



**Minutes of the
Transportation Advisory Committee
Thursday, February 16, 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 and the meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Stevens at 1:36 p.m. Introductions were made and in attendance were:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Stevens, 1st Vice Chair
Craig Blewitt, 2nd Vice Chair
Craig Casper
Mike Leslie
Sally Payne
Wendy Pettit
Sherre Ritenour
Carl Schueler
Janet Stephens
Jude Willcher

REPRESENTING

City of Fountain
City of Colorado Springs
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
City of Manitou Springs
Colorado Department of Transportation, DTD
Colorado Department of Transportation, Region 2
City of Colorado Springs
El Paso County
El Paso County
City of Colorado Springs

GUESTS

Andre Brackin
Chuck Brown
Dirk Draper
Mary Frye
Jennifer Irvine
Rob MacDonald
Glenn Messke
Steve Mulliken
Jason O'Brien
Angela Perry
Ken Prather
Yolanda Roberts
Dan Schnepf
Bruce Thorson
David Watt
Warren Whiteaker

REPRESENTING

El Paso County, Department of Transportation
Springs Toll Road, Inc.
CH2M Hill
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
El Paso County, Department of Transportation
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
Peterson Air Force Base
Springs Toll Road, Inc.
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
City of Colorado Springs, Traffic Engineering
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
Matrix Design Group
City of Colorado Springs, Engineering
Colorado Department of Transportation, Region 2
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments

2. **Agenda Approval**

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

3. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Stephens and seconded by Ms. Ritenour. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. **2005-2010 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #14**

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) requested an amendment that \$40.7 million dollars in Fiscal Years (FY) 2006 through FY 2009 be programmed from Federal, State and local funds. In addition, a letter from the City of Colorado Springs was introduced (copy on file with minutes) requesting an amendment to include two Federal Hazard Elimination and Safety (HES) program projects for funding consideration during FY 2007 through FY 2009.

Due to the fact that some of the money had not yet been approved for budgeting, it was decided to separate Amendment #14 into three parts. Ms. Pettit motioned to recommend the 2005-2010 TIP Amendment #14 with the following stipulations:

- The \$23.06 million Powers-Woodmen interchange, the \$500,000 SH 16 study, and the \$500,000 US 24 West study be approved.
- The \$800,000 in FY 2006 and \$3.2 million in FY 2007 for SH 16, the \$2.43 million with a match of \$1.24 million for SH 16, the \$1.25 million in Discretionary for SH 16, the \$8.0 million for Powers Swap, and the \$1.2 million for the Pikes Peak Erosion and Sediment Control be contingent upon commission action on the federal distribution of funds.
- The two city projects, East Platte Avenue and Powers Blvd./Airport Road, be contingent upon HES selection and approval.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Blewitt and passed by unanimous vote.

6. **2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Development**

Mr. Whiteaker referenced PPACG staff's rescoring from the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) packet and distributed a handout (copy on file with minutes) of the Community Advisory Committee's (CAC) recommendations for the STP-Metro and Transportation Enhancement projects.

STP-Metro

After the PPACG Board's commitment to fund the Transit Vehicles for Elderly and Disabled Transportation Services project, there remains \$34,373,000 federal dollars available for STP-Metro programming. Following a discussion over which projects to prioritize for inclusion, a motion was made by Mr. Leslie that the TAC recommend CAC's proposal in its entirety to the Board. This motion was seconded by Mr. Stevens. A vote was taken and the motion failed. After further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Ritenour to accept the package of projects as shown in the following table with the understanding that FY 2008 and FY 2009 show funding for specific projects, FY 2010 through FY 2012 show funding as a pool by category, and the overage be identified as anticipated increase in local match. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schueler and passed with one abstention from Mr. Leslie.

STP Metro	FY-2007	FY-2008	FY-2009	FY-2010 - 2012	Total
Funds Available (in thousands of dollars)	\$6,216	\$6,566	\$6,627	\$21,155	\$40,564
Specialized Vehicles	\$99	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$399
TAC Recommendation					
Cheyenne/Tejon Intersection Improvements					\$0
Citywide Pedestrian Access/Mobility Improvements				\$100	\$100
Manitou Avenue Pedestrian & Drainage Improvement		\$10	\$1,217	\$1,169	\$2,797
Marksheffel Road: SH 94 to Mesa Ridge Parkway				\$580	\$580
North Nevada Corridor Construction - Fillmore to I-25			\$200	\$1,363	\$1,563
Rail Switching Yard Relocation/Pedestrian Bridge Design					\$0
Traffic Signal Upgrades Project			\$240	\$750	\$990
Transit Planning and Administration		\$40	\$50	\$150	\$300
Woodmen Road: Corridor Project		\$2,329	\$2,123	\$17,848	\$24,929
Woodmen Road: Powers Boulevard to US 24		\$4,087	\$2,697		\$9,463
Balance		\$0	\$0	-\$905	-\$558

