

CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

The Citizen TRANSPORTATION Advisory Board met August 26, 2024.

- I. Jimmy Jones Called the meeting to the order at 3:03 Pm.
- II. Roll Call – Board members present: Jimmy Jones, Jim Riesberg, James Bailey, Steve Teets, Wendi Young, Bart Smith, and Cody Sims City Manager of Evans.
Absent: Thomas Donkle, Alicia Johnson

City staff included Will Jones, Michelle Johnson, Victoria McKenna, Hannah Johnson, and Steven Younkin.

- III. Approval of minutes – the minutes from July 22, 2024, were approved by a motion and unanimous vote of the board members presents.
- IV. Public comment: Ed Grant made a public comment that we get a lot of new from Denver. One day when he saw the news he saw Denver Public schools want a new bond issue for 975 million dollars. School District 6 just has a 395-million-dollar bond issue coming due. It's going to cost 491 million dollars to pay it off. They had Reservoir Road and 28th Ave dug up all summer, his share of that bill is \$316 and special taxing districts can roll up on you.
- V. Staff report:
 - CIP Update: Written Report
 - **MERGE:** We received a 20.5-million-dollar grant and are working on finalizing the agreement with FHWA.
 - **16th Street:** Utility work with water and sewer, finally plans are completed, and underground work will be bid in August 2024 for construction in 2024. They will roll into above groundwork after that.
 - Steve Teets asked is it also utility or water pipes. Will Jones answered that they will be working on the water and sewer pipes first because it's an older part of town and we want to make sure all work is done before any of the above work is done.
 - Ed Grant asked what avenue we were talking about, and Will Jones answered 16th Street between 11th Avenue and 8th Avenue. Will Jones explained there will be 2 roundabouts install at 9th Ave and the other at 10th Ave. There will also be some lane realignments, additional parking and widening of the sidewalk on the north side next to businesses so they can do outdoor dining.
 - Ed Grant asked if that is where they just put the new sidewalks with the "lumpy, bumpy things with black tires marks all over all the time. Will Jones said it will be to the West of that work.

- Ed Grant also asked what the purpose was of putting a round about as opposed to a drafting signal. Will Jones said a roundabout are a lot safer it will be less points of contacts in that area. It helps with air quality from less traffic having to stop and less maintenance because you are not having to upgrade cameras and traffic cabinets.
- Jimmy Jones mentioned there has been a ton of public outreach for this project. He also asked will for clarification on the project if the bid is going out for work to start in 2024 for underground. Will Jones said underground work bid will be starting August 2024 for construction to start in 2025.
- **83rd Avenue Improvements & 4th St Widening:** Preliminary survey work is done all the way up to Bracewell Curves.
- Right of Way annexation for City of Greeley eminent domain was approved by Council on July 16th for intersection of 4th and 83rd.
- Jim Riesberg asked if that was just in case, and Will Jones said it is standard practice to do Eminent domain. The process includes appraisals and there will be some Right of Way that will be purchased as part of the preliminary element analysis.
- **59th & Ost Roundabout:** We are just working on the agreement with Great Western Railroad.
- **9th St & 10th St Beautification & Safety Project:** We have a consultant on board, and we are applying for Reconnecting Communities Grant for Vets.
- Steve Teets had a question about 59th Avenue & O St if its far enough out that its part of the county. Will Jones said it is part of the county and they are in support of this project.
- **US 34 & WCR 17 Intersection Improvement Project:** Survey and Environmental fieldwork is complete. There are some potential impacts with the West Side project.
- Steve Teets asked how are they going to do the improvement and the design plan on US 34 & WCR 17? Will Jones said we are looking at it as a DDIA diversion amendment & minimizing the footprint for the interchange but there is a lot up in the air still.
- **12th Street Outfall Project:** Phase 1 is substantially complete with some landscaping and cool artwork.
- **Poudre River Restoration Initiative:** Kickoff meeting with consultant and outreach at the Farmers Market with over 100 people coming to provide feedback.
- Project was introduced to City Council on August 27th and phase 1 is more about developing master plan principles.
- **15th Ave Court Underpass:** survey work and continue coordination with CDOT.
- **Pumpkin Ridge:** Will Jones really didn't touch base on this but just said Construction in 2024.
- **SS4:** Planning and demonstration grant is moving along. Steve Teets asked where safe streets cover? Will Jones said the Planning Grant is for the whole city and from that the demonstration locations will be identified, implement some options or implement improvements.
- **Keep Greeley Moving:** work has been kicked off and rolling along. There is also a website for the project that Victoria and Steven have been working on.

