

CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

The Citizen TRANSPORTATION Advisory Board met January 27, 2025.

- I. Thomas Donkle Called the meeting to the order at 3:01 Pm.
- II. Roll Call – Board members present: Thomas Donkle, Jimmy Jones, Jim Riesberg, James Bailey, Steve Teets, Wendi Young, and Bart Smith.
Absent: Ally Johnson.

City staff included Michelle Johnson, Hannah Feldman, Bhooshan Karnik, Steven Younkin, Paul Trombino, Victoria Leonhardt, Renae Jordan, Will Jones.

- III. Approval of minutes – the minutes from November 18, 2024 & December 23, 2024, were approved by a motion and unanimous vote of the board members.
- IV. Public comment: No comment.
- V. Staff report:
 - CIP Update: Survey
 - Between now and the next couple of months, CTAB will be re – establishing itself.
 - The community survey has everything in it that we are looking for as far as feedback from the community.
 - Steve Teets asked where in Greeley did, they surveyed the people and how did they do the survey besides computers did they go to places. Paul Trombino answered the survey was done electronically through Community Engagement.
 - Bart Smith mentioned that it was done overall for the City of Greeley not transportation.
 - The survey had a lot of different categories and there were some specifics, for example City Performance. CTAB reviewed some results from the City Performance.
 - Bart Smith stated that on page 4 of the survey result, the survey was mailed out to a random number of households.
 - Tom Donkle would like over the next months to run through the results of the survey and begin to tie those into the Triennial Review questionnaire as well as the 3 Year Vision Action Organizer in hopes of creating some kind of guidance for the Board for the upcoming year.
 - The Triennial Review is a requirement of the Council, and they would like answered back by June 2025.
 - Tom Donkle asked for feedback on the organizer and Jimmy Jones said the organizer was good. However, there is a lot of information on it, and he thinks it could be broken down into categories. For example, which categories of projects or which areas we can review on a monthly basis.
 - James Bailey asked if the goals are already set by city staff, then what is CTAB's role. Paul Trombino answered that the 3 Vision Traction is a 3-year picture of where we

want to be and that allows us to draw down to one-year goals each year. The first year if we hit the goal 70% of what we are doing we stay on track for our 3 years.

- The goals are consistent with what comes out of the City Manager's office and the Council's strategic priorities and that is how we came up with key pieces for our 3-year goals.
- On the left side of the organizer is the City's core values. Underneath that you will see the core purpose and we would like to say that it is our part that we play in the City's strategic plan.
- We set Picture/Vision of what we would want to have essentially aligned in 3 years. Paul asked CTAB members what they think they should be focusing on over the next year and what they would like to see as outcomes.
- Jimmy Jones stated that he has been on the board for a few years now and every year has gotten better but he felt like last year it was a lot of information on 3 or 4 different projects that we reviewed in an hour. Jimmy would like it if we could focus on one project per meeting or set goals within those projects so that CTAB members can provide some feedback.
- Jim Riesberg asked if SS4A has been incorporated into the 11 projects, or do we now have some other things that they will have to be looking at to complete that 3-year strategic plan.
- Paul Trombino suggested that SS4A could be the project that CTAB spends more time on. We can go more in depth as Jimmy Jones suggested and talk about some ideas, we think are going to have a big impact on the community.
- Steven Younkin is planning on having dashboards, maps and interfaces for SS4A that we can share with stakeholders to potentially see what is going on throughout the process.
- Bart Smith agreed with Jimmy Jones on the amount of information provided at meetings and he suggested what the city staff can do is provide an area for CTAB members that we would want their feedback on.
- Steve Teets mentioned that years ago a council member would attend the CTAB meetings, and he thinks it would be nice if a council member came about 3 or 4 times a year to get an idea of what the board is doing.
- James Bailey asked which projects need more help with and feedback. Paul Trombino said Safe Streets action plan will need a lot of public input. As we move forward with 35th Ave and 47th Ave it will require a significant amount of feedback because there really hasn't been a lot of communication since inception. He feels like those will be the main projects to focus on.
- Paul Trombino said beyond that we really don't have anything yet for 2026 because budget was cut.
- We left 3 projects in the program after the budget cut which was 16th Street, Merge and 59th & O St. Everything else we took out of the program but kept the design and we will continue to work on 9th and 10th St as we are planning for another grant.
- Steve Teets said years ago the City Council passed a quality-of-life package and from his understanding that it was for recreation and other projects. Steve was wondering if the city council can change where that quality of life goes through the

recommendation of a board. Paul Trombino said it was changed in 2018 through a Citizen Board and they put transportation as an element of quality of life.