Transportation Enhancement

The Transportation Enhancement Subcommittee (TES) and CAC members recommended the Airport Road project receive reduced financing as it is being partially funded by the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA). However to keep Airport Road in the TIP, Mr. Blewitt suggested putting a nominal dollar amount on the project. A motion was made by Mr. Schueler to accept the figures as shown in the table below and seconded by Ms. Stephens. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Project Title	Sponsor	Funds Requested	Total Cost	Local Match	TAC Recommendation
Airport Rd. Bicycle and Ped. Access	Colorado Springs	\$165,000	\$240,000	\$75,000	\$5,000
Chester Avenue Sidewalk	Woodland Park	\$41,500	\$54,000	\$12,500	
Colorado Ave. Ped. Safety-Connectivity	El Paso County	\$481,600	\$602,000	\$120,400	
County Road Sidewalk	Woodland Park	\$133,014	\$173,955	\$40,941	
Creekwalk Trail	Manitou Springs	\$87,200	\$112,200	\$25,000	\$87,200
Fairview Avenue Sidewalk	Woodland Park	\$42,789	\$56,069	\$13,280	
Hancock Expressway Bicycle Access	Colorado Springs	\$175,000	\$250,000	\$75,000	\$156,950
Lake Avenue Sidewalk	Woodland Park	\$151,087	\$197,593	\$46,506	\$116,950
Metro Route 3 - Manitou - Bus Stop	Colorado Springs	\$200,000	\$271,000	\$71,000	\$186,950
Pedestrian Bridge	Woodland Park	\$230,000	\$300,000	\$70,000	
Sand Creek Trail - Barnes Rd. to Stetson Hills Boulevard	Colorado Springs	\$275,000	\$485,000	\$210,000	\$261,950
Security-Widefield ADA Compliant Mobility Improvements	El Paso County	\$224,000	\$280,000	\$56,000	
		\$2,206,190	\$3,021,817	\$815,627	\$815,000

Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)

Mr. Schueler made a motion to accept the funding recommendations requested by the City of Colorado Springs without further discussion as the City was the only entity requesting these funds. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blewitt and passed by unanimous vote.

Vice-Chairman Stevens called for a break from 4:10 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. Following the break, Vice-Chairman Stevens proposed that agenda items nine and ten be placed ahead of items seven and eight and the TAC agreed by consensus.

7. **US 24 West Environmental Assessment Update**

Mr. Watt and Mr. Hill gave a presentation on the latest developments on the US 24 West environmental assessment. Potential solutions have been narrowed to three alternatives: one “no build” alternative which would honor existing and committed projects and two “build” options, the Midland Expressway and the US 24 Freeway. All three alternatives will now be compared using criteria including community values, environment, implementation, and safety, mobility and accessibility. The next steps will include screening and selection with a decision document slated for 2007.

8. **Tolling**

Representatives of the Springs Toll Road presented information on their proposals for a toll road from I-25 at Northgate Road to I-25 at South Academy Boulevard. They indicated their desire to request a hearing at the next meeting, and to ask the committee for its support in the upcoming long range plan. Mr. Schnepf stressed that not only was this project self-funded, it also asks for no property condemnation as the right of way has already been established. Mr. Schnepf then broke down the various segments of the proposed toll road that will, when completed, create a 34 mile loop around Colorado Springs.

Committee members posed several questions on the toll road about traffic patterns, distribution, volume, modeling analysis, customer base identification, public vs. private resources, parallelism to existing projects, and overall impacts among others. Due to the informational aspect of the agenda item, it was agreed that these items would be addressed at the next meeting.

9. **2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program Format**

Mr. Casper informed the committee there would be a new format for the TIP and asked that any comments or suggestions be addressed to Mr. O’Brien.

10. **2007 Regional Transportation Plan Development**

Mr. Casper advised the committee that staff is proposing a new methodology for developing the Regional Transportation Plan. Mr. Casper noted his desire that the CAC, TAC and PPACG staff be collectively involved in the prioritization process.

11. **Review of Transportation Advisory Committee Membership**

Mr. Casper requested committee members fill out any changes to the Committee Membership on the forms attached in the TAC packet and submit completed forms to PPACG prior to the next meeting.

12. **Transportation Director's Report**
Mr. Casper reported that he would be scoring projects next month for Safe Routes to Schools.
13. **Subcommittee Report**
There was no subcommittee report.
14. **Member Entity Announcements**
There were no member entity announcements.
15. **Action Items for Next Meeting**
No action items were identified for the next meeting.
16. **Adjournment**
Mr. Stevens adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m.