APPENDIX J: PUBLIC COMMENTS

PPACG received a total of 3 public comments and 2 virtual open houses attendees regarding the FY2022-2025 TIP Update. The comment period started May 13 and ended June 11, 2021. Comments were could be submitted by email, website submission form, open houses, phone calls and during meetings. The comments outlined in the table on the next page were addressed and incorporated into the TIP as appropriate. Public outreach efforts are also documented on the following pages.
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<td>1) Something is missing in the first statement under: Section II. A. This Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) identifies state and federally funded surface transportation projects to be implemented in the Pikes Peak region during current four federal fiscal... [years?]... is developed under the federal guidance and requirements contained within the FAST Act, the current federal transportation law. The TIP is intended to fulfill the following purposes: 2) Where are the following Appendices? They are not part of the document that I can see.</td>
<td>Thank you for your comments on our draft plan. Regarding your comment below, thank you pointing out the issue, we will make appropriate changes. Regarding your question from the other submission, the appendices can be found at the links on the 22-25 TIP website just below the comment submission form button.</td>
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<td>RECOMMENDATION: Place higher priority and funding to projects in projected growth areas, which are to the northeast of Colorado Springs proper. REASON: Consistency with LTRP, other transportation plans, and projected county growth. The vast majority of projects are in the Colorado Springs city limits, but that is not where growth is occurring or projected as identified in the Moving Forward 2045 plan. RECOMMENDATION: Develop a map showing the where funding is allocated. REASON: Many of the projects outside Colorado Springs city limits reflect no funding. A simple list of the projects could give a misleading perception of priorities. RECOMMENDATION: Include a map of the projects REASON: It would help identify projects of interest to citizens and would help with comparisons to the Moving Forward plan and to other transportation and growth plans such as the El Paso County Major Transportation Corridors Plan, State plans, and others including Moving Forward 2045 RECOMMENDATION: Include references to the El Paso County Major Transportation Corridors Plan and an analysis of consistency with those priorities REASON: The MTCP guides the County's transportation priorities; see Map 13 in the MTCP and compare those priorities to the ones in the draft TIP</td>
<td>Thank you very much for your comments on the Draft FY 2022-2025 TIP. Your comment will be reviewed and considered before adoption of the final plan in August 2021. Please follow our progress and look for further opportunities for involvement by checking ppacg.org. We have also created and included a link to our eTIP that has an interactive map of the projects as suggested.</td>
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<td>Email from CDOT</td>
<td>CDOT region 2 is asking that the below listed projects be included in the Surface treatment pool. The region has had to make changes to the surface treatment plan to accommodate the effects of COVID shortfalls and region needs in prioritizing the allocated funds to the region due the SB 267 allocations and cost increases. The below listed projects reflect the CDOT allocations to the PPACG area for the 2022-2025 fiscal year time period. Region 2 is asking that the 2022-2025 TIP be updated to reflect the changes and additions to the surface treatment plan listed in the attachment.</td>
<td>We have made updates to the 22-25 TIP based on the most recent programming numbers from CDOT.</td>
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Draft of short-range regional transportation plan now open for public comment

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May 12, 2021
Residents can now review and comment on a new draft of the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments’ short-range regional transportation plan, the organization announced.

Through June 11, residents can submit their feedback on the draft 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program, a four-year plan that implements the goals laid out in the region’s long-range 20-year plan and identifies transportation and transit programs for which it will allocate federal, state and local dollars, officials said.

Among the projects identified in the draft plan are a series of improvements along Interstate 25, Colorado 94, South Academy Boulevard and Charter Oak Ranch Road that will make it easier and safer to get to military posts in the Colorado Springs area, as well as bridge repairs, signal replacements and widening of some of the region’s major thoroughfares.

The draft is available on the Pikes Peak Area Council of Government’s website, ppacg.org/transportation/transportation-improvement-program.
The Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments will also hold two virtual open houses on the draft plan, officials said.

The first is scheduled for Monday from 1-2 p.m. on Zoom: ppacg.zoom.us/j/92290180409?pwd=YU9OWVJBdWxoAG5KY3k2YU5sZzhmdz09.

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The agency will use comments on the plan during the approval process, officials said. All comments will be available on the council’s website after the comment period ends next month.

The Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Board of Directors will review the draft plan at a hearing scheduled for 9 a.m. July 14. Residents may comment on the proposed plan during the hearing. The board anticipates approving the plan on
Aug. 11, according to the organization’s website. If approved, it would be effective immediately until June 30, 2025, unless superseded by a new adopted plan, the website states.

The council currently meets virtually via Zoom due to COVID-19 concerns. Find meeting materials, including agendas and Zoom login information, online at ppacg.org/#1487196845691-72223d2d-557e under the “Download Board of Directors Meeting Materials” button.

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