

PIKES PEAK AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

-Minutes-

July 21, 2005

1:30 p.m.

PPACG Conference Room

1. Call to Order / Establish A Quorum / Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Mr. Buttery who stated a quorum was established. Introductions were made and attending were:

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Buttery, TAC Chairperson/AQTC
Mike Leslie
Aaron B. Willis
John Merritt
Scott Logan
Bill Keller
Mary Balchuk
Janet Stephens
Shawn McDowell
Wendy Pettit
George Sugars
Craig Blewitt
Sherre Ritenour

REPRESENTING

City of Woodland Park
City of Manitou Springs
CDOT-DTD, HQ
City of Colorado Springs – Traffic
City of Colorado Springs – Traffic
Colorado Springs Airport
CDOT – Region 2
EPCDOT
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EPCDOT
City of Colorado Springs
City of Colorado Springs

MEMBERS ABSENT

GUESTS

Mary Frye
Ken Prather
Warren Whiteaker

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2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Buttery has stated he will have to leave the meeting within minutes and is requesting that Agenda Item 9 which is a TIP amendment that involves The City of Woodland Park be moved to just after the approval of the TAC minutes.

3. Public Comments.

None.

4. Approval of TAC Minutes.

5. Public Comment on Public Involvement Procedures

Ms. Frye stated she would like it noted that PPACG is planning a Transportation Public Meeting on Thursday, August 4, 2005 – 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

6. 2005-2010 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #7

Mr. Buttery stated he has to leave within a moments notice and is requesting that Item #9 on the Agenda be moved to Item #6. Mr. Buttery is requesting approval to eliminate one project and transfer those funds to the other project, then I am successfully able to complete the project. The understanding is using City of Woodland Park funds and equipment over the course of the next couple of years we would finish the slope stabilization project anyway, so we feel like we have the ability to do that in-house but over time. So that is really the jest of the TIP Amendment change I am requesting. Mr. Buttery made a motion to move approval of the rollover of approved funds from 2002 TIP, rollover and the transfer in the total amount of \$210,000 as requested, with the hope and expectation that the City would be able to complete the second project with their own funds. The motion was seconded by _____. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Public Comment on FY-2006 and FY-2007 Transportation Enhancement Project Selection Process

Mr. Steve Logan, City of Colorado Springs, is requesting information on how to meet with staff to discuss the scoring for a certain project. How do we go about that? Mr. Buttery deferred this question to Mr. Clasper. Mr. Clasper stated that we are at the end of the scoring process but there will be an opportunity to provide additional information and comment at a time to be set up. A suggestion was made.: May we have a workshop in the morning of the day of the TAC meeting? Mr. Buttery stated this would be a joint meeting with AQTC and TAC but also would include other committee, if they wish to be there. The workshop is scheduled for **Friday, August 18, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.** and will continue until lunch. We can get the necessary information we need to determine how the scoring process was decided by staff.

8. Public Comment on FY-2007 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Project Selection Process

There was considerable discussion of this item. Ms. Frye spoke up and stated that over the years we have looked at different ways of finding a more agreeable approach to the evaluation criteria for projects. We have simplified and re-

packaged and we believe we have come up with a better way of evaluation of projects.

A motion was made by John and seconded by Mr. Blewitt to approve the public involvement plan. Motion passed unanimously.

I recommend the approval of the criteria as presented by staff but also would like to note reservations or concerns on how enhancement and CMAQ projects are scored. The motion was seconded by _____. The motion passed unanimously.

9. TAC Membership

El Paso County would like to appoint an alternate for the TAC committee.

The motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____.

The motion passed unanimously.

10. Open Projects with Balances

Mr. Casper spoke about the projects that have not had any activity. There are two CMAQ projects and 10 metro projects that have had no activity for over 18 months. Mr. Casper went through the list with the project name and numbers. Mr. Casper is requesting the entity provide him with information on these projects prior to taking to the board. Ms. Pettit stated that she has information on all the projects and she is wondering why are we holding the money. Something has to be done to get this resolved. She stated if you have billing issues, contract issues, call me. Can we set up a meeting with John, Wendy, etc. to get this resolved? Anytime we have to return money back, we have to have a negative funding letter. Could we table this discussion?

11. Funding for PPACG Regional Travel Demand Model

Mr. Casper stated they will be interviewing to groups on Monday,

12. Functional Classification

Mr. Prather passed out a spreadsheet and handout and would like you to review and be ready for recommendations at the next TAC.

13. CDOT 1601 Policy

Mr. Willis gave a slide presentation on how the CDOT process approves interchanges, major modifications on interchanges. He reviewed procedural items and changes. In January, the commission adopted the 1601 Policy.

14. Transportation Directors' Report

Mr. Casper reported that the region recently exceeded the ozone standard. He indicated that this does not put the region in violation, however, we need to monitor the situation. Mr. Casper led the committee in a discussion of the implications of exceeding the ozone standard.

15. Member Entity Announcements

Public Benefits cost study. I spoke with Tom and he is willing to come in and give us a presentation. John stated he will plan for that in September but will wait to here from the committee.

16. Action Items for Next Meeting

Mr. Casper stated the action item for next meeting will be how are we going to define the model.

17. Adjournment

Mr. Stephens adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.