

MEETING MINUTES
CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (CTAB)
April 5, 2016

Transit Administration Building located at 1015 Transit Drive, Large Conference Room

I. **CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m.

Members Present: Brian Risley, Jim Egbert, Tony Gioia, Rick Hoover, Kyle Blakely, June Waller

Staff Present: Kathleen Krager, Transportation Engineer; Kelli Patrick, Public Works; Brian Vitulli, City Transit

Others Present: Jennifer Valentine, PPACG; Marlie Egbert, Stephen Marsh, Richard Sullivan, Bruce Doyle, Robert Loevy, Pat Doyle, Sarah Harris, Susan Davies, Becky Fuller

II. **CITIZEN COMMENT:** None

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **Mr. Hoover motions to approve the minutes of the March 1 2016 meeting as amended via email from Mr. Egbert, Mr. Gioia seconds; motion passes unanimously.**

IV. **CONSENT ITEMS**

A. Public Works Dashboard

- Mr. Hoover mentioned funds that are nearly expended although it is only April.
- Kathleen Krager explained some are under contract and the funds are committed, or the contract is pending.

B. Transit Report

- Mr. Gioia asked about the recommendation to City Council.
- Brian Vitulli from Transit advised it will be presented to City Council at Work Session on April 25th.
- Brian Vitulli further advised that it is not Council's position to direct Staff, however they may support the Resolution from the Board.

C. PPRTA CAC Monthly Report

- Mr. Egbert advised the report shows one month's actual, and at that pace will exceed the 2016 budget .
- He further advised the annual report to citizens and it will come before CAC this month.
- He also described an issue ongoing between the City of Fountain and PPRTA regarding the Walmart that was annexed into Fountain. There is a lawsuit and a proposed law to change legislation regarding property that is annexed into an entity that does not participate in PPRTA. PPRTA Board is opposing this proposed law.
- There is also an issue regarding a change of a PPRTA policy regarding funds being used to pay salaries for any governmental entity. This came about due to some utility work that CSU performed. The change to Board policy being recommended is to approve payment for this, as this is no different than paying for work performed by another utility company. Kathleen Krager stated the proposed change would state PPRTA funds can pay for no salaries.

- There was discussion regarding the potential results if the proposed legislative bill is passed, and the issues passage of the change to PPRTA policy would create.

D. ATAC Report

- Kyle Blakely advised items from ATAC are on this agenda.
- Kate Brady, the new Bicycle Planner was introduced at the last meeting.

E. Airport Advisory Commission Report

- Rick Hoover asks that all do their part and fly COS.
- There was discussion regarding Virgin Airlines and Alaska airlines possibly coming to Colorado Springs.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2015-2016 Bike Program Priority Project List

- Kathleen Krager asked that this item be postponed to next month due to Tim Roberts and Kate Brady not being able to attend today's meeting.
- The Board requested copies of the list with larger print be sent, as it is hard to read.
- There was discussion regarding road diets on Voyager Parkway.

B. Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Plan

- Kathleen Krager advised there are three parts to this item.
 - There is a recommendation from the ONEN.
 - There is a request from Becky Fuller.
 - There is a recommendation from City staff regarding Old North End.
- Bob Loevy presented the Old North End Neighborhood Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Plan from the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee.
- The Safety Committee thinks the previous detours when the bridge on Nevada was rebuilt show statistics are there to justify the plan.
- They would like all four streets to be treated equally.
- The Safety Committee has not talked to Colorado College about this plan.
- Kathleen Krager advised City staff would like to present the Board with their plan, but is not asking for a recommendation at this time.
- City Staff began looking at this about 6 months prior to the auto-ped accident on Cascade.
- Staff met with Colorado College to look at the problem and came up with two recommendations.
- On Nevada south of Uintah there is too much traffic to road diet. Multiple lanes should have a signalized crosswalk. Colorado College has agreed to pay to remove the existing crosswalks and create a signalized crosswalk, adding landscaping etc. to "herd" pedestrian traffic through this signalized crosswalk.
- On Cascade traffic is low enough for a two lane street. Cascade could be road dieted to two lanes from Jackson, and add striping for bike lanes.
- Colorado College has agreed to reduce the 4 crossings to 2 and the flashing lights would be removed.
- This would be done only with striping.
- There was discussion regarding the growth rate, the public process and testing the dieting for a year.
- Kathleen Krager stated she prefers to road diet Cascade for a year for testing.

- Further discussion ensued with comments from ONEN residents who do not agree with this plan. Some would prefer all four roads be done at the same time. Others prefer the testing be done on Weber.
- Rick Hoover and Jim Egbert suggest a robust public process that will include the whole area, up to and including public input from residents who do not live in the area.
- Rick Hoover also suggested Transit be a part of the conversation, and projecting it out to 2017.
- Public process might not be able to be done by 2016.

Mr. Egbert motions to table this with Kathleen bringing this back to the Board, Mr. Gioia seconds; motion passes unanimously.

- Becky Fuller addressed the Board regarding infrastructure needs on Nevada and Espanola.
- Kathleen Krager advised while Nevada is four lanes, staff does not recommend crossing anywhere other than signalized crosswalks, and does not recommend any ADA ramps across Nevada except at signalized intersections.
- If Nevada becomes 2 lanes, staff may look at additional crosswalks.
- As a City we should not do anything that further encourages crossing where it's not safe, as that leaves the City in a position of liability.
- When it comes down to a purely safety issue, Kathleen has to take professional responsibility for decisions.
- Brian Risley suggested since the previous item was tabled, this also should be tabled and brought back to the Board with the previous item.

C. Imagine Downtown Master Plan Update

- Sarah Harris updated the Board on the Imagine Downtown Master Plan.
- This process started last summer.
- A lot of emphasis is on mobility.
- Focuses on public transportation.
- Identifies gateways.
- Recommendation was made to convert Kiowa and Bijou to two-way streets.
- Creative planning for Pikes Peak Ave.
- Comments on the plan are needed by tomorrow morning.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS COMMUNICATIONS:

None

VIII. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE AND TOPICS

- The 2015-2016 Bike Program Priority Project List and the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Plan will be brought back to the Board next month.
- The next meeting is scheduled for May 3rd.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.