

**Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan  
Transportation/Planning and Zoning Partnership Group Meeting  
May 13, 2010  
1:30 – 3:00 pm**

Attendance:

- Al Brody, Bike Colorado Springs
- Robert W. Burch, Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)
- Todd Frisbie, Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
- Kate Hatten, PPACG
- Christopher Juniper, Fort Carson
- Ray Krueger, Green City Coalition
- Dave Menter, Colorado Springs Transit
- Bill Moore, Pueblo Area Council of Governments
- Neil Ralston, Colorado Springs Airport
- Tim Roberts, City of Colorado Springs
- Travis Waldrip, CDOT
- Sarah White, PPACG

**Phase 2 Update/Status**

Sarah White started introductions and led the discussion by providing a brief recap of the Fort Carson Community Partnership Town Hall on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 300 people attended the town hall, which was well received by elected officials, community partners and Fort Carson officials.

The town hall highlighted key findings from the draft Phase II Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan (“Growth Plan”) and coincided with the public comment period (April 14-May 14) for the draft plan. The draft Growth Plan is available on PPACG’s website at: <http://www.ppacg.org/military-impact/fort-carson-regional-growth-plan-intro/project-materials/growth-plan-documents>.

Ms. White provided a summary table of the Phase 2 draft Growth Plan recommendations and asked the group to provide their comments or suggestions to the list or to draft Growth Plan before the deadline on Friday. PPACG staff will compile the public comments and make revisions as appropriate. The final plan will be presented to the PPACG Board of Directors for final approval in June or July.

In addition, PPACG applied for another 12 months of funding from the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA). If awarded, the MIP team will continue to facilitate and coordinate meetings with community partners and Fort Carson personnel and work to implement recommendations and identify funding opportunities for community projects.

**Discussion:**

Christopher Juniper updated the group about Fort Carson’s transportation related initiatives. Fort Carson will be adopting a two-year work plan to decrease congestion and improve bike and pedestrian access at Gates 1, 3 and 4. Fort Carson is also investigating potential transit oriented development (TOD) sites close to Fort Carson to promote car-less or low-impacts modes of transportation for Soldiers and their families to and from the installation. Currently, Fort Carson has been talking with a Fountain developer and the City of Fountain regarding a potential site for a multi-family TOD. If

there is a TOD site in Fountain, Fort Carson may be able to assist in providing transit to and from the post. Fort Carson is also trying to work with the City of Colorado Springs and El Paso County to identify other potential TOD sites close to the installation.

Based on a Fort Carson survey in September, approximately 10 percent (50 of 500) of AAFES employees at Fort Carson are transit dependent. Fort Carson is talking with City of Colorado Springs to identify transit routes that could attract enough choice riders to subsidize the cost of the transit operation. The goal for sustainable mobility next year will be to attract 500 people to use transit to and from the installation. Fort Carson will start this initiative this year. However, Fort Carson needs more community support and assistance in researching transit options as they are overextending their staff time in trying to resolve this issue.

The group discussed the need for champions to implement recommendations made in the Growth Plan. Local funds are too slim to be matched for many federal grants and there are competing priorities in the surrounding communities related to transportation issues. However, the group stated that the Transportation/Planning & Zoning partnership should continue to meet on a quarterly basis and PPACG should continue to coordinate and facilitate meeting discussions. Group members and PPACG staff will provide progress reports or status updates at the meetings about projects and Fort Carson and community needs.

**Next Steps:**

- PPACG will compile public comments and make appropriate revisions to the draft Growth Plan.
- Final report will be presented to the PPACG Board of Directors for adoption and approval (June or July 2010)
- Anticipated start of the Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan “Phase 3” pending OEA approval will be July 2010.
- Next Transportation/Planning & Zoning Partnership Group meeting, TBD

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.