- **US 34 Transit Service:** We had a meeting with Regional Partners on what we will be discussing that next 34 tack meeting for funding partnerships.
- **Mobility Development Plan:** It is underway, and we will be moving forward with Council on October 10th.
- Ed Grant asked how much is the Keep Greeley Moving budget. Will Jones answered it is about 15 or 16 million.

- Neighborhood safety: None

- Transportation: **Transportation Impacts and Mitigation Planning**

- Will Jones talked about how the change in majority of kids not walking to school it has an impact on the transportation system. We must talk about present situation and path forward.
- **Present situation:** we have a good partnership with the School District, we have monthly coordination meetings with them to talk about opportunities to improve vehicular impacts. Also, opportunities to improve on the bus.
- There are some opportunities to be more proactive as it relates to how we work to coordinate in and around transportation.
- There also alignment opportunity as it relates to infrastructure.
- **Path Forward:** We are starting to work on annual safety reviews. We have an employee who is now certified to fly a drone, and it adds a new opportunity to review how people, vehicles and buses are moving at the sites.
- Rather than wait for complaints to come in we are going to build that in through an agreement with the School District and part of that will be aligning what is communicated out to parents and schools on what travel pass will be for vehicles.
- On the bus we will be increasing security and, in the lobby, as well.
- Steve Teets made a comment that on the bus right now there might be 1 to 2 securities on a bus and he experienced that kids were blocking the aisle close to the bus driver.
- Will Jones asked Steve Teets to please call and notify them of the incident day of so they can pull video footage and investigate.
- Will also said with a partner out contract for service for transit and demand response service, we will be able to move some of those drivers or resources to add additional peak service during school hours.
- Jimmy Jones wanted to touch base on the streets that people take to get around schools and the impacts it has on those who live or see those impacts.
- James Bailey asked if new schools or remodels bringing in the city for design reviews & Will said yes, they don't have to, but they do.
- James Bailey also asked if on 13th St by Frontier if the city has investigated putting a light there. Will Jones said no but that is part of the proactive, going out and doing analysis with the drone footage.
- Steve Teets asked if next month we can invite Kent Henson who is part of the in the transportation and goes to the school board meetings to talk about their perspective.

