



Colorado Springs

El Paso County

Manitou Springs

Green Mountain Falls

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 11, 2007 - 1:30 p.m.
PPACG Main Conference Room
15 S. 7th Street, Colorado Springs**

MEMBERS PRESENT

El Paso County Directors

Commissioner Wayne Williams, Vice Chair

Commissioner Sallie Clark

Commissioner Dennis Hisey

City of Manitou Springs Director

Mayor Pro Tem Marc Snyder

City of Colorado Springs Directors

Vice Mayor Larry Small, Chair

Councilmember Jerry Heimlicher

Mayor Lionel Rivera

Town of Green Mountain Falls Director

Mayor Tyler Stevens

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. John Christofferson, Legal Counsel

Mr. Rob MacDonald, Board Secretary

Ms. Barb Louricas, Recording Secretary

Ms. Beverly Majewski, Finance Manager

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, Program/Contracts Manager

Citizens and staff from member governments

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

Colorado Springs Director Larry Small established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

El Paso County Director Wayne Williams made a motion to approve the agenda. El Paso County Director Sallie Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 14, 2007 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Green Mountain Falls Director Dick Bratton was called to the table to serve as the alternate until Green Mountain Falls Director Tyler Stevens arrived.

Colorado Springs Director Lionel Rivera made a motion to approve the minutes. Colorado Springs Director Jerry Heimlicher seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MONTHLY REPORT

Mr. Tom Harold, Chair of the PPRTA Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), indicated that Mr. Bruce Barbarick, a subcontractor of Schmidt Construction addressed the CAC regarding timely payment of invoices to PPRTA contractors and subcontractors. Mr. Harold discussed items that were discussed at the PPRTA CAC meeting. Mr. Harold indicated that the Town of Green Mountain Falls made a presentation on their maintenance of effort and the PPRTA CAC accepted the report indicating that Green Mountain Falls is making a good faith effort with their maintenance of effort expenditures.

El Paso County Director Wayne Williams said that there is an effort to promptly process PPRTA invoices.

Green Mountain Falls Director Tyler Stevens arrived at 1:40 p.m. and Green Mountain Falls Alternate Director Dick Bratton took a seat in the audience.

El Paso County Director Sallie Clark inquired about PPRTA funds being requested by the City of Colorado Springs related to Fire Station 8. Mr. Ron Mitchell, Colorado Springs Public Works Director, indicated that the project is roadway safety/traffic congestion for the intersection near Fire Station 8 and not for the Fire Station. El Paso County Director Clark requested further information by email from Mr. Mitchell.

6. 2007 CAPITAL, MAINTENANCE, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, AND ADMINISTRATION CONTRACTS

El Paso County

Mr. John McCarty, El Paso County Department of Transportation, requested the approval of two contracts.

1. Mountain View Electric, Capital (Struthers Road Extension/Jackson Creek), \$71,000
2. Qwest, Capital (Struthers Road Extension/Jackson Creek), \$188,651.29

Colorado Springs Director Lionel Rivera made a motion to approve two contracts for El Paso County. El Paso County Director Sallie Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. John Christofferson arrived at 1:45 p.m.

City of Colorado Springs

Mr. Ron Mitchell, City of Colorado Springs Public Works Director, requested the approval of five contracts:

1. AV-Tech Electronics, Maintenance (Roadway Safety & Traffic Operations), \$16,840
2. Gades Sales Company, Inc., Maintenance (Roadway Safety & Traffic Operations), \$39,900
3. Colorado Strijpe Wright, Ltd., Capital and Maintenance (Roadway Safety & Traffic Operations), \$50,000
4. United Rentals Highway Technologies, Inc., Capital and Maintenance (Roadway Safety & Traffic Operations), \$50,000
5. Land America Title Insurance Co., Capital (South Metro Accessibility—Phase 1: Milton Proby), \$1,160,000

El Paso County Director Wayne Williams inquired about the purchase price appraisal process of Item Number 5. Mr. Ron Mitchell confirmed that the purchase at the intersection of Hancock Expressway and Drennan Road conformed to the City of Colorado Springs appraisal process.

El Paso County Director Wayne Williams made a motion to approve five contracts for the City of Colorado Springs and that Contract Number 5 (Land America Title Insurance Co. Real Estate Contract) include provisions regarding the contract being subject to the PPRTA appropriation of funds clause and also that the PPRTA not be liable for anything in the contract. Colorado Springs Director Jerry Heimlicher seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Administrative Services Change of Scope for Public Outreach

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, PPRTA Program and Contracts Manager, requested approval of Change Authorization No. 1 for Additional Scope of Services in the PPACG and PPRTA Administrative Services Contract. Change Authorization No. 1 includes the 2007 PPRTA Public Outreach Program that was approved at the March 14, 2007 PPRTA Board of Directors meeting. A budget amendment will be required for the PPRTA Administrative Services Budget for approximately \$27,000, \$26,000 for a mass mailing of the PPRTA annual report and \$1,000 for software for website related upgrades.

