



**Minutes of the  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Thursday, January 18, 2007  
2:00 p.m.**

**Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Lower Conference Room**

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

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephens at 2:04 p.m. Introductions were made and in attendance were:

**TAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

David Buttery  
Craig Blewitt  
Craig Casper  
Corinne Donahue  
Dan Folke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson  
Tom Kassawara, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson  
Glenn Messke  
Rick Orphan  
Wendy Pettit  
Carl Schueler  
Janet Stephens, Chairperson  
Rob Vinton  
Bryant Worley

**REPRESENTING**

City of Woodland Park  
City of Colorado Springs  
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments  
City of Colorado Springs  
City of Manitou Springs  
Town of Monument  
Peterson Air Force Base  
Fort Carson  
Colorado Department of Transportation  
El Paso County  
El Paso County  
Colorado Department of Transportation  
Mountain Metropolitan Transit General Manager

**GUESTS**

Mary Frye  
Pat Girten  
Duane Greenwood  
Jennifer Irvine  
Aaron Klibaner  
Rob MacDonald  
Ray Moe  
Jason O'Brien  
Yolanda Roberts  
Warren Whiteaker

**REPRESENTING**

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments  
Colorado Department of Transportation  
City of Fountain  
El Paso County  
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments  
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments  
LSA Associates, Inc.  
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments  
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2. **Agenda Approval**

Mr. Casper requested an addition to the agenda, a membership appointment for the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). This item would be placed after Agenda Item 4, Approval of Minutes, and would require an action of "review and recommend". A motion was made by Mr. Blewitt to approve the agenda with changes and was seconded by Ms. Donahue. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Donahue made a request to change the second sentence on page 4 under Agenda Item 15, Member Entity Announcements, to now read:

*Ms. Donahue added that the grant application for the Woodland Park Express services has been reduced from 1.5 million dollars to roughly \$965,000 and delayed from March till October 2008.*

Mr. Blewitt made a motion to approve the minutes with the change listed above and Mr. Buttery seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. **TAC Membership Appointment**

The City of Fountain has named Mr. Duane Greenwood, Public Works Director, to serve as the primary representative on the TAC. Mr. Blewitt made a motion to recommend the Board approve the appointment of Mr. Greenwood. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kassawara and passed unanimously.

6. **FY 2007 through FY 2012 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #7**

Mr. Casper announced the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has submitted a request for an amendment to the FY 2007 through FY 2012 Transportation Improvement Program (2007-2012 TIP). CDOT is requesting \$2,000,000 in Senate Bill 1 (SB-1) funds to the COSMIX I-25 project to cover costs overruns. Mr. Folke made a motion to recommend approval of TIP Amendment #7 to the Board. Mr. Blewitt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7. **Human Service Transportation Coordination Study and Plan**

Ms. Frye reported that the Draft Human Service Transportation Coordination Study and Plan was distributed on CD to the TAC members in November for their review and comment. Those comments have been reviewed and noted in the plan. In addition, the Specialized Transportation Advisory Subcommittee (STAS) completed its review and voted to recommend to the TAC that the document go forward for release to the public. Mr. Schueler made a motion to recommend the Board release the Human Service Transportation Coordination Study and Plan for a 30-day public review period. Mr. Kassawara seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

8. **Public Participation Working Group**

Ms. Frye announced that PPACG has hired a consultant, Catalyst Consulting, to help implement the public participation activities to develop the 2008 through 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (2008 RTP). The consultant proposed assembling a Public Participation Working Group to supplement the technical assistance required for the 2008 RTP. In January, the Board approved the formation of the group. Ms. Frye requested volunteers from the TAC members to the Public Participation Working Group as well as suggestions for other groups they think would be appropriate to include from their respective communities. Ms. Pettit and Ms. Stephens volunteered their services to the group. Ms. Donahue offered help from the City of Colorado Springs Transit Department. Mr. Blewitt suggested contacting someone from the City's Public Communications Office. Mr. Schueler proposed contacting the Housing and Building Association for assistance.

