City of Greeley Colorado | BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

The Citizen Transportation Advisor Board Minutes

May 18, 2026

WEB ~~April 27, 2026~~, at 3:00 pm

1. Call to Order
   - Tom Donkle called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm
2. Roll Call
   - Board/Commission member present – Tom Donkle, James Bailey, Steve Teets, Jim Riesberg, and Wendi Young.
   - Board/Commission members absent – Eva Maines and Ally Johnson
   - City Employees present – Bret Naber, Wendy Behtel, Hanna Feldman, Seth Sorensen, Tom Christian, Roch Labossiere, and Michelle Johnson.
   - Other guest in attendance – N/A

3. Approval of the minutes
   - The minutes from April 27, 2026, were approved by a motion and unanimous vote of the board members.
4. Citizen Input
   - N/A
5. Old Business:
   - **Merge**: Roch Labossiere presented that the project is progressing as planned, with key milestones including obtaining federal grant approval, establishing baseline layouts for interchanges at 35th and 47th streets, and selecting a construction manager general contractor (CMGC) approach. Roch discussed the project's financial plan, explaining that the TIFIA loan amount of $34.7 million remains under the 49% federal threshold. The project team is working on public outreach plans and has engaged an independent cost estimator to refine and optimize costs at various design phases, with a goal to achieve a construction agreement price by the first term of 2028. Roch addressed concerns about federal grant eligibility, clarifying that the City of Greeley serves as the direct recipient and is positioned to maintain compliance with federal requirements, including financial controls and audit readiness. The project timeline was updated with construction ending in Q2-Q3 of 2028 with substantial completion scheduled for September 2030. The Board emphasized the importance of maintaining clear communication with the public over the next three years to ensure continued funding support.

   - **CTAB Work Plan:** The discussion started with Seth Sorensen new Public Works Director introducing himself sharing his background and expressing excitement about joining Greeley's strong team to address challenges like Merge. The board focused on developing a CTAB work plan to enhance community outreach and transparency. Wendi Young proposed two main goals: increasing involvement in Northern Colorado transportation organizations. The second goal is strengthening the board's role as a citizen voice through one established formal feedback mechanisms and targeted community engagement. The group discussed specific opportunities for engagement, including the Northern Colorado Mobility Committee and Weld County meetings, with staff offering to support board participation and providing updates on regional transportation activities. The board discussed the board's role in representing community transportation concerns to City Council, suggesting a shift from being filtered through staff to direct community representation. They proposed engaging external groups and conducting public surveys to gather neighborhood-specific transportation concerns. They also highlighted the importance of collaboration with other organizations and mentioned the need to reactivate the Safe Speeds for All Action Planning Group, which had been meeting irregularly despite having 127 approved projects for the year.

- **POP – Program of Projects:**

6. New Business:
    - Steve Teets made a motion to move the May meeting to May 18th, second by Eva Maines, all agreed, Motion passed.
    - A motion was made by Jim Riesberg, second by James Bailey to approve the changes to the By Laws all agreed, Motion passed.

7. Round table & Proposed agenda items for April
    - Meeting ran out of time; there were no proposed agenda items.

8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm

Thomas Donkle

(Thomas Donkle) – Chair

Wendy Bethel

Staff Liaison or Dept Manager