

MEETING MINUTES
CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (CTAB)
March 4, 2014
City Administration Building located at 30 S. Nevada Ave in RM 102

I. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM: Meeting came to order at 1:34 PM.

Members Present: Jim Egbert, Rick Hoover, Steve Murray, John Nuwer, Derek Phipps, Parry Thomas, David Tusler, and June Waller.

Members Absent: Amy Filipiak, Gerrit Slatter, and Mary Washington (alt).

Staff Present: Dave Lethbridge, Acting Public Works Director; Tim Roberts, Sr. Transportation Planner; Kathleen Krager, Transportation Manager; Becky Moore, Sr. Office Specialist; Craig Blewitt, Transit Manager; Corey Farkas, Streets Division Manager; Dave Scalfri, Operations Manager; Ryan Phipps, Civil Engineer II; Bryan Shevock, Traffic Technician II; Mary Launer, Intern, Kelly Giles, Intern.

Others Present: Courtney Stone, The Independence Center; Susan Davies and Bill Koerner, TOSC; Richard Sullivan, Citizen; Aubrey Hoover and Jessica Daniel, LiveWell C/S; Dave VanDerWege, C/S Cycling Club; Doug Bursnall, Citizen; Scott Asher, Wilson & Co.; Brian Vitulli and Emily Lindsey, PPACG; Dave Watt, CDOT; Mark Andrew, CDOT.

II. CITIZEN COMMENT: No citizen comment.

Susan Davies asked if the CTAB would be involved with the "City for Champions" project. Chairperson Nuwer asked staff if CTAB could have an agenda regarding this project. Ms. Krager stated that City staff will be coming to CTAB with some presentations soon. Ms. Davies also provided a summary of the Bicycle Summit in Denver. Ms. Davies mentioned Colorado is the number two state in Health in the USA, with the number one state being Washington.

Chairperson Nuwer asked if he could get a motion to move Item VII B up to just after approval of the minutes.

Mr. Egbert motioned to approve moving the item, Mr. Murray seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Absent: Amy Filipiak, Gerrit Slatter, Dave Tusler, and Mary Washington (alt.).

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. Chairperson Nuwer opened approval of minutes for discussion or motion. **Mr. Egbert motioned to approve the February 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes as presented in the agenda packet and Mr. Murray seconded, which passed unanimously.** Absent: Amy Filipiak, Gerrit Slatter, Dave Tusler, and Mary Washington (alt.).

Mr. Hoover and Mr. Murray arrived at 1:38 PM before the motion for approval of minutes

IV. PUBLIC WORKS DASHBOARD:

- A. **Dashboard** – Chairperson Nuwer was pleased with the shorter Dashboard in the packet this month.
B. **Transit Report** – Mr. Blewitt discussed some highlights of the report in the agenda packet.

V. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **Airport Task Force** – Mr. Hoover discussed the article in the newspaper about Frontier Airlines expanding passenger service in Colorado Springs. He also asked Ms. Neumann if CTAB could have a non-active seat on the Airport Board. Since he did not receive a response prior to her last day he will now contact Mr. Cox.
B. **ATAC Update/BAC** – Mr. Roberts mentioned the announcement for ATAC membership is out with the deadline to apply being March 11. The interview panel has been set with questions established. We are looking for 7 members total with several applications already received.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **PPACG Non-Motorized Plan Update** – Mr. Vitulli provided an update of the Non-Motorized Plan. The plan will address the entire system within the Pikes Peak Region. The Plan is updated every 4 years in tandem with the PPACG Long Range Plan. The project website is www.walkbikeconnect.org and will be maintained by PPACG even after the study is completed. There has been great stakeholder input so far with mobility, connectivity, and constructability being three key elements identified from the process.
- B. **PPRTA/CAC Monthly Update** – Mr. Egbert provided an overview of the PPRTA CAC report with the key discussion from the meeting being the Maintenance of Effort agreement. Prior to the meeting, Mr. Egbert put together a recommendation to the committee suggesting a letter be written to the City stating:
The General Fund Budget for the City of Colorado Springs does not meet the 2004 non-PPRTA spending baseline of \$5,717,814. In 2004, voters were clearly promised that, if passed, the new PPRTA sales tax would provide an additional, but not replacement, source of public transit funds. We request the City to prepare and publish a transit funding plan, for a specific time period that will result in annual City General Fund expenditures achieving and then sustaining transit at an amount equal or greater than \$5,717,814. It is very important to honor past commitments to voters, who represent some 94% of El Paso County's total population.
 The motion was very well received by the CAC with unanimous support to forward to the PPRTA Board. The PPRTA Board agreed with the motion but after Legislative Session postponed any formal action or response until their April meeting.
- C. **Cimarron/I-25 Project Update** – Mr. Watt presented the I-25 Interchange Design Build Project at Cimarron Street. This project is consistent with the Environmental Assessment which had been approved several years ago. The reconstruction project will improve safety and increase capacity at this interchange. The management team has come up with 4 major goals for this project. The project will include a better trail network that is compatible with the trails master plan. **Mr. Hoover motions the relocation of Midland Trail along Fountain Creek is supported by the Board, Mr. Risley seconds the motion, which passes unanimously.** Absent: Amy Filipiak, Gerrit Slatter, and Mary Washington (alt).

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **PPACG/City of Colorado Springs 5310/5317 Project Selection** – Mr. Vitulli presented the project selection process, the scoring and the funding recommendations for 5310 and 5317 FTA funds.
- B. **Streets Presentation** – This item was moved to be heard after the Citizen Comment section. Mr. Farkas discussed key changes in the Streets Division and their plowing overlay operations. The plowing setup is now on a priority system instead of Primary and Secondary routes for weather events including increased liquid treatment and routing and sequencing of snow plows. They also consider Hot Spot locations in residential areas, especially north facing areas that do not get as much sun. They have split the City into 4 grids and focus Chip and Slurry, Overlay, Pre-overlay Concrete, and Concrete surface maintenance in each area to reduce mobilization costs.

Mr. Tusler arrived at 2:00 PM after Mr. Farkas' item

- C. **2013 and 2014 Bicycle Projects** – Mr. Shevock presented the projects implemented in 2013 and the planned bicycle projects for 2014. In the 2014 Proposed Striping Process the intent is to close a lot of gaps in the bicycle system. Ms. Krager asked if Brian would calculate what the mileage is for connecting bike lanes vs. the resurfacing bike lanes and send that in an email to the Board. Mr. Shevock ran a video about the new bike racks the City will be installing around the City.
- D. **Cragmoor North Parking Permits** – Mr. Roberts the second Parking Permit Program for the City. He discussed the public process and the implementation plan. The new restrictions should be in place by May.

Mr. Risley and Mr. Thomas left at 4:00 PM

E. **Fillmore DDI Discussion** – This item was tabled to the April meeting.

VIII. Staff and Board Member Communications:

Ms. Krager mentioned the issue of snow on the signal visors and she stressed that if you cannot see the red signal treat it as a 4-way stop. Foggy days present a concern for some the detection systems, but we have written in an algorithm to help with this issue. There has been a lot of concern regarding a 3-way stop at Parkview and Mira, in case the CTAB hears about it.

Chairperson Nuwer mentioned Ms. Filipiak has left and the need to appoint another Vice Chairperson.

Ms. Moore presented the new layout of the Agenda and Meeting Minutes.

IX. Next Meeting Schedule and Topics: The next meeting of CTAB will be scheduled for Tuesday, April 1st, 2014 at 1:30 PM at Transit Administration, 1015 Transit Drive, in the large conference room.

X. Adjournment: Chairperson Nuwer adjourned the meeting at 4:21 PM.

Submitted by Becky Moore Senior Office Specialist City of Colorado Springs