- Ed Grant asked why the stop light at 20th Ave and 25th St was taken out and a stop sign was put in at 19th Ave and 25th St. Will Jones said the light there was hit and it was due for some issues there with underground. As part of an analysis moving it to 19th was actually safer and more financially smarter.
- City of Evans: Transportation Network Improvements:
 - Cody R. Sims Evans City Manager gave a presentation on the great things going on in the City of Evans pertaining to transportation.
 - **Freedom Parkway Project:** 37th St Expansion is a significant project between Loveland and Kersey reliver for the US 34 corridor.
 - City of Evans has broken down the expansion into 3 phases between 65th Avenue and 35th Avenue. Everything from 35th avenue to 1st avenue is reconstructed to 4 lanes.
 - Right now, Evans is focused between 65th Avenue and 35th avenue & anticipated cost of all 3 phases is a little over \$19 Million.
 - 1st phase worked on was the roundabout at 47th Avenue and 37th Street. The contractor for that roundabout was Alpine Civil Constructors. Timeline was from April 2023 to August 2023, costing about 3.4 million dollars.
 - Currently working on Phase 2A which is from Sienna Avenue East to Stampede Drive. Contractor is Colorado Paving and project started on April 2024.
 - There was significant underground utility work with Atlas and that infrastructure had to be lowered in the ground as part of the full depth reconstruction.
 - Anticipation completion is September 2024 for Phase 2A.
 - Phase 2B is Stampede Drive east to 35th Avenue and was originally planned for 2026 but Cody R. Sims is planning to recommend to the City Council to move it to 2025.
 - Originally planned to jump out to 65th Avenue intersection back to Westernmost entrance of Arrowhead subdivision because of grant funding requirements.
 - With the recommendation of moving Phase 2B to 2025 that will complete all the reconstruction between 35th Avenue and 47th Avenue. The anticipated cost is about 5.5 million dollars.
 - Phase 3 Cody R. Sims is going to recommend moving it to 2026 because of Right of Way acquisitions to be able to bid for it.
 - There is a CDOT Grant involved in phase 3 for about 1.5 million dollars bringing the total cost a little bit over 7 million dollars.
 - The 47th Avenue and Arrowhead subdivision project is about 60% complete but there are 2 bridges involved so that brings a hefty price. City of Evans is still identifying what funding sources look like. After that the entire stretch from 65th to 35th will be improved with a 4 lane.
 - **23rd Avenue:** Expanded 4 lanes south of 37th Street and cost about 2.1 million dollars.
 - New traffic signal is going to be constructed at 34th Street, the project is expected to be about \$631,000 and are planning construction to start in Spring of 2025.

- **31st Street & HWY 85 Redevelopment:** Southwest corner of 31st Street and Highway 85 is currently a lot with Asphalt, concrete and weeds in some places. Evans is working with developers to redevelop this area of town.
- Working with Sanderson Stewart to get the public improvements designed out of \$300,000 engineering cost.
- Improvements would include water, sanitary sewer, storm, gas, electric and telecommunications to be shovel ready.
- Plan is to have the bid out in November or December and have acceptance towards the end of January.
- Plans include extension of Southgate Drive, between 31st St and West Service Road. Southgate Drive will intersect with West Service Road and West Service Road will terminate at that point. There will be traffic light improvements at that intersection.
- Economic Development team is working on the finishing stages of negotiating a purchase and sale agreement for the upper right lot on 31st Street.
- Estimated construction cost is about 3 million dollars and goal is to have completion by June 2025.
- Steve Teets asked on the North side of 31st Street along the service road why is it blocked off.
- Cody R. Sims said it was a CDOT requirement to clean up that intersection.
- **The Road Ahead:** The local street sales tax campaign that Evans has had in place since 2020, and it is a very critical funding source for the community as far as reconstruction or maintenance of streets.
- Since 2020 Evans has invested about 5.5 million dollars into street maintenance.
- A map was shown of the street maintenance pink was for 2024 chip seals, green was all the completed chip seal, yellow and purple are completed asphalt reconstructions.
- Everything done so far has been done based on pavement condition index rating that the engineer's office evaluates.
- Next year 2025 Cody R. Sims wants to pitch to the city council is to take on a bigger project than what they normally do. In the past they have done annual projects and forecasted this an amount to build a program based on that and sprinkle around as much as possible.
- Starting 2025 Evans is planning on doing a full depth reconstruction of 42nd St between 35th avenue to 23rd avenue, mill/overlay of 23rd avenue between 32nd St and 37th St, and a mill/overlay of 17th Avenue between 32nd St and 37th St.
- Estimated project cost for that is going to be \$4,350,000.
- In the next 3 years Evans is anticipating available funds in relation to demand for project. They are forecasting about 9.5 million dollars in fund made available through the street sales tax. 8.25 million dollars for projects identified by the City Engineers office.
- Jim Riesberg had a question he has noticed when you are coming south on the bypass 37th St is not working any of the signs or any of the posts but when you go north there is one. He was just curious why that is. Cody R. Sims said one of the things City council and him are doing is purchasing equipment to open their own sign shop and they are going to go through replacing all the street signs in the near future.