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg reported that the PPACG Board approved Change Authorization No. 1 at their meeting on April 11, 2007.

Green Mountain Falls Director Tyler Stevens made a motion to approve Change Authorization No. 1 for Additional Scope of Services in the PPACG and PPRTA Administrative Services Contract. Colorado Springs Director Jerry Heimlicher seconded the motion.

El Paso County Director Wayne Williams indicated that the El Paso County fee for the database for the mass mailing was waived by the County Clerk Robert Balink.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Financial Reports

Ms. Beverly Majewski, PPRTA Financial Manager, reported that the February sales and use tax revenues were \$4,995,700, which is \$256,540 behind budget. Ms. Majewski said that page 2 contains a comparison of 2005, 2006 and 2007 revenues. Ms. Majewski said that year-to-date interest earnings are \$807,545, which is \$192,455 behind annual budget, but \$558,000 ahead of budget to-date.

Capital Projects Completion Signs

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg said that the PPRTA CAC is recommending to postpone consideration of this issue.

Website Enhancements

Mr. Brian L.A. Wess reported that the PPRTA CAC Subcommittee on Public Outreach is working on three goals to improve public outreach: website enhancements, public outreach events, and other avenues to improve public communication. Mr. Wess, PPRTA CAC member, gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the PPRTA website enhancements.

Mr. Brian L.A. Wess gave examples of several websites that the subcommittee found in their research. Mr. Wess explained that the websites were well laid out, user friendly and contained a lot of information. Mr. Wess requested that the PPRTA Board approve the enhancements to the PPRTA website that have been recommended by the PPRTA CAC Subcommittee for Public Outreach and the full PPRTA CAC.

El Paso County Director Wayne Williams made a motion to approve the proposed PPRTA website enhancements recommended by the PPRTA CAC. El Paso County Director Sallie Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Staff Field Review Report

There were no questions.

8. OTHER REPORTS

City of Colorado Springs Request for Budget Transfer Between Capital Projects

Mr. Rob Kidder, City of Colorado Springs City Engineering, requested that the PPRTA Board approve the transfer of \$150,000 from the Austin Bluffs Parkway/Nevada Avenue Capital Project to the Fillmore (Hancock Avenue to Union Boulevard) Capital Project. The Austin Bluffs Parkway/Union Avenue project is completed with remaining funds and the transfer is requested because of unstable sub grade areas at the intersection of Fillmore/Union Boulevard.

El Paso County Director Wayne Williams made a motion to approve the transfer of \$150,000 from the Austin Bluffs Parkway/Nevada Avenue Capital Project to the Fillmore (Hancock Avenue to Union Boulevard) Capital Project. Colorado Springs Director Jerry Heimlicher seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Maintenance of Effort Report Update From Green Mountain Falls

Mr. Dick Bratton, Town of Green Mountain Falls Mayor Pro Tem, asked for questions. There were no questions.

El Paso County Director Wayne Williams made a motion to accept the updated Maintenance of Effort Report from the Town of Green Mountain Falls. El Paso County Director Dennis Hisey seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Dick Bratton said that the citizens of the Town of Green Mountain Falls appreciate the funding of the PPRTA that has helped the Town of Green Mountain Falls.

City of Colorado Springs Woodmen Road Corridor Improvement Project

Mr. Rob Kidder, Colorado Springs City Engineering, gave a PowerPoint presentation that provided an update on several PPRTA Capital Projects for the City of Colorado Springs.

Union Boulevard/Austin Bluffs Parkway Interchange

Mr. Rob Kidder reported that a bridge will be constructed on Austin Bluffs Parkway over Union Boulevard. Lawrence Construction began construction in January 2007. Mr. Kidder said that work is currently being performed on every corner of the project. A frontage road is being constructed from Cragwood Drive to the traffic signal at Meadow Lane for safety reasons. Mr. Kidder said there are improvements also planned to the trail system around the intersection and improvements to the Transit System.

Woodmen Road/Academy Boulevard Intersection

Mr. Rob Kidder reported that the project is in the final design stage from I-25 to Powers Boulevard. Phase I of the project will be from Campus Drive to east of Bell Drive. The budget is \$100 million from multiple funding sources of federal, City, and PPRTA funds. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was received from the Environmental Assessment.

Mr. Rob Kidder said Woodmen Road will be raised ten feet to go over Academy Boulevard which will be lowered ten feet at the intersection. Mr. Kidder said that traffic problems will be addressed and corrected at York Road where drivers were trying to go south onto Academy Boulevard. There will be a frontage road constructed at the shopping center on the southwest corner of the intersection.

