

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (CTAB)
February 4, 2014
Transit Administration Building, 1015 Transit Drive

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Chairperson Nuwer called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.
Members present: Jim Egbert, Amy Filipiak, Rick Hoover, John Nuwer, Derek Phipps, Parry Thomas, Steve Murray, Gerrit Slatter, June Waller, and Brian Risley.
Members absent: David Tusler and Mary Washington (alt).
Staff present: Tim Roberts, Senior Transportation Planner; Kathleen Krager, Transportation Manager; Becky Moore, Senior Office Specialist; Craig Blewitt, Transit Services Manager; Lan Rao, Budget; Vicki McCann, PR and Marketing Supervisor; Angie Hoffman, Senior Budget Analyst; Brenda Roy, Analyst II; Katie Canfield, Analyst II; Kelly Giles, Intern.
Others present: Aubrey Hoover, LiveWell Colorado Springs; Courtney Stone, The Independence Center; Susan Davies, TOSC.
2. **CITIZEN COMMENT:** Brian Risley attended the last Cimarron Interchange aesthetics meeting. Between December and May there will be monthly meetings with Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT). Discussion ensued with Chairperson Nuwer requesting the CTAB agenda include a Cimarron Interchange update each month.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chairperson Nuwer opened approval of minutes for discussion. **Mr. Hoover motioned to approve the November 5th Meeting Minutes as presented and Mr. Slatter seconded, which passed unanimously. Mr. Egbert motioned to approve the December 3rd Meeting Minutes as presented and Mr. Risley seconded, which passed unanimously.** Absent: Steve Murray, Derek Phipps, Parry Thomas, June Waller, and David Tusler.
4. **PUBLIC WORKS DASHBOARD:**
 - A. **Dashboard** – Chairperson Nuwer opened the discussion and inquired about high balances within department budgets. Ms. Krager explained that the departments spend lower in the beginning of the year as managers need to plan on contingency expenses throughout the year. Chairperson Nuwer commented on the number of citizen contacts that is received by Traffic Engineering compared to the other divisions within Public Works.

Ms. Waller arrived at 1:51 PM
 - B. **Transit Report** – Mr. Blewitt highlighted achievements in Transit service and the resulting increase in ridership. Transit Day is being planned for May 9th, 2014. The first annual Transit Day in Colorado Springs is slated to have a variety of events to promote transit ridership, educate the public on ease to use public transit, and highlight the advantages of Transit. Ms. Waller commented about the lack of streetlights at some bus stops around town. She also mentioned that some of the bus driver's do not know all of the route information. Mr. Blewitt stated that the contractor hires and trains the bus drivers and that he'd check into her concerns.
5. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - A. **Airport Task Force** – Mr. Hoover stated there was no Airport meeting to report on.
 - B. **ATAC Update/BAC** – Mr. Roberts provided a status on the formation of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC). He mentioned the need to vote in a CTAB member and appointment of a chairperson for the ATAC group today in order to proceed with the selection of ATAC members and the interview process. His goal is to have an announcement calling for members of the community to apply for ATAC membership prior to the next CTAB meeting. Mr. Thomas spoke to the December discussion regarding Mr. Ramsay as chairperson of the ATAC and that he supported the idea. **Mr. Egbert motioned for Mr. Thomas to be the CTAB member on ATAC. Mr. Hoover seconded, which was unanimously approved. Mr. Thomas**

nominated Mr. Jim Ramsay to be the Chair of ATAC, Mr. Murray seconded, which was unanimously approved. Absent: Steve Murray, Derek Phipps, Parry Thomas, and David Tusler.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **PPACG Non-motorized Plan Update** – Mr. Roberts provided a brief status report of the Non-Motorized plan. He stated the consultant is meeting with the different local entities in the region during February. Mr. Roberts said that he will request a March presentation of the study from PPACG.
- B. **PPRTA/CAC Monthly Update** – Mr. Egbert stated that revenue is a bit behind projections but indicated that the budget reflected an increase over last year’s budget. He mentioned fleet vehicles were purchased with RTA monies and were maintained by the City but with Fleet being outsourced in 2014 that this action has brought up some issues for the RTA CAC. Additional discussion ensued.

Ms. Filipiak arrived at 2:37 PM

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **CIP Budget** – Chairperson Nuwer opened the discussion by introducing Ms. Hoffman. Ms. Hoffman provided the 5-Year CIP Budget presentation and distributed handouts. Mr. Egbert asked if the PPRTA Extension was used in these numbers in which Ms. Hoffman stated they weren’t as it included City funds only. Mr. Thomas asked if City of Champions was included in these numbers in which Ms. Hoffman stated they were not. Additional discussion ensued.
- B. **Front Range Rail Study** – Mr. Blewitt handed out slides from a previous CDOT presentation regarding statewide high speed commuter rail along both the Front Range and the I-70 corridors. His presentation focuses on the Front Range corridor. Discussion ensued with agreement that the City will need to begin planning for connections with this system. The study reflects that the Colorado Springs to Denver service was the most productive and promising. Discussion ensued with an understanding that the City will need to begin planning for the future commuter rail service.
- C. **Spring 2014 Transit Service Changes** – Mr. Blewitt discussed planned Mountain Metro transit service changes to both enhance and increase service. They are planned to be implemented over the next few months. Staff has held several public meetings receiving few public comments. Discussion ensued with positive feedback from the CTAB on the proposed changes.
- D. **2014 Transit Maintenance of Effort** – Mr. Egbert introduced the item and provided background of the PPRTA CAC discussion on this topic. CTAB members discussed how the reduction of City contributions toward transit could damage the voter’s perception of Mountain Metro since they are the only ones who are not meeting the Maintenance of Effort agreement which was part of the PPRTA proposal. Mr. Blewitt stated that the initial problem was the budget cuts beginning in 2009 – 2010. Of the \$25 million in reductions due to the shortfall in City revenue, \$18 million came from Transit and Parks. Mr. Blewitt pointed out that when the PPRTA began, the City was actually contributing more than what the 2004 funding levels were at. Accounting for years where the City exceeded the Maintenance of Effort amount along with the years where the funding levels were less, the overall deficit is quite less than described by some members of the CAC. Discussion ensued with Mr. Hoover making a motion for CTAB to draft a memo to City Council and the Mayor supporting Transit’s budget equal the amount identified in the 2004 Maintenance of Effort agreement. The Motion failed for lack of a second. Additional discussion ensued with no formal action taken.

Mr. Thomas left at 3:30 PM* *Mr. Risley left at 4 PM

8. STAFF AND BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairperson Nuwer stated that the Street Department is doing a great job on keeping the roadways clear. Chairperson Nuwer requested that Mr. Farkas provide a presentation to CTAB. Mr. Roberts informed the Board that the meeting next month will be held at the City Administration Building (CAB), Room 102, instead of at the Transit Administration building.

February 13th City staff will be presenting to the Parks Board the completion of 2013 bicycle projects and the planned 2014 projects. Chairperson Nuwer asked if the CTAB could be provided the same presentation. Ms. Filipiak will be working for PPCC as a Professor and will be resigning from the CTAB due to time constraints but that she would be able to continue her participation with the PPRTA CAC.

9. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE AND TOPICS:

The next CTAB meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. City Administration Building, at 30 S. Nevada Avenue, Rm. 102. Mr. Roberts will pursue the following topics for next month: Mr. Farkas Streets presentation, Bicycle Projects update, N Nevada plan/EOZ, Cragmoor North Parking Plan, and Fillmore DDI discussion.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Nuwer adjourned the meeting at 4:21 PM.

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