9. **Regional Non-Motorized Transportation System Plan Update**

Mr. Whiteaker reported that the Transportation Enhancement Subcommittee (TES) and LSA Associates have been working together on the Regional Non-Motorized Transportation System Plan. Mr. Whiteaker then introduced Mr. Moe from LSA Associates who gave a short presentation and update on the plan. Mr. Moe shared with TAC members the ongoing efforts of the plan including community participation, the best practices for building a pedestrian and bicycle network and the work involved in creating a regional walking and bicycle map. Key components of the plan consisted of stakeholder interviews, inquiries on the go, needs assessment workshops and a plan refinement workshop. LSA gathered the bulk of their information through surveys and interviews held during Bike Week as well as comments received from their Neighborhood Walking Survey. In setting priorities, Mr. Moe explained a major emphasis was placed on the regional context. He also stressed connectivity, continuity, safety, and construction feasibility.

After the presentation, Mr. Schueler asked whether trail impedances that affect safety and connectivity, the Safe Routes to School framework, and short pedestrian trips such as dog walking would be considered in the plan. Mr. Blewitt asked whether the role of pedestrians and bicyclists in the transportation system has been identified and if there has been any differentiation between transportation and recreation in the region with regards to mobility and accessibility. Mr. Blewitt also wondered if there will be a replacement of automobile trips or an augmentation of trips. In addition, he inquired whether the plan would address facilitating transit use and access to schools. Mr. Blewitt explained he was asking these questions because the last time a non-motorized plan was adopted, priority was given to trails that went from one end of the region to the other. Mr. Blewitt added that every transit trip begins and ends with a pedestrian trip. That being the case, Mr. Blewitt questioned if the purpose of the pedestrian accommodations from a regional standpoint was to give physical activity to our citizens or to provide transportation. Mr. Casper explained findings from the census website showed walking to be five times more likely than biking in terms of work trips, and that income categories play a big part in the selection of a transportation mode. Mr. Casper added that from a regional perspective, the primary objective of the plan would be to facilitate transit and address motorized and non-motorized trips. Mr. Moe further added that all the issues outlined above would be considered, and the sharing of resources between the local entities would also be considered to help facilitate finalizing the plan.

10. **Draft 2035 Small Area Forecast Update**

Mr. Klibaner gave a brief overview of the latest developments concerning the 2035 Small Area Forecast in comparison with the previous forecast. Some of the changes undertaken include expanding the number of traffic analysis zones (TAZ) from 505 to 676, adding Teller County, and changing the methodology from the last forecast. PPACG is using a new automated model called TELUM (Transportation and Economic Land Use Model). This forecasting model relies on two base years of data for making projections into the future and interacts with the travel demand model by using travel costs and land use figures in its forecasting. Employment has now been broken down from four categories (Basic, Retail, Service, and Military) into six categories with Service now classified into three sections. The new categories are Service1 (transportation, communications, public administration, and electric, gas, and sanitary services), Service2 (finance, insurance, real estate, health and legal services, engineering, and accounting), and Service3 (all other services). Mr. Casper added that the household income groups listed on page seven of the memo should read \$0 to \$29,999, \$30,000 to \$39,999, \$40,000 to \$59,999, \$60,000 to \$99,999, and \$100,000 plus. PPACG has been meeting with the Small Area Forecast Subcommittee (SAF) since November to go over the forecast data. In the past two months, PPACG staff has been

refining the household and employment data. On February 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a special joint TAC/SAF to go over the draft forecast results and recommend approval to the Board for a 30-day public review period.

11. **Transportation Director's Report**

Mr. Casper informed TAC members that he will be working on the maintenance and incentive program for the no man's land area of Colorado Avenue.

PPACG is looking to bring a Green Infrastructure course to the Colorado Springs area in May. The purpose of the course is to allow multiple planning efforts to work with each other in a planning overlay system. This concept helps different planning efforts like the Fort Carson Military Impact, the Army Corps of Engineers Watershed Study, PPACG's Long Range Plan, and other various development plans from existing municipalities work together in an umbrella approach.

Mr. Casper has submitted a request for some planning and environmental linkage funding from the Federal Highway Administration to help identify mitigation impacts. This is a new federal requirement and will take two to three years to complete.

12. **Subcommittee Reports**

There were no subcommittee reports.

13. **Member Entity Announcements**

Ms. Donahue announced that the City of Colorado Springs will be requesting a Front Range Express (FREX) fare increase effective for 2007 and 2008.

Mr. Messke announced that Peterson Air Force Base has just completed their Transportation System Study and copies are available online. In addition, Peterson will be opening their new commissary in June which may impact traffic on Marksheffel Road.

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

- 2035 Small Area Forecast

15. **Adjournment**

Chairperson Stephens adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.