

MEETING MINUTES
CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (CTAB)
August 4, 2015

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

I. **CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Meeting was called to order at 2:36 p.m.

Members Present: Parry Thomas, Brian Risley, Derek Phipps, Jim Egbert, Mary Washington, Rick Hoover, Tony Gioia, Kyle Blakely, Scott Barnhart (Alternate)

Staff Present: Tim Roberts, Sr. Transportation Planner; Kathleen Krager, Transportation Manager; Brian Shevock, Traffic Tech; Kelli Patrick, Admin Tech; Brian Vitulli, Transit Planning Supervisor; Craig Blewitt, Transit Services Manager

Others Present: Susan Davies, TOPS; Jill Gaebler, City Council; Tom Rogers, CAC; Courtney Stone, The Independence Center; Keesha Jackson, CTC; Aubrey Day, ATAC, Carl Rippel

II. CITIZEN COMMENT: Susan Davies spoke about her concern that the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Transportation Advisory Committee (PPACG TAC) had removed connectivity from the review criteria for their Long Range Transportation Plan. Kathleen Krager responded that City representative Tim Roberts was the dissenting vote and was outvoted by the other members of who the majority represent less urban areas and don't have the connectivity desires that the City does with transit, bike and pedestrians.

Carl Rippel commented about the lack of cleanliness and condition of City buses.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **Mr. Egbert motions approval of the minutes for the June 2, 2015 meeting. Mr. Risley seconds; approved 8-0**

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Transit Report

- There were no comments.

B. PPRTA CAC Monthly Report

- There was discussion regarding Marksheffel Road PPRTA improvements.
- Mr. Egbert updated the Board regarding a Walmart located on land that is being annexed into Fountain from unincorporated El Paso County.

C. ATAC Report

- There were no comments.

D. Airport Advisory Commission Report

- Mr. Hoover briefed the Board regarding the decrease in outbound/inbound boardings and airport commerce.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fall 2015 Service Changes

- Craig Blewitt briefed the Board on service changes that will enhance transit service beginning this Fall.

B. Alternative Transit Proposal

- Jim Egbert updated the Board on the Transit Initiative that the CTAB acted on at the June meeting.
- He advised the proposal will consider an unidentified transportation alternative or program that will be for the public good, not public transportation as currently defined.
- Discussion ensued regarding public Transportation vs transportation “for the Public Good” and the use of \$500,000 of transit funds for an unknown purpose that may not result in a transit proposal.

(Mr. Blakely left at 3:25 p.m.)

C. Alternative Transit Proposal Response

- Craig Blewitt responded in opposition to the proposal arguing the use of transit funds intended to provide public transportation.
- Further discussion ensued with the focus being where might be the best place to take the money from rather than Transit’s PPRTA funding.
- **Mr. Gioia motions approval to move forward with the intent that an alternative funding source be found. Mr. Risely seconds; Motion fails on a 4-3 vote with Mr. Gioia, Mr. Risely, and Mr. Egbert in favor; Mr. Thomas, Mr. Phipps, Ms. Washington and Mr. Hoover opposed.**

D. Bustang Schedule

- There was discussion regarding how Bustang’s schedule is directed more for people utilizing the service who work in Denver, rather than Denver citizens who work in Colorado Springs.
- **Mr. Egbert motions to table this issue. Derek Phipps seconds; approved unanimously.**

E. Austin Bluffs @ Union Interchange Bike Lanes

- Kathleen Krager briefed the Board about the bike lanes at Union and Austin Bluffs.
- Discussion ensued regarding Complete Streets and revisiting how it is applied.

- Staff stated that Complete Streets will be going to ATAC for review and advisement for CTAB.

(Mr. Risley left at 4:15 pm.)

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Cimarron/I25 Interchange Update

- Kathleen Krager updated the Board on the progress of the reconstruction.
- Staff is still pursuing funding to enhance landscaping but a majority of it is funded.

B. Colorado Springs Bike Master Plan

- Tim Roberts advised that the vision statement was included in the packet.
- He described the next steps in the development of the master plan.

VII. STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Works Dashboard

- Postponed to the September meeting.

VIII. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE AND TOPICS

- The next meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2015
- Parry Thomas advised he will not be there, and Brian Risley will fill in for him.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.