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PPRTA Board

Wednesday, May 13, 2009 – 1:30 p.m.

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Main Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT

El Paso County

Commissioner Sallie Clark, Vice Chair
Commissioner Dennis Hisey

City of Manitou Springs

Mayor Eric Drummond

City of Colorado Springs

Vice Mayor Larry Small, Chair
Councilmember Jan Martin
Councilmember Jerry Heimlicher

Town of Green Mountain Falls

Mayor Tyler Stevens

MEMBERS ABSENT

El Paso County

Commissioner Wayne Williams

Town of Ramah

Trustee Pamela Smith

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff of Member Governments and Citizens

PIKES PEAK RTA STAFF PRESENT

Ms. Beverly Majewski, Financial Manager
Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, Program/Contracts
Manager
Mr. Rob MacDonald, PPRTA Board
Secretary
Mr. Ed Icenogle, PPRTA Counsel

1. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum

City of Colorado Springs Director Small established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

PPRTA Board Secretary Rob MacDonald requested a change in the agenda: split item 9A into two parts: 9A-1 for the City of Colorado Springs and 9A-2 for El Paso County. El Paso County Director Hisey made a motion, seconded by Manitou Springs Director Drummond, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment Period for Items Not on the Agenda

City of Colorado Springs Director Small announced that at the May 12 City Council meeting, Councilmember Jan Martin was voted to replace Mayor Lionel Rivera as a City representative to the PPRTA Board.

Mr. Rich Ingold of the Country Broadmoor Homeowners Association, gave a presentation on neighborhood concerns about infrastructure (curbs, sidewalks, gutters, and drain pans). Mr. Cam McNair, City of Colorado Springs Engineer, responded by stating that these problems are a direct impact of the budget cuts that he will be addressing later in the meeting. Mr. Saleem Khattak provided further detail concerning area neighborhoods that require infrastructure repair and the impacts of budget cuts on these repairs.

4. Approval of Minutes from April 8, 2009 Regular Meeting

Town of Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens made a motion, seconded by El Paso County Director Clark, to approve the minutes of the PPRTA April 8 Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Citizen Advisory Committee Monthly Report

CAC Chair Jan Doran presented a report on the May 6 meeting of the PPRTA Citizens Advisory Committee. The *PPRTA Annual Report* will be ready for distribution later in the month; it will be an insert in nine area newspapers and distributed at supermarkets and various other locations.

6. Financial Reports

Ms. Beverly Majewski, PPRTA Financial Manager, presented the financial report. PPRTA received \$5,037,000 for March Sales and Use Tax, which was 16% below budget. We are now 15.76% below budget for the year or \$2,669,000 below budget. The budget for interest earnings will not be realized because of the drop in interest rates.

7. 2009 Capital, Maintenance, and Public Transportation Contracts

A. City of Colorado Springs

Mr. Cam McNair, City of Colorado Springs Engineer, presented seven contracts for Board approval.

- Matrix Design Group, Capital (Austin Bluffs Corridor), \$1,419,400.64.
- Swarco, Maintenance (glass beads for traffic striping and crosswalks), \$106,400.
- AM Signal, Maintenance (traffic signal cabinets), \$173,380.
- Tech Driven Products, Maintenance (enclosures for traffic signal controllers), \$33,390.
- CMS, Inc., Capital (8th St. and Cimarron St. intersection improvements), \$61,242.17.
- Pete Sprouse Construction, Maintenance (Platte Avenue bridge repair), \$132,886.69.
- Colorado Corners LLC, Capital (right-of-way acquisition, Woodmen Road Corridor Phase 1 improvements), \$110,000.

Mr. McNair gave a presentation on the change order needed for the Platte Avenue bridge. The bridge is over 50 years old and is in serious need of repair.

City of Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher made a motion, seconded by El Paso County Director Clark, to approve the seven City contracts. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Administrative Actions and Reports

A. Legislative Update

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, PPRTA Program/Contracts Manager, announced that both of the House bills being monitored by the Board, #1034 and #1130, were passed by the legislature and signed by Governor Ritter.

B. Citizen Advisory Committee Vacancy

At Large CAC member Bernie Herpin has resigned from the RTA CAC, and that position is now open. El Paso County Director Clark made a motion, seconded by City of Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher, to approve advertising for the CAC vacancy. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Other Reports

A. City of Colorado Springs Impacts of 2009 PPRTA Budget Cuts

Mr. Cam McNair, City of Colorado Springs Engineer, gave a presentation on the impacts of a proposed 15% PPRTA budget cut on City projects. The PPRTA will vote at their July meeting to amend the budget. The deficit for the entire RTA program is about \$13 million. The cuts have significant impacts on maintenance and transit projects. The Board discussed the City's striping process; the City would like to move from painting to thermo-plastic, which is much more durable.

City of Manitou Springs Director Drummond left the meeting at 2:27.

The Transit Department has been planning for cuts for several months. Ms. Sherre Ritenour, City Transit Services Division Manager, reported that the Transit Department anticipated an 18% reduction in revenue, whereas the actual reduction was closer to 15%.

Mr. Dennis Barron, El Paso County Department of Transportation, gave a presentation on the impact of the budget cuts on the County.

B. City of Colorado Springs Monthly Change Order and Property Acquisition Report

This report was for information only, and there were no questions or comments.

C. City of Colorado Springs Transit Services Monthly Report

This report was for information only, and there were no questions or comments.

10. PPRTA Member Announcements

El Paso County Director Clark urged the Board, CAC and member government staffs to begin to plan for future RTA projects already on the list and to look at new projects that might be needed.

11. Adjournment

City of Colorado Springs Director Small adjourned the meeting at 2:53p.m.

