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CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 1, 2010 – 1:30 p.m.

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Main Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT

El Paso County HAC

Mr. Steve Hicks
Mr. Scott Turner (arrived at 1:35)
Mr. Brian L.A. Wess

Citizen-at-Large Alternates

Mr. Justin McDonald, 2nd Vice Chair
Ms. Ann DeVere
Mr. Mitch Christiansen
Ms. Bev Johnson

Colorado Springs CTAB

Mr. Jim Egbert
Mr. John Nuwer

Citizen-at-Large

Mr. Tom Rogers, 1st Vice Chair
Mr. Donald Feigel
Mr. David Munger

Town of Ramah

Ms. Cindy Tompkins
Mr. Dennis Carpenter

City of Manitou Springs

Ms. Amy Filipiak
Mr. Ray Ferguson

Town of Green Mountain Falls

Mr. Robert McArthur

MEMBERS ABSENT

Colorado Springs CTAB

Mr. Rich O'Connell

Town of Green Mountain Falls

Mr. Howard Price

Citizen-at-Large

Mr. Tom Harold, Chair
Mr. David Chestnutt

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff of Member Governments and Citizens

PIKES PEAK RTA STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, Program/Contracts Manager
Ms. Beverly Majewski, Financial Manager
Ms. Jacquelyn Puett, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

First Vice Chair Tom Rogers established a quorum, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., and read the objectives of the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority Citizen Advisory Committee.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Brian L.A. Wess moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Steve Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment Period for Items Not on the Agenda

Ms. Andrea Archer, Advocacy Specialist with the Colorado Springs Independence Center, spoke to the Committee about the Future of Regional Transit (FORT) Study, gave statistics from the 2035 Mountain Metro Plan, and advocated for a sustainable transit service.

Mr. Ray Krueger, Green Cities Coalition Transportation Working Group, invited Committee members and the public to a Future of Regional Transit Meeting to be held on December 3, 2010, at Monument City Hall from 1-3 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to investigate transit governance as well as sustainable funding.

4. Approval of the November 3, 2010, Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Justin McDonald moved to approve the November 3, 2010, meeting minutes. Mr. Donald Feigel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Financial Reports

Ms. Beverly Majewski, Pikes Peak RTA Financial Manager, presented the monthly report. The PPRTA received \$5,666,428 in September sales and use tax, which was \$243,486 or 4.5% above the amended monthly budget. Year-to-date actual was \$2,052,700 or 4.42% above the same period last year.

6. 2010 Capital, Maintenance, and Public Transportation Contracts

A. City of Colorado Springs

Mr. Robin Kidder, Acting City Engineer, requested approval of the following two contracts:

- 1) Multiple Vendors, Capital and Maintenance (City/PPRTA Annual Contracts for a variety of disciplines): \$NA
- 2) Nolte Associates, Capital (PPRTA Capital Project Management and Construction Inspection): \$1,925,236.00

The Committee discussed contract #2, the necessity to hire contractors to manage PPRTA projects, and the cost savings issue voted on in the previous year.

Mr. Justin McDonald made a motion to approve a positive recommendation to the Board of Directors for the two contracts. Mr. John Nuwer seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 13-4 vote, with Mr. David Munger, Mr. Mitch Christiansen, Ms. Ann Devere, and Mr. Scott Turner opposing the motion.

Mr. John Nuwer made a motion requesting the City of Colorado Springs staff bring to the CAC (in September 2011- 90 days prior to the Nolte annual contract renewal in December) the calculation of the cost to have City employees manage the City's PPRTA capital program, instead of Nolte Associates. Mr. David Munger seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

B. El Paso County Capital Projects Request for Line Item Transfer

Ms. Jennifer Irvine, El Paso County Engineering Staff, requested a line item transfer of \$200,000.00 from the Hodgen Road Project to the South Academy (SMAS) Project in 2010. Although the South Academy Project is overall under budget, the 2010 budget allocation has insufficient funds allocated to cover pending contract amendments for 2010. Therefore, a line item budget transfer from unencumbered 2010 Hodgen Road budgeted funds to the South Academy 2010 budget is recommended. The funds will be returned to the Hodgen project during the next budget update cycle.

Mr. Mitch Christiansen requested further explanation on the transfer of funds. Ms. Irvine explained the County's overall budget has sufficient funds in the long-term, but the funds are not available in the FY 2010 budget in order to complete the project by year end. The transfer of the funds will allow the project to be completed in 2010 and will not hamper the County's overall budget.

Ms. Bev Johnson commented the County has been successful in completing projects by transferring funds on numerous occasions and the process is efficient.

Mr. Brian L.A. Wess stated that County projects are completed ahead of schedule and under budget even with change orders. The public may need more information on the change orders since they are related.

Mr. Donald Feigel moved to approve the County's requested line item transfer. Mr. Justin McDonald seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. David Munger was not present in the room for the vote.

