



**Minutes of the
TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
Friday, December 1, 2006
9:00 a.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 Riley at 9:04 a.m. Introductions were made and in attendance were:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sally Riley, Chairperson
Diane Evergreen, Vice-Chairperson
Michelle Anthony
Kristin Bennett
Dick Bratton
Dan Cleveland
Jeff Haley
Neil Katz
George Parkhurst
Wendy Pettit
Judith Rice-Jones
Alan Severn
Janet Stephens
Warren Whiteaker

REPRESENTING

City of Woodland Park
Metro Rides
City of Manitou Springs
City of Colorado Springs
Town of Green Mountain Falls
Trails and Open Space Coalition
City of Colorado Springs
El Paso County
Teller Historic and Environmental Coalition
Colorado Department of Transportation, Region 2
League of Women Voters
Colorado Springs Cycling Club
El Paso County
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments

GUESTS

Craig Casper
Mary Frye
Barbara Lewis
Ray Moe
Jason O'Brien
Yolanda Roberts
David Vanderwege
Jude Willcher
Jennifer Young

REPRESENTING

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
Catalyst Consulting
LSA Associates
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
Pikes Peak Bikeways Coalition
City of Colorado Springs
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments

2. **Agenda Approval**

A motion was made by Ms. Anthony to approve the agenda and was seconded by Ms. Evergreen. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Cleveland made a motion to approve the June 2, 2006 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Parkhurst and passed by majority with one abstention.

Ms. Stephens arrived at 9:10 a.m.

5. **Selection of Officers**

Mr. Whiteaker announced to the Transportation Enhancement Subcommittee (TES) members it was time for the selection of officers for 2007. According to the Bylaws, the TES Chairperson is selected by the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Chairperson. Historically, the TES has recommended a TES Chairperson for consideration by the TAC Chairperson. The Bylaws further indicate the Vice-Chairperson will be nominated from the floor at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the year with an election held at the beginning of the following year.

As 2006 was her second consecutive year served, Chairperson Riley informed TES members she would be stepping down as an officer. Chairperson Riley added that, per tradition, it was expected the Vice-Chairperson to then assume the duties of Chairperson. With that being said, Chairperson Riley made a recommendation to the TAC Chairperson, Ms. Stephens, that Vice-Chairperson Evergreen be considered as Chairperson. Ms. Stephens, acting as TAC Chairperson, approved the recommendation. Chairperson Riley then nominated Ms. Bennett as Vice-Chairperson which was seconded by Mr. Cleveland. An election for the Vice-Chairperson position will be held in January.

Ms. Rice-Jones arrived at 9:15 a.m.

6. **2007-2035 Regional Transportation Plan Development Update**

Mr. Casper announced that PPACG will have a kick-off meeting later this afternoon for the Public Involvement Plan for the 2007-2035 Regional Transportation Plan (2007 RTP). The primary consultants that were picked for the public involvement team are Ms. Lewis from Catalyst Consulting and Mr. Moe from LSA Associates, both familiar faces to TES members. Mr. Casper added that PPACG previously considered the non-motorized plan as separate to the 2007 RTP. Now, however, it has been decided to roll the planning and public involvement process together as one. Chairperson Riley questioned whether there would still be two separate documents. Mr. Casper replied that the non-motorized plan would more than likely be featured in the summary and as an appendix to the plan. On a separate note, PPACG has a draft form of the vision, mission and principles which will be presented at next month's Board meeting for a recommendation for public release. Next year, PPACG will be working on goals and measuring criteria that will be used for project evaluation selection.

Mr. Cleveland asked whether Complete Streets could be incorporated into the 2007 RTP. The principle behind Complete Streets is to enable pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and bus riders of all ages and abilities to safely move along and across a complete street. Mr. Casper answered that it could be done but it would require the participation of all member entities. At the moment, the City of Colorado Springs is the only entity that has incorporated the policy. Mr. Whiteaker added that the Board could include Complete Streets as part of the plan but not necessarily on the same formal level that the City of Colorado Springs has adopted.

Finally, Mr. Casper informed TES members that PPACG officially submitted a letter to the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) for a four-month extension for their 2007 RTP. The extension will allow PPACG to complete the socio-economic forecast plus use the travel demand model and some other tools they are developing. If approved, the due date will be pushed from October 2007 to January 2008.

7. **Action Items for Next Meeting**

- Election of Vice-Chairperson

8. **Member Entity Announcements**

Ms. Rice-Jones announced there will be a train serving the Colorado State Fair next year which will run from Pueblo to Denver. She questioned whether anyone knew if it would make a stop in Colorado Springs. Mr. Casper replied there is talk of the train stopping in Colorado Springs but no details have been worked out yet.

9. **Adjournment**

Vice Chairperson Riley adjourned the meeting at 9:21 a.m.