- James Bailey said Safe Neighborhood plans, demos, interchanges and the Mobility Hub would be pretty major things to go deep into.
- Jimmy Jones said as a board we need to understand how to connect with the community and not abandon pieces of the city. Steve Teets mentioned we need Evans more involved as well.
- Wendi Young said a lot of the advocacy for this board is through public works such as events and she was wondering if there is an avenue that the board could engage directly rather than through events.
- Jimmy Riesberg said he feels like CTAB is asked to do very little and Public Works does a lot. Most members are not at any of the functions Public Works does and CTAB is unaware of what Public Works is telling the public. Steve Teets mentioned on the survey CTAB members should have received a copy so they could have filled it out. He also mentioned CTAB needs to be more active like other subcommittees used to be.
- Bart Smith said two of the initiatives we work on are spread all over like safety and there are a lot of accidents down on 8th Avenue. He thinks the statistical work Public Works is doing has helped them move.
- James Baily said he thinks the challenge is there are a million things any organization can do but if you look back at the core focus on the 3 Vision Traction exceptional infrastructure and seamless mobility it is very clear what Public Works is trying to get after. He thinks the closer we stay to what they have decided the easier it becomes for CTAB to advise and give feedback.
- Jimmy Jones asked what BHAG stands for and Paul said it is an acronym for big very audacious goal.
- Tom Donkle said they are going to focus on capital improvement projects safety and micromobility. Michelle Johnson said that the Mobility Development plan is in its final stages and will be going to city council in March. Once it is approved there will be an implementation piece and being involved in that, overseeing it and providing recommendations will be beneficial and helpful.
- Tom Donkle asked what has been the process that has been gone through to develop the mobility development plan. Michelle Johnson said there have been 3 different phases of stakeholders in public participation. We have gone out to variety of places and have had stakeholder meetings. There have also been surveys online and there is a lot of public participation in this plan.
- Tom Donkle would like to begin periodically go back to the master plan.
- Jimmy Jones said he thinks the board wants it to be more of a work session than a presentation session.
- **Triennial Review Questionnaire:** Tom Donkle thinks that setting up a subcommittee to start working on this would be the best route and he asked for other thoughts from board members.
- Attendance and minutes are a requirement of the triennial questionnaire. Some of the board members had questions on how attendance has been tracked. I mentioned

that they should be stored electronically in previous minutes but moving forward City Clerks is requiring for attendance to be tracked on the Granicus system.

- The board members agreed on creating a subcommittee overseen by Jimmy Jones, but Jimmy Jones has not decided who will be on the subcommittee to work on the triennial questionnaire and wanted to wait for the March meeting to set up the subcommittee.
- Tom Donkle and Jimmy Jones asked city staff if there were any expectations from the city staff or if this is more of a board thing. Paul Trombino said the triennial questionnaire is more of a board thing. This triennial questionnaire is for city clerks to present the information that comes from the review based on what the boards say, and Council would ask questions for example how the board functions and values. This is for the council to decide if they keep the board or not.
- Paul Trombino said our expectations from CTAB are input and approval for projects.
- Michelle Johnson wanted to add under our Federal regulation under FTA this is a very important board so when we go for grants we have to make sure that CTAB sees our program of projects and that they review all of that.

- CIP Update:
- **Merge:** We received a second grant from the USDOT on January 6, 2025, for 29.4 million dollars as part of the MPDG-Rural. With that award the total USDOT funding and grants are about 50 million dollars on this project.
- We have had continuous meetings with Department of Transportation Build America Better Bureau to talk about how we get the TIFIA process.
- RFQ is ready to be published but we are waiting for CMO approval.
- **16th Street Enhancement Project:** The current work that is going on to replace the water and sanitary sewer lines is supposed to be done by February 14, 2025.
- We are finalizing our plans with CDOT for a final review. We will change the drainage design a little bit and as soon as that is done we should be in a position to bid the surface work. This work should happen over summer and a little bit of fall 2025.
- The concrete portion and roads should be done this year. Landscaping may follow a little bit later in the fall.
- **9th Street and 8th Street Plaza Design:** As per direction received from the CMO we have paused this project because of the other downtown projects that are happening and they are just wanting to get a better sense of what they want to do with downtown as a whole.
- **9th Street and 10th Street Beautification and Safety Project:** We did not get the Reconnecting Communities Pilot grant.
- We are submitting the RAISE grant and we have received letters of support from new Congressional representative and State Senator Governors.
- We include Lincoln Park as part of this project, and we have selected a consultant to start with the preliminary design of 9th and 10th Street Project.

