

**Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan
Transportation/Planning and Zoning Partnership Group Meeting
August 2, 2010
1:30 – 3:00 pm**

Attendance:

- Kate Hatten, PPACG
- Tom Miller, PPACG
- Tim Roberts, City of Colorado Springs
- George Sugars, Fremont County
- Wayne Thomas, Fort Carson – DPW Environmental
- Travis Waldrip, CDOT
- Sarah White, PPACG

Phase 2 Recap

Sarah White started introductions and led the discussion by providing a recap of Phase 2 of the Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan (“Growth Plan”). On July 14th, PPACG’s Board of Directors adopted and approved the final report of the Growth Plan, which is available on PPACG’s website at <http://www.ppacg.org/military-impact/fort-carson-regional-growth-plan-intro/project-materials/growth-plan-documents>.

Phase 3 Moving Forward

Ms. Kate Hatten announced that the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) awarded PPACG approximately \$500,000 for Phase 3 of the Growth Plan. Phase 3 will consist of continuing information-sharing and communication, including the ongoing impacts of deployments, and implementation of the recommendations from Phases 1 and 2 of the Growth Plan. Updated information will include a new survey of Soldiers and family members to update demographic information and modeling developed in Phase 2 and track any changing trends related to deployments, housing, etc. The OEA funding will also assist in the development of a regional sustainability plan which will link the sustainability efforts of Fort Carson (along with other military installations and local institutions with sustainability goals) with other regional efforts.

Ms. Hatten provided a summary of Phase II recommendations from the Growth Plan to the group members for their reference. The focus of Phase 3 will be to work on implementation of some of the Phase 2 recommendations. PPACG will continue to work with Fort Carson and the community to share information regarding Fort Carson growth and deployments, as well as track regional infrastructure and operational needs related to Fort Carson growth in order to help identify and obtain federal or other funding to support local projects.

Data Analysis Capabilities Discussion:

Tom Miller provided to the group the following draft GIS maps: Apartments, Condos, Townhomes, and other Multi-Family Units; Sidewalks and Trails around Fort Carson; and [licensed] Child Care Facilities around Fort Carson. The maps are around a 1-3 mile radius around the northern part of the installation. Tom discussed the potential GIS mapping capabilities with PPACG’s data sets and asked the group if these capabilities would be useful for their purposes (i.e., identifying transit routes around where Soldiers are living).

Tom will be working to get more detailed information about where the Soldiers are living, the density of the multi-family units and the capacity at child care facilities.

In reference to the map depicting Sidewalks and Trails around Fort Carson, the group suggested that the colors of the trails be modified to make them stand out clearly and to distinguish what trails are walking, social and recreation trails. The map should also show Fort Carson trail and sidewalk systems and how they connect or don't connect to the off-post infrastructure.

PPACG obtains some of its demographic data from DEERS-West regarding where Soldiers (mostly active duty) are living, as far as zip code and street name. The data in the public display of the maps will be aggregated and personally non-identifiable. PPACG is also working with TriCare and Evans Army Community Hospital to obtain information about their demographic modeling.

Other Business:

PPACG is working on another electronic survey for Fort Carson families. Kate asked the group what information would be useful to obtain through the surveys (i.e, housing preferences, likelihood of staying in the region, etc.). The group suggested obtaining information such as, how many vehicles households own, how many spouses live on-post, but work off-post, and how many spouses claim the State of Colorado for their income tax.

Kate announced that representatives from the Voorhees Center, out of the University of Illinois in Chicago, will be meeting with PPACG and community members about local demographic and housing information. The Voorhees Center has been contracted by OEA to look at demographic and housing analyses for growth communities and wants to discuss what information we have available and what information we would like for the Voorhees Center to obtain.

Next Steps:

- Fort Carson Community Partnership Forum on August 26th from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Antlers Hilton Hotel.
- Next Transportation/Planning & Zoning Partnership Group meeting, TBD

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.