Mr. Rob Kidder said that the construction design will continue throughout 2007 and a contractor is expected to be chosen in early 2008.

Cimarron Street Bridge over Conejos Street

Mr. Rob Kidder said that the project is no longer a part of COSMIX. The project is currently in the design phase with construction bids taking place in September and the construction phase beginning in October on the south side. The south side is anticipated to be completed by the Spring. Construction will then start on the north side to be completed by 2008. The bridge will have enhanced bicycle/pedestrian lanes and upgraded aesthetics. Mr. Kidder reported that street improvements to Sierra Madre will be a bid alternate.

Fillmore from Hancock Avenue to Union Boulevard

Mr. Rob Kidder reported that this project started construction in September and is expected to be completed by April. Mr. Kidder said that the improvements will include a raised median, curb and gutter improvements, new pavement overlay, improvements to the Templeton Gap Road intersection, and triple left turn lanes at Fillmore/Union Boulevard.

Fountain Boulevard/Academy Boulevard

Mr. Rob Kidder said that construction began in November 2006 with completion anticipated at the end of April. Improvements were necessary for congestion and safety. The enhancements included dual lefts on Academy Boulevard; new sidewalk, pedestrian ramps and signals were built; and reconstruction of SW corner right turn lane.

Pikes Peak Avenue/Academy Boulevard Intersection

Mr. Rob Kidder reported that the construction started in December 2006 and is anticipated to be completed by May 2007. Improvements included the construction of eastbound dual left turn lanes onto Academy Boulevard, new pedestrian ramps, sidewalk improvements, roadway striping, and drainage.

Union Boulevard from Pikes Peak Avenue to Constitution Avenue

Mr. Rob Kidder indicated that this project began construction in July 2006 with anticipated completion in the summer of 2007. Mr. Kidder said that there are five funding sources: PPRTA Capital, PPRTA Maintenance, federal, City of Colorado Springs, and Colorado Springs Utilities. Mr. Kidder said that improvements are: new water line, new curb and gutter, and Uintah Boulevard intersection improvements at Uintah Boulevard and Cache la Poudre. Mr. Kidder said that the roadway will be overlaid with rubberized asphalt.

Nevada Avenue and Winters Road

Mr. Rob Kidder said that hazard elimination and safety grant (HES) from federal sources was obtained for this project to straighten out Nevada Avenue and construct curb and gutter.

Academy Boulevard/Airport Road Intersection

Mr. Rob Kidder reported that this project involves new turn lanes to be constructed, a new signal will be installed, and new pedestrian ramps will be constructed, as well as new striping and drainage improvements.

Dublin Boulevard/Academy Boulevard Intersection

Mr. Rob Kidder said that a federal grant was acquired to install dual left turn lanes, install a new signal, install new pedestrian ramps, and make drainage improvements.

Fountain Boulevard/Chelton Road Intersection

Mr. Rob Kidder said a federal grant was acquired and used in conjunction with Stormwater Enterprise Funds to make drainage improvements, install a new signal, install dual turn lanes, improve sidewalks, and install pedestrian ramps.

City of Colorado Springs Peer-To-Peer Exchange Program

Mr. Logan, City of Colorado Springs Traffic Engineering, reported that the City of Colorado Springs Citizen Transportation Advisory Board requested that improvements be made to signal coordination among the most congested corridors which is known as the Green Light Coordination Project—Peer-to-Peer Exchange Program. There are ten industry experts coming to Colorado Springs from May 14 through May 16 to suggest improvements to signal timing and the intelligent transportation system in Colorado Springs. The travel costs and lodging expenses will be paid for by PPRTA and federal grants.

El Paso County Director Wayne Williams inquired if the City of Colorado Springs RTA Directors approve of the expenditure of PPRTA funds for this project versus the City of Colorado Springs General Funds. Colorado Springs Directors Jerry Heimlicher indicated he is in favor of the expenditure because signal light synchronization is a concern to the community. Colorado Springs Director Lionel Rivera stated that it is an appropriate use of funds.

City of Colorado Springs Right-of-Way and Easements Acquisition Report

There were no questions.

City of Colorado Springs Monthly Change Order Report

There were no questions.

9. PIKES PEAK RTA MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

El Paso County Director Sallie Clark reported that HB 07-1190 (Legislature to Reduce RTA Collection Fee) is currently in the Senate.

El Paso County Director Wayne Williams reported that Governor Ritter invited Mr. Dan Stuart of the Pikes Peak region to become one of 30 members on the Transportation Blue Ribbon Panel to discuss statewide transportation funding issues. Governor Ritter also asked El Paso County Director Wayne Williams to serve on the advisory panel.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Colorado Springs Director Small adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.