilities for cooperatively carrying out metropolitan transportation planning. Mr. Whiteaker handed out a copy of the draft MOA (copy on file with minutes) which will be presented at the June Board meeting for approval.

12. **FY-2006 and FY-2007 Unified Planning Work Program Update**

Having just completed the FY 2006 mid-year review, Mr. Whiteaker briefed TAC members on the two-year Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) updates. Key highlights for FY 2006 include the adoption of the Regional Socioeconomic Forecasting Model, the Travel Demand Model, the Non-Motorized Transportation System Plan and the Human Services Public Transportation Coordination Plan, which will all rollover into FY 2007. In addition to the plan and model updates outlined in the UPWP, Mr. Whiteaker distributed a list of regionally significant transportation-related planning activities (copy on file with minutes) that member entities should review and update for inclusion in the UPWP.

13. **Transportation Director's Report**

Mr. Casper's announcements:

- PPACG has reviewed CDOT's 2035 Regional and Statewide Transportation Plan Guidebook and is participating with CDOT on the Statewide Safety Plan and the Resource Allocation Committee.
- PPACG will be sponsoring two courses over the summer: the ITS Deployment Analysis System course (July 25-26), and the NEPA Conservation and Long-Range Planning workshop (August 15-16).
- Executive Committees from the Metropolitan Planning Organizations will convene May 25th at the Front Range Forum in Denver.
- PPACG recently hired Jason O'Brien in the new Planner II position and is currently looking to hire an intern for the summer to help with GIS-related activities.

14. **Subcommittee Report**

Mr. Whiteaker announced that the Transportation Enhancement Subcommittee (TES) has discussed a participation plan for the Non-Motorized Transportation System Plan and has identified the key stakeholders for public outreach.

Ms. Frye announced that PPACG has hired Nelson/Nygaard's consulting services to help with the Human Services Public Transportation Coordination Plan. The Specialized Transportation Subcommittee (STAS) will conduct a workshop on May 23rd to begin the six-month study.

15. **Member Entity Announcements**

Ms. Stephens notified TAC members that the widening of Baptist Road east of I-25 will commence in May.

Mr. Blewitt imparted information on the following projects:

- The Powers/Woodmen Interchange is scheduled to begin construction this summer.
- After a well-attended public meeting, the US 24 West Environmental Assessment (EA) team has chosen an expressway as the preferred option.
- The Banning-Lewis Ranch annexation agreement impact fee money is now ready for allocation and will generate approximately 16 million dollars in road improvements.

Mr. Stevens announced the City of Fountain received proposals for widening of Mesa Road from a collector to an arterial. The City of Fountain has also retained the services of Gary Haines, former City Engineer for the City of Colorado Springs.

16. **Action Items for Next Meeting**

The following items were considered for the next meeting:

- Joint CAC/TAC adoption of the long range plan's vision and goals
- Revised Small Area Forecast and its relationship to SH 16 improvements
- TIP Amendment
- Membership Appointments

17. **Adjournment**

Mr. Blewitt made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Donahue seconded the motion. Vice-Chairman Stephens adjourned the meeting at 4:16 p.m.