

MEETING MINUTES
CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (CTAB)

May 6, 2014

Transit Administration Building located at 1015 Transit Drive, Large Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM: Meeting came to order at 1:32 PM.

Members Present: Jim Egbert, Rick Hoover, Steve Murray, John Nuwer, Derek Phipps, Brian Risley, Parry Thomas, June Waller, and Mary Washington (alt).

Members Absent: Gerrit Slatter and David Tusler

Staff Present: Tim Roberts, Sr. Transportation Planner; Kathleen Krager, Transportation Manager; and Kelly Giles, Intern.

Others Present: S. Marsh, Citizen; Al Brody, Bicycle Colorado; Walter Ernst, Ernst & Associates; and Lisa Bachman, Bachman PR.

II. CITIZEN COMMENT: Mr. Brody invited the Board to the June 25th Bike to Work Day and mentioned Executive Order 13150 encouraging military commuters to use the Transit system. He would also like to invite the new ATAC members to go on a field trip to some other cities in the state and he would be willing to host the trip. Ms. Bachman invited the CTAB Members to attend the next I-25/Cimarron Public Meeting. She also asked the Board members who would like to receive the email updates about the project to sign up on a paper she provided.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. No meeting minutes presented.

IV. PUBLIC WORKS DASHBOARD:

A. **Dashboard** – The Dashboard was presented in the agenda packet; however, Mr. Roberts brought an update to the Board. Chairperson Nuwer mentioned the new www.ColoradoSprings.gov website.

B. **Transit Report** – The report was presented in the agenda packet. Chairperson Nuwer wanted to remind everyone about the upcoming Bike to Work Day in June and the wonderful events that Transit is working on around the community. He suggests that the other Board members sign up for the Transit newsletter.

V. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. **Airport Task Force** – Mr. Hoover gave an update from the Airport Task Force Committee meeting. He provided details of how the airport is doing in regards to ridership and with commercial enterprise. He also discussed the negative impacts the current sales tax is having on the airports business. After much discussion the CTAB decided to send a letter to City Council supporting the Airport Task Force Committee's recommendation to eliminate the sales tax. **Ms. Waller motioned to send a letter from the CTAB to City Council expressing CTABs support of eliminating the sales tax for the airport with Mr. Egbert seconding the motions.** Mr. Thomas suggested an amendment to the motion to add wording speaking to the Boards concern for the decrease in boarding or some additional language to emphasis the financial impact to the airport currently. The final wording was **"CTAB supports the elimination of the sales tax for the following three reasons: 1) The negative impact of the tax on the Airport and the local economy, 2) To encourage corporate and general aviation groups to stay at the Colorado Springs Airport, 3) A strong Airport is important to be competitive and viable to the community and transportation systems."** Ms. Waller amends her motion to the wording Mr. Roberts suggests. Mr. Egbert seconded the motion; which passed unanimously. Absent: Gerrit Slater and David Tusler.

ATAC Update/BAC – Mr. Roberts distributed the listing of the ATAC members that were selected throught the interview process. There were 16 applicants with Mr. Roberts, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Thomas, and Chairperson Nuwer interviewing the candidates. Recommendations for the ATAC are:

Regular Members: Aubrey Hoover, Adrian Rullett, Adam Nubern, Heather Graves, Stephanie Surch, Doug Bursnall, and Natan Iven.

Alternate Members: Bonnie Johnson, Joe Souvignier, Jim Fladland, and Jesse Ward.

No applications were received from Council District 6, but there are representatives from each of the other 5 districts. Chairperson Nuwer asked if the Board was ok with moving Item VII C to facilitate the vote for members and everyone agreed to the move. **Mr. Murray motioned to approve the suggested list of members and alternates, Mr. Hoover seconded the motion; which passed unanimously.** Absent: Gerritt Slatter and David Tusler. Mr. Roberts will set up the first meeting of ATAC by the end of the month.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **PPACG Non-Motorized Plan Update** – Mr. Roberts provided a brief status of the Non-motorized Plan. Corridors will be prioritized by the consultant using 17 criteria and the top 10 will be developed for detailed improvements and cost estimates. Ms. Davies mentions that the corridors in the city need to get people from where they are to where they want to go and make this plan visionary for the future.
- B. **PPRTA/CAC Monthly Update** – Mr. Egbert reviewed revenue approaching the end of the PPRTA 1. Since the PPRTA budgets do not recognize money that is encumbered or contracts with citizens or contractors there is currently no money to signalize Vincent and Dublin which was promised to the neighborhood earlier this year. The PPRTA Board at the request of the CAC had swept money from other projects for signals and striping. Ms. Krager states that she is going to go to the Board and the CAC to discuss these issues with them and request that they reconsider the sweeping of these funds as the full impact was not evident at the meeting in which the sweeping of funds occurred. Ms. Krager handed out information on the 2014 Budget for PPRTA that has been accepted by the RTA Board.
- C. **Cimarron/I-25 Project Update** – CDOT is in the process of selecting consultants for the design/build project. The Aesthetic Team is doing a great job working on making this into “THE” gateway into the downtown Colorado Springs.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Stormwater Task Force** – Mr. Risley provided a presentation to the board regarding the status of the Stormwater Task Force (STF) and what their responsibilities would be. Information regarding the STF can be found at www.pikespeastormwater.org.
- B. **W Colorado Avenue Project** – Mr. Murray provided a presentation regarding this project and the action plan. The Discussion included the support for a 3-lane cross section, funding from both CDOT and PPRTA II.
- C. **Approval of ATAC Representatives and Alternates** – Chairperson Nuwer moved this item up to V B.

VIII. Staff and Board Member Communications: Mr. Roberts informed the Board of Mr. Dave Krauths’ wife passing and that the funeral was the following day.

Chairperson Nuwer mentioned a Gazette article about the worst crash sites in the City.

Ms. Washington discussed an Independent letter to the editor section from April regarding El Paso County sprawl being larger than Denver County and how that affects the transit in our community. Chairperson Nuwer asked if a staff member from Transit could attend and speak to this issue in an upcoming meeting.

IX. Next Meeting Schedule and Topics: The next meeting of CTAB will be scheduled for Tuesday, June 3rd, 2014 at 1:30 PM at Transit Administration, 1015 Transit Drive, in the large conference room.

X. Adjournment: Chairperson Nuwer adjourned the meeting at 4:38 PM.

Submitted by Becky Moore Senior Office Specialist City of Colorado Springs