

## Central Front Range Transportation Planning Region

April 8, 2024

### Colorado Springs, Colorado- Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments

Online attendees: Dannell Miller, Hannah Parsons, Jessica Bechtel, Kasey Dykes, Kathy Lowery, Scott Dodge, Scott Skinner, Victoria Chavez.

In person attendees: Leo Evans, Geoff Guthrie, Lindsey Jaquez, Samantha Hughes, Dwayne McFall, Richard Elsner, Jason Nelson, Lachelle Davis, Kathleen Collins, Tess Richey, Max Hanson, Eric Stone, Shane Ferguson, Rob Frei, John Hall, Mack Word, Laura Crews, Connie Dodrill, Mary Wagner, Mike Smith, Nick Bredsnoyden, Dianna VanAuken, Caleb Patterson, William Lobery, Chad White.

Legislative update: Kathleen Collins gives the update. She gives an overview of the TPR Boundary Study for new members and how the Transportation Commission is making a decision in May 2024 on what will be adopted related to that study. Commissioner Parsons adds that she was asked to be on a rule making committee and was involved in a public hearing that was previously held. She mentioned that there is possible push back on term limits. There is a meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup> for public comment. Kathleen Collins continues with the draft By-Laws based on the previous By-Laws from 2017 with red line edits and updates. Kathleen goes through each suggested update and red lines for comment and review with members in attendance. This topic was open for comments and suggestions and will remain until the July 8, 2024 meeting.

CDOT Project updates: John Hall gives the update. 5 active projects with the CFR. All active projects are anticipated to be completed in 2024. HWY 9 and 285 coming off of winter free time. Deck has been poured on this project, next phase to start in the coming months. HWY 115 West of Colorado Springs also coming off of winter free time. HWY 50 east of Salida awarded and should be in May. This project includes nearly \$20 million in bridge, resurfacing and guardrail work. HWY 115 and HWY 50 roundabout project awarded and expected to begin in April 2024. US24G east of Woodman through Peyton resurfacing project is in the process of being awarded. US 285 Kenosha Pass and CO9 Hoosier Pass chain up station projects near completion; waiting for lighting control. Region 2 Bridge Bundle project also near completion; waiting for final paving. Other projects to note: 8 Mile Hill project, submitted a \$25 million RAISE grant application. CO67D Woodland Park improvements project, bids came in too high in February bid opening, unable to award; plans to re-advertise in the fall.

CDOT Local Agency updates: Leo Evans gives Canon City update. Pedestrian improvement project on US50 expected completion by Memorial Day. US50 lighting improvements; agreements signed with Black Hills Energy for installations, working with CDOT environmental

team to get the project moving forward. Sidewalk improvements along 9<sup>th</sup> street Safe Routes to School project, working on bid advertising. Rehab on 4 mile bridge, still in planning. MMOF plan, creating a MMOF master plan for entire city of Canon City is in design. Bump-outs on main street IGA executed and reviewed. Commissioner McFall gives Fremont County update. Grandview bridge update, bid awarded, came in over \$1million over budget, was able to find more grant money. Commissioner Elsner gives Park County update. Fairplay river walk project bids should be advertised. Bike path Fairplay/ Alma in design, coming in a bit more expensive as it will be used as an emergency road. Lachelle gives CDOT update. Westcliffe projects should begin construction this summer. Gold Belt shelf road trail planning in design. Calhan sidewalk improvements project awarded additional funding for ADA ramps. Custer County side walk improvements project in design. Cripple Creek's City Park project in design. Geoff Guthrie gives MMOF grant funding update. FY 24'-27' funding availability is \$1,126,825. CDOT suggests the TPR conduct a call for projects with 24'-25' funding being accessible now with CDOT being available with the grant application process. Suggested to start the call at the July 2024 meeting, advertising through the summer 2024. There were no objections from the members in attendance. Commissioner Stone gives Teller County update. Commissioner Stone takes time to thank CDOT maintenance for their hard work during the previous heavy winter stone. Dianna VanAuken gives an update from Teller Senior Coalition. States that they received MMOF funding for a deviated bus route, and also states that it is very successful. Awaiting funding that was awarded for a new transit van. Applied for a bus shelter planning grand pending results. Scott Dodge gives a Fairplay update. Brings up maintenance concerns, pot holes near chain up station and shoulder issues on edge of HWY 9. Bridge project is going well and relationship and communication with contractor is excellent. Brings up resurfacing need on HWY 9 Main Street through the town of Fairplay and asking for that to be considered.

Maintenance update: Chad White gives the update. Preparing staffing and shifts for a small snow storm. Planning pot hole patching in the Fairplay area and paving project after July 1<sup>st</sup>. Frontage Road in Canon City, plans to continue overlaying that road. Highway preservation; potholes are number one priority, next priority is update guardrails. Highway 115 in Penrose where chunks have sunken in, seeking funding to raise those panels. HWY67 machine overlaying in July to hold over until project begins. Begin weed spraying to get ahead of weed growth.

Headquarters update: Kathleen Collins gives this update. Introduces Tess Richey Planning Liason, Sifa Marthalato Communications Specialist for accessibility web products. Clarifies that STAC in April was postponed was because financial data was not available; there is a good chance that program distribution discussions for TC will likely happen in May rather than April.

Planning updates: Rob Frei gives the update. Will be reaching out to Commissioners and Municipalities for a State of the Region Address and how those will be conducted, some counties consolidated together, some separate. 2050 long range plan update, schedule should

come out later summer/ fall 2024; these meetings are separate from TPR meetings but related and requesting comments and attendance for those meetings.

Transportation Planning Commission update: no update as Hannah Parsons had to leave the call.

Next meeting in Fairplay, Colorado July 8<sup>th</sup> 2024

Meeting Adjourned at 11:21 a.m.