



**Special Joint Meeting Minutes of the
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
and the
SMALL AREA FORECAST SUBCOMMITTEE
Thursday, February 1, 2007
1:00 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 Chairperson Stephens at 1:10 p.m. Introductions were made and in attendance were:

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

David Buttery
Craig Casper
Corinne Donahue
Glenn Messke
Rick Orphan
Wendy Pettit
Carl Schueler
Ann Skinner
Janet Stephens, Chairperson
Jude Willcher
Bryant Worley

REPRESENTING

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

SAFS MEMBERS PRESENT

Carl Schueler
Karen Griffith
Aaron Klibaner
Sally Riley
Tim Scanlon
Melissa Wetzig
Jude Willcher

REPRESENTING

El Paso County
Town of Monument
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
City of Woodland Park
City of Colorado Springs
Colorado Springs Utilities
City of Colorado Springs

GUESTS

Mary Frye
Duane Greenwood
Jason O'Brien
Ken Prather
Yolanda Roberts
Chris Vogelsang
Warren Whiteaker

REPRESENTING

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
City of Fountain
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
Ordonez and Vogelsang, LLC
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments

2. **Draft 2035 Small Area Forecast**

Mr. Klibaner explained the goal of this meeting was to get a recommendation to the Board for release for public comment of the Draft 2035 Small Area Forecast. In November, PPACG staff received feedback from the Small Area Forecast Subcommittee (SAFS) on the forecast's primary runs. Discrepancies found in these runs included an imbalance in the county control totals, and unexplained job and population declines or increases. These issues arose in part because TELUM (Transportation Economic and Land Use Model) aggregates both El Paso and Teller Counties. In January, PPACG met with the SAFS again and outlined the steps that had been made to correct these imbalances. These included reapportioning the control totals, refining data through aerial photographs and county assessor records, and addressing large increases or decreases in jobs and population by implementing system-wide "caps" and "floors".

Packets with the corrections outlined above were mailed to all Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and SAFS members for their review a week prior to this meeting. Mr. Casper explained three possible outcomes today: 1) recommend release to the public as is and correct ongoing issues during the 30-day public comment period; 2) recommend release to the public with changes already in place but without a second review by either the TAC or SAFS; or 3) not recommend release to the public. Mr. Whiteaker suggested having another special joint meeting a month from now to review an accounting of all the issues, comments, and/or changes from the TAC, the SAFS, and the public. Mr. Schueler asked how option one would be handled procedurally considering input would still be forthcoming during the 30-day public comment period. Mr. Whiteaker responded that after the 30-day review period, the Board will be presented with all comments, how they were addressed, and what changes were made to the forecast.

Following are individual comments from the TAC and SAFS members:

- Mr. Scanlon wondered how the control totals were obtained. In comparing 2030 employment numbers for El Paso County from the 2003 forecast and the 2006 forecast, Mr. Scanlon noticed a discrepancy of roughly 40,000 jobs. Mr. Whiteaker asked if the military numbers had been added into the 2003 forecast which would account for the change in employment. Mr. Casper added that the control totals for the Draft 2035 Small Area Forecast came from the Colorado State Demographer and it is possible the State Demographer's numbers are fluctuating. Mr. Whiteaker said PPACG staff would research the issue further and include the results in the public release document.
- Mr. Scanlon also reviewed the allocation of population and employment in the different sub-areas of the city and county over time. For the most part, Mr. Scanlon did not see any areas that provided any issues for concern; however, there seemed to be an under-allocation of employment within the City of Colorado Springs.
- Ms. Riley reported the numbers for Teller County appeared reasonable with both the overall population and the school population growing in the right places.
- Ms. Donahue stated the numbers looked good from a cursory glance. Development in the northeast was forecasted as expected and the overall results appeared to coincide with the City's Comprehensive Plan.
- Mr. Greenwood requested the exhibits for the various densities for 2005 and 2035 be mapped using the same scales.

- Ms. Griffith noticed some adjustments would be needed for the town boundaries of Monument but felt those corrections could be made during the 30-day public review period.
- Mr. Orphan said the numbers looked reasonable but Fort Carson would need more time to go over the data in greater detail.
- Mr. Messke noticed a flat lining of military numbers after 2010 which concerned him as it is in contrast to the numbers predicted in a current build-out study at Peterson Air Force Base. A reduction in military numbers would greatly affect any future construction plans at the base.
- Both Ms. Wetzig and Mr. Scanlon asked if the forecasts could be given in five year increments for their own review purposes.
- Mr. Schueler requested a spreadsheet giving numbers and percentages of the 2005 to 2035 changes in total employment and total households.
- Ms. Willcher suggested that any assumptions that are to be used to explain specific areas or different scenarios be documented and presented to the public along with the data.

Ms. Stephens summarized the findings from this meeting. In the coming weeks, PPACG staff, TAC, and/or the SAFS will:

- explain the assumptions when released to the public;
- make clear to the public that these numbers are preliminary and the forecast will be rerun during the 30-day comment period;
- research the control totals issue;
- include 5-year increments for internal review (not for public release);
- include household and employment change totals; and
- make the map scales consistent.

For TAC, Mr. Schueler made a motion to recommend release of the Draft 2035 Small Area Forecast for public comment with the caveat that all the actions referenced in Ms. Stephens summary be carried out. Mr. Buttery seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Representing the SAFS, Mr. Scanlon echoed Mr. Schueler's motion. The motion was seconded by Ms. Willcher and passed unanimously.

3. **Adjournment**

Chairperson Stephens adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.