- A main component for this project is the outfall and since we have a Stormwater rate increase there is a significant outfall component that follows the 10th Street alignment that we are looking to design.
- We are looking to replace all the old water and sanitary sewer lines that are along the corridors. We are also trying to reconfigure the streets; they are still going to be one-way streets per council direction, but we will have to do significant public outreach to make sure that is still the intent of the public.
- **Poudre River Restoration Initiative:** Phase one of the project is more or less completed.
- There is a council briefing scheduled for February 11, 2025, to talk more about the outcomes and the phase 2 approach on this project.
- **15th Avenue Court Underpass Project:** The survey and geotechnical work is completed. We are going to have a meeting on February 12, 2025, with CDOT to discuss the structure selection report.
- We had couple of meetings with the property owners right adjacent to the underpass on the south side. They were nice to work with and are okay to give us the right of way we need.
- Jimmy Jones asked if Public Works had a preliminary budget for that project and Bhooshan Karnik said yes we are around 7 million dollars right now. We are also taking care of the 27th Street intersection because there are some bad crossbands.
- **Pumpkin Ridge Neighborhood Connection to Sheep Draw Trail:** The work is complete, and the connection is open.
- **Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Master Plan:** It was approved by the Council on January 21, 2025, meeting.
- **Safe Street for All (SS4A Planning & Demonstration) Grant:** We have a consultant selected for this and scoping meeting will be kicked off soon. We are on track and on schedule for this project.
- **23rd Avenue and 4th Street/5th Street Improvement Project:** The ditch work replacing the bridge is currently happening and the intent is to let the work go until sometime in Spring so that the contractors have enough time to get the precast elements.
- The second phase of the project is currently on the unfunded priority list.
- **Keep Greeley Moving:** We have closed up the overlay project done by Martin Marietta and a wonderful job was done by them.
- Bids for concrete work should be hopefully out by February.
- **Spin Micromobility Pilot Update:** We have had just over 2,000 rides since we started the service during when the students left campus and with the colder weather last month we have seen less usage but we anticipate it going back up.
- Spin staff are going to be sending us a plan for how they will be increasing vehicles as the weather warms up. That plan will be shared with CTAB once we receive it.
- We will be conducting education and outreach in partnership with communication and engagement within spin to receive additional feedback on the program this Spring.

- Overall, we have gotten mostly positive feedback, and we had someone who was a tourist interested in coming to Greeley because we had shared micromobility. We received a complaint about issues with people parking a device on the sidewalk. Hanna Feldman conducted an audit and Spin responded really quickly.
- Steve Teets recommended that maybe at certain key bus stops city can put about 2 or 3 bike racks so someone can park them there. Hanna Feldman said that one of the things we wanted to look at was where our key demands are to have dedicated parking.
- Jim Riesberg said he has seen them parked in strange locations and wanted to know if there is something online that shows where they are supposed to go back. Hanna Feldman said on the app there are all the locations they are supposed to go.
- James Bailey asked if Spin does a pick u once a night to recharge and Hanna Feldman said yes they have staff that are managing the devices.
- **US 34 Transit Service Update:** We are meeting on a monthly basis with the different agencies along Highway 34. We have worked out a tentative agreement so that the 34 service or the reginal service will go directly into the Centerra Park and Ride.
- Loveland will be working to provide service to Johnstown.
- We have a meeting with the traffic engineers along the corridor to stary discussing preemption and to make sure the service there is timely. We have also ordered buses.
- **Mobility Development Plan Update:** We will talk more about this in February and hopefully we will have the final draft available.
- Tom Donkle asked with the new study out right now how is the interest looking. Will Jones said we had 16 companies that were interested in it. We have made it through scoring and working on the procurement process.
- Tom Donkle also asked if the preliminary design in mobility improvements has been closed or has it been awarded yet. Bhooshan Karnik said the 9th St & 10th Street has already been awarded and we have a consultant on board. Tom Donkle asked about the adapted video project. Will Jones said the detection cameras have been installed.
- Tom Donkle asked about the Merge project if there are any other funding sources we are looking at. Bhooshan Karnik said our current estimate is about 130 million dollars and the way it is split right now is we have 107.5 million dollars in construction and 23.7 million dollars in design. Tom Donkle asked if we have re-engage CDOT to match and Paul Trombino said he can asked but he doesn't think there is a chance they will put money into the project.
- Steve Teets asked with the 15th Avenue underpass is there going to be federal funding. Bhooshan Karnik said we have the internal grant we submitted for, and we got about 2.5 million dollars from that funding. Tom Donkle asked if we are going to be taking the lead on the design or if it has been decided with CDOT. Paul Trombino said it is really with CMO, and we should lead the design.
- James Bailey asked if there are any concerns on the current administration freezing this project. Paul Trombino answered no there are no concerns.

- Tom Donkle asked if we are going to do a traditional design build and Paul Trombino said we are using CMGC.
- For the West Greeley project, we have hired Legends company. This project was not conceived to expand US 34 it was to take care of the safety issues and traffic conditions on 35th and 47th Avenue interchanges.

VI. Transportation: None

Engineering: None

VII. Director's report: None

VIII. New business:

- Tom Donkle asked me to give an update on the city invitation and to find out when the thank you meeting will be.

IX. Round table & Proposed agenda items for February 24, 2025:

- Ebikes/Scooters accessibility
- Goals & Development
- Mobility/Micro Mobility

X. The meeting adjourned at 4:41 pm

Respectfully Submitted

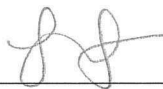
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Chairman



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