- Steve Teets asked if Evans is planning with the GET to be able to get out to St Michael's. Cody R. Sims said those are conversations that needs to be had with the City of Greeley and figure out what that route will look like.
- Preview of New Keep Greeley Moving (KGM) experience website:
- The URL is easy to find you just go to keepgreeleymoving.com
- Website has a map that shows time enable data of where we have been in KGM over time. You can see the different treatments that have been used, how many lane miles of each treatment and where those lane miles or treatments have been since 2016.
- Next iteration is to do planned improvements for KGM so residents can see where we are going next.
- There is a lot of interactive features in this website. If you zoom into the map all the different charts will update as well based on your extent. You can even zoom into your neighborhood or search for a specific address.
- Ed Grant asked how many miles of road are in Greeley. Will Jones said he believes we are responsible for about 375 lane miles.
- If you scroll down a little more on the web page you will see another map that shows the PQI which is the payment quality index. There is a bar that will appear in the middle of this map which allows you to drag it across the map that shows you KGM compared to the PQI.
- There is information on our different treatment types and there are tables at the bottom that you can look at the data that way as well for the PQI or KGM.
- James Baily asked how frequently is that data updated. Victoria McKenna said this data is static and it is all KGM data from previous years. We are hoping to do some planned work and ideally have a schedule or where we are going to next.
- Ed Grant asked if that was park of the 5.5 million dollars a year and answer was yes.
- Jimmy Jones said this was a really cool website and it would be nice if this was sent out to the residents so they can see why their neighborhood hasn't been improved yet and when their neighborhood is going to be improved.
- Victoria McKenna said that is the important part of the story to tell the timing of when these improvements are made really matters to lower overall coast of payment by choosing the right type of treatment at the right time.
- One piece of data that is not currently on this page is the location of where we have improved sidewalks and ADA ramps but there are on the list of the next iterations.
- Wendi Young mentioned that the PQI map is a lot of green and it is a little hard to differentiate the different types of PQI.

VI. Director's report: Paul Trombino – None

VII. New business:

- Jim Riesberg made a quick report on the Committee he was assigned to as part of the City of Greeley action plan to establish comprehensive safety action plan.

- The committee is comprised of local stakeholders, community organizations and subject matter experts. The goal is to prevent fatal and serious crashes between automobiles, cyclists and pedestrians.
- It was created to facilitate a 9.6 million dollar grant which is the second largest in the United States received by a city. It's headed by Tom Adams project manager, Miron Hora stakeholder and public engagement and Public Works staff.
- The process is based on implementing the best practices created by international vision zero approach traffic safety. Their goals are that traffic deaths are preventable, to integrate human failing in any approach, to prevent fatal and severe crashes, to use a system approach and that saving lives are not expensive.
- There have been 2 meetings for far the first one was focused on meeting the members, learning more about vision zero, renewing the initial data, discussing ideas and how to generate public engagement and becoming familiar with the project schedule. The second meeting was focused ongoing public engagement, existing conditions of Greeley transportation infrastructure, existing policies, proposed countermeasures, prioritization criteria and project selection.
- The data has shown that 9% of the miles account for 43% of the crashes. 15% of the total miles account for 68% of the crashes. High risks include 4 lane roads, higher speed limits, one-way roads, major arterials and signaled intersections. 60% of pedestrian accidents and 76% of cyclist accidents are signaled intersections. Countermeasures include changes at intersections, mid-block activities, roadway conditions, and education focused on behavioral change between pedestrians, cyclists and drivers.
- The third meeting is not scheduled but committee is now on stage to discuss the implementation plan, getting good coverage for citizens and drafting a comprehensive safety action plan that will be submitted by year end.
- There has been pop up meeting at Friday fest and there are more planned pop events in the fall to get public input.

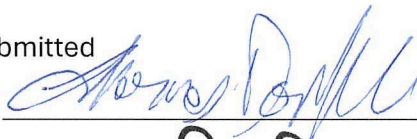
VIII. Round table & Proposed agenda items for September 23, 2024:

- Update on the Website

IX. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm

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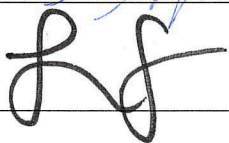
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