C. El Paso County

Ms. Jennifer Irvine, El Paso County Engineering Staff, requested approval of the following six contracts:

- 1) Jacobs Engineering, Capital (South Academy): \$67,855.28
- 2) Lawrence Construction Company, Capital (South Academy): \$215,916.00
- 3) Matrix Design Group, Inc., Capital (Marksheffel Road, North): \$39,958.00
- 4) URS Corporation, Capital (Meridian Road, North): \$37,496.00
- 5) Mountain View Electric Association, Inc., Capital (Meridian, North – Utility Relocation): \$359,283.00
- 6) Mountain View Electric Association, Inc., Capital (Stapleton Road, West – Utility Relocation): \$66,574.00

Mr. Mitch Christiansen inquired about the change order with Jacobs Engineering, specifically why a third party contractor is charging additional time to complete testing and quality assurance services.

Ms. Irvine explained the County anticipated the project would be completed ahead of schedule, based upon the early completion of other phases within the project. Although the project was completed within the contract period, the project was not completed as early as anticipated and the third party contractor, who estimated aggressively, is charging for additional time to cover their costs.

Various CAC members offered comments on the issue that Mr. Christiansen raised.

Mr. André Brackin, El Paso County Engineer, added that all bids received come in significantly below County engineer estimates and each bid item contains time and materials, but is lump sum with a cap. Mr. Brackin verified that County staff examines the bids dynamically everyday.

Mr. Scott Turner made a motion to approve a positive recommendation to the Board of Directors for the six contracts. Mr. Brian L.A. Wess seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Member Government and Other Reports

A. Quarterly Reports From Member Governments

This was an information item. There were no questions or comments.

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

This was an information item. Mr. Robin Kidder, City of Colorado Springs Engineering Staff, clarified the purpose of the change order was to lay pavement to keep Academy Boulevard open to traffic while work was performed on Proby Parkway.

C. El Paso County Monthly Change Order and Property Acquisition Report

This was an information item.

D. City of Colorado Springs Transit Services Monthly Update

Mr. David Menter, Mountain Metropolitan Transit, Transit Services Division, presented the monthly report, including statistics on Front Range Express (FREX), local routes, and Ute Pass Express.

Mr. Menter invited Committee members and the public to attend the upcoming Future of Regional Transit meeting and an "I-Town Hall" conference call meeting to be held on December 8, 2010, from 7-8 p.m. Over 40,000 random phone calls will go out to the general public during the meeting and participants will be asked to stay on the phone for the duration of the meeting.

The City Council of Colorado Springs is granting Community Intersections \$15,000 from the City's general fund in order to sustain its specialized transportation services for FY 2011.

Mr. Menter distributed information on the Future of Regional Transit Study and took several minutes to highlight the benefits of public transit.

Mr. Tom Rogers inquired as to why FREX does not carry riders to Denver International Airport. Ms. Ann Devere asked what was being done to alert citizens that they might be contacted to participate in the conference call. Mr. David Munger commented that not being well connected to Denver Metro is hurting Colorado Springs economic condition. He encouraged the Committee to act in a visionary manner when making transportation recommendations to the Board of Directors.

8. Administrative Actions and Reports

A. Report of Recent Board Actions

This was an information item. There were no questions.

B. Appointment/Reappointment Process for Citizen Advisory Committee Members

As an information item, Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, Pikes Peak RTA Program/Contracts Manager, provided an update on Citizen Advisory Committee membership renewals.

C. Selection of Officers for the Citizen Advisory Committee

This was an information item addressing the need for the Committee to elect officers for the year 2011 at their January 5, 2011, meeting.

D. Monthly Report from the Public Outreach Subcommittee

Mr. Brian L.A. Wess requested the Committee hold a discussion at January's meeting to discuss the process of drafting a "white paper" regarding the possible renewal of the PPRTA capital program via taking a ballot measure to the voters.

Mr. John Nuwer moved to recommend the Board of Directors request the participating governing parties to begin to participate in the process of crafting a public outreach movement for the renewal of the capital program. Mr. David Munger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee offered thanks to Mr. David Munger and Mr. Justin McDonald for their service to the PPRTA, as it is their last meeting as members of the RTA CAC.

E. Annual Report of CAC Activities

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, Pikes Peak RTA Program/Contracts Manager, requested the Committee provide suggestions for topics to be included in the draft report to be on the CAC's January agenda.

Mr. Donald Feigel thought that it was important to make sure the public does not get the impression that the CAC is just "rubber-stamping" the Board's decisions. He feels that it is important to let the public know that the Committee scrutinizes the way the PPRTA funds are spent.

9. Communications

Mr. Donald Feigel expressed that he finds the privilege of serving on the CAC to be extremely rewarding and educational.

The Committee requested staff to research providing departing CAC members with a plaque, certificate, or pin in appreciation of their service to the PPRTA.

10. Adjournment

First Vice Chair Tom Rogers adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.