

Central Front Range Transportation Planning Region

January 8, 2024

Canon City, Colorado Town Hall

In-person attendees: Samantha Hughes, Caleb Patterson, Dwayne McFall, Leo Evans, Andrea Stein, Scott Dodge, Ray Douglas

Online attendees: Amber Shipley, Diana VanAuken, Geoff Gutherie, Jamie Grim, Jason Nelson, Jessica Bechtel, John Hall, Kasey Dykes, Kathleen Collins, Lachelle Davis, Lindsey Jaquez, Mike Davis, Pepper Whittlef, Richard Elsner, Rob Frei, Ronni Gordon, Laura Crews, Ted Schwietzer, Shane Ferguson, Hannah Parsons, Crystal Armendariz

Called to order at 10:01 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: Leo Evans moves to approve the agenda. It is seconded and moved to approve the agenda.

Inter-Governmental Agency Agreement discussions/ Bylaws Discussion: Participants discussed the Transportation Commission's suggestions for updating governing documents. Discussed who is currently on the IGA. Currently missing on the IGA for municipality involvement are Alma, Calhan, Coalcreek, Silvercliffe, Rockvale, Florence, and Williamsburg. Jamie Grim updates on the suggestions from the TPR boundary study, suggestions for updating Bylaws and IGA. Richard Elsner brings up Bylaw concern with PPACG and the MPO and the representation on STAC. Jamie Grimm emphasized importance of spreading representation across different areas. Jamie Grimm also explains that statute requires that there is an active transit provider as a voting member and this needs to be added to the Bylaws.

Election of Officers: Dwayne McFall initiates the election process for Chair of the TPR. Motion for Commission McFall to remain Chair it was moved and seconded. Dwayne McFall designates Commissioner Elsner as the STAC representative again. Commissioner Elsner suggests that there be an alternate as his term is coming to an end soon.

CDOT Agenda-

Legislative Update/ TPR Boundary update: Jamie Grim gives the update discussing the submission of boundary recommendations to the Transportation Commission and the upcoming rule making process. Hannah Parsons updates and explains Broadband Right of Way. She explains the legal obligation to charge fair market value for their use.

CDOT project update: John Hall gives the update and progress and expected completion dates for several active projects. HWY 9 and 285 in Fairplay under construction, on budget and on schedule. Bridge construction has some delays due to winter conditions. CO 115 west of Ft. Carson expected to be completed fall 2024 as construction has slowed due to winter conditions. CO 115 and HWY 50 roundabout project is awarded, construction begins spring 2023. Bridge Bundle project nearly completed for the region. Chain up stations at Kenosha and Hosier are still waiting for lighting controls and final hook ups, but near completion. US 50 and 8 mile hill safety improvements project is in design and hoping to start in 2025. Seeking a grant up to \$25 million for this project for additional paving and

barriers. Shane Ferguson further discusses the grant and the safety needs reasons to pursue the grant. Crystal Armendariz introduces herself and explains that she will be asking for letters of support for this project. John Hall continues the update with HWY 67 in Woodland park improvements, getting final clearances and advertising and working with PPACG for funding. US 50A from Coaldale to Salida resurfacing project waiting for Transportation Commission approval. Paving HWY 24 East has slowed down due to funding, bid savings and projects not falling off to fund the project. Hoping to advertise this fall and for 2025 construction. John Hall discussed some of the longer term projects on the 10 year plan.

Local Agency Updates/ STAC Udate: Leo Evans gives Canon City update. HWY 50 pedestrian crossing project expected to be completed around May 2024. Funding should be able to cover entire project. HWY 50 lighting considering different lighting options. Safe Routes to School in design and ready to bid. Multi Modal Plan ready for public survey. Commissioner Elsner gives Park County update/ **STAC update**. Commissioner Elsner states that Colorado ranks 47th in the country in the conditions of our interconnecting highway systems. Problem believed to be lack of funding to be maintained. No major issues to be concerned about. No issues Hosier Pass slide but not convinced it's fixed yet. Contract awarded for bike path from Fairplay to Alma. Dianna VanAuken gives Cripple Creek update. Senior Teller Coalition provides transportation services for anyone, not just the senior population. They provide services to Eastern Park County including Guffy and Lake George, Teller County, Western El Paso County. Services go into Colorado Springs, air port rides, medical rides. They have 12 vehicles and are providing many rides. MMOF funding has been utilized for services providing a deviated rural bus route throughout Teller County, eastern Park County and Western El Paso County and it is going well. Also received MMOF transit van granted and in process. Pending MMOF bus planning grant results. No one to give an update for rural El Paso County. Lachelle Davis update on remainder of Local Agency updates on material provided. Off System Bridge awards came out late December 2023. Awardees are Fremont County for repairs on 8 mile bridge, Rockvale to replace Mesa and Oak Avenue bridge. Lachelle was unable to complete her update due to connection issue. Leo Evans adds to update in Lachelle's place. HSIP call for projects for safety projects for local agencies is open until end of February 2024.

Maintenance Update: Mike Davis gives CDOT maintenance update. Stabilization issue on HWY 67, mile marker 63.9, able to get in and worked with a contractor on that project. Park County and Teller County usual winter maintenance.

Transit Update: Geoff Guthrie gives Transit Update. Explains updated outrider graphs. Highlights: Crested Butte to Denver 21% increase from last year, ridership at 16,000 for the first 11 months of 2023 a 76% increase over two years before. Alamosa to Pueblo, CDOT and City of Canon City came to resolution for a new stop at Veterans Memorial Park, ridership numbers are nearly the same from 2022. This route has vehicle maintenance issues that are being worked through. Fairplay preparing to apply for Capital Call for Projects for a new transit storage facility.

CDOT Headquarter Update/ TC Update: Kathleen Collins gives the update. STAC: Bridge and Tunnel Enterprise working on a bonding program to fund major projects, hoping to be approved this month. 2050 Transportation Plan will begin in 2024. https://www.codot.gov/programs/planning/assets/stac-archives/2024-stac-materials/january_2024_materials (link to presentations and materials).

STIP Update: Rob Frei ACTION ITEM: Add to FY 2028 RPP Funding: State HWY 69 Children Safety improvement in Custer County, \$400,000.00. Chairman McFall entertains a motion, moved to amend

the STIP to include HWY 69 project in the amount of \$400,000.00, seconded, no objections. Action item approved.

Next meeting April 8, 2024 Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments.

Meeting Adjourned