

CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

The Citizen Transportation Advisory Board met Monday, July 24, 2023, remotely.

I. Tom called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm

II. Roll Call - Board members present: Thomas Donkle, Jimmy Jones, Steve Teets, Bart Smith, Wendi Young, and Jim Riesberg

Absent: James Bailey (excused), Ray Amaya (excused), Amanda Castle (excused)

City staff included Paul Trombino, Bhooshan Karnik, Steven Younkin, Michelle Johnson, Hanna Johnson

III. Approval of minutes - The minutes from June 26th were approved by a motion and unanimous vote of the Board members present.

IV. Public comment - None

V. Staff report:

a. WCR 17 and Highway 34 interchange study: Bhooshan Karnik

There are two things happening right now; an advance warning signal through CDOT, and the contract for the conceptual design has started for the Delantero neighborhood that will connect Loveland, Johnstown, and Greeley, it is scheduled for the year 2026.

b. CDOT meeting on 8th Ave corridor: Paul Trombino

The walk tour with CDOT was June 27th; the tour started at the LINC library corner of 5th St and 8th Ave and walked to 16th St and 8th Ave and then made our way to the starting point. CDOT's main interest was the improvement project on 16th St, they would like to come back when the construction is finished.

c. 35th and 47th Ave MERGE Project Update and MPDG Grant Application: Paul Trombino

The update will be presented to Council August 8th, the major change from the previous proposal is the Mobility Hub, the location has been adjusted. The new location aligns with the 4-lane segment that comes into Centerplace between Kohls and Best Buy.

The benefits of the MERGE project is the reduction of greenhouse gas, eliminating transportation barriers and improve transit accessibility and safety. The hub gives access to regional bus transfers and micro transit.

The Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) is a \$5.575 billion dollar fund to help carry out major infrastructure projects. This funding opportunity opened June 23rd; the application must be submitted by August 21st. The updated estimate is \$127.5 million dollars and the timeline for this project is 2025-2028, because the City is a rural community we qualify for a TIFA opportunity. The treasury rate for the TIFA is 3.91% to 1.9%, the pay off will start 5 years after the project has been finished, estimate is the year 2033.

d. Transportation – Free Fare Ridership

The free fare program was funded by CDOT and the state of Colorado, for the first month of free ride, ridership was up 43% up from last year. In August, there will be an onboard survey to find the needs of riders, and where Mobility is lacking service. At the end of the free fare months a presentation will be made for CTAB with the results.

e. Engineering – None

VI. Directors Report:

a. TMP – Traffic Calming and Roundabouts: Michelle Stevens

Roundabouts can improve safety, promote lower speeds and traffic calming, reduce conflict points, and meet a wide range of traffic conditions because they are versatile in size, shape, and design. The cost might be higher than a signalized intersection but without a traffic signal, no cost for yearly maintenance or power outages.

For pedestrians and cyclists, it creates a gap for crossings because of the lower speeds and the crossing distance.

b. Special Projects – Bustang Presentation: Jeffrey Prillwitz

In November of 2022 Bustang started their Outrider route from Sterling to Denver (Tuesdays and Thursdays) and Sterling to Greeley (Monday, Tuesday, and Friday), the run is about 4 hours each way since the start of the run there have been about 21 riders. The Trinidad to Pueblo route started in Spring of 2023 and it is doing very well.

VII. New business - None

VIII. Round Table & Proposed Agenda items for August 28, 2023: All

- Back to school neighborhood safety

IX. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Donkle
Chairman

Date 9.25.2023

Valerie Ramirez-Elizalde
Recording Secretary

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