



Colorado Springs

El Paso County

Manitou Springs

Green Mountain Falls

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 13, 2006 - 1:30 p.m.
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Main Conference Room
15 S. 7th Street, Colorado Springs**

DIRECTORS PRESENT

El Paso County Directors

Commissioner Wayne Williams, Chair

Commissioner Sallie Clark

Commissioner Dennis Hisey

City of Manitou Springs Director

Mayor Marcy Morrison

City of Colorado Springs Directors

Vice Mayor Larry Small, Vice Chair

Councilmember Jerry Heimlicher

Mayor Lionel Rivera

Town of Green Mountain Falls Director

Mayor Tyler Stevens

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. John Christofferson, Legal Counsel

Mr. Rob MacDonald, Board Secretary

Ms. Barb Louricas, Recording Secretary

Ms. Beverly Majewski, Finance Manager

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, Program/Contracts Manager

Member entity employees and citizens

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

El Paso County Director Williams established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

El Paso County Director Williams requested that Agenda Item No. 11, *City of Colorado Springs Silver Key Audit Report*, be moved for discussion prior to the 2007 budget hearing.

El Paso County Director Clark made a motion to approve the agenda with the change. El Paso County Director Hisey seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no public comments.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 8, 2006 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

El Paso County Director Clark made a motion to approve the minutes. Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

5. CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MONTHLY REPORT

Colorado Springs Director Rivera arrived at 1:33 p.m.

Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens arrived at 1:35 p.m.

Mr. Tom Harold, Pikes Peak RTA Citizen Advisory Committee Chair, indicated that the CAC subcommittee determined that the RTA Capital Projects "A" list will be able to be completed. The remaining issue of cost estimates for future construction projects will be postponed until after the final 2006 financial statements are completed to determine if there are carryover funds.

Mr. Harold indicated that the CAC made a three-part motion regarding Silver Key: 1) Silver Key be provided the entire funding amount for 2006, 2) that the \$100,000 funding level for 2007 be approved, and 3) no additional funding for 2007 be approved for Silver Key above the \$100,000 level because adjustments would need to be made to the fixed route service which goes against the voters' desires.

Mr. Harold said that the request to reduce the change order limitation for the Austin Bluffs/Union Boulevard Interchange project by the City of Colorado Springs be approved.

Mr. Harold said that the CAC does not support the use of Pikes Peak RTA funds for the West Colorado Avenue Street and Drainage Improvements project. Mr. Harold indicated that the Pikes Peak RTA CAC wants the City of Colorado Springs, El Paso County, and the City of Manitou Springs to seek alternative funding through PPACG.

Mr. Harold suggested that a public relations task force be established in January to look at various methods to communicate the status of Pikes Peak RTA projects to the public. There were three members of the CAC who will be on the task force. Mr. Harold recommended that \$24,000 from the Pikes Peak RTA administrative budget be used to prepare a 100,000-piece mass mailing for a 2006 annual report.

Ms. Mary Scott, City of Colorado Springs Public Communications, said she met with Mr. Ron Cole, El Paso County Public Communications, to discuss transportation education newsletters. Ms. Scott indicated that the City of Colorado Springs is funding the effort. Ms. Scott said that \$24,000 would fund a 100,000 piece mailing and would cover the cost of design, printing, purchasing a mailing list from El Paso County, and postage.

Mr. Harold gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Pikes Peak RTA CAC float in the Festival of Lights Parade. El Paso County Director Williams inquired the source of the funds for the float. Mr. Harold said that the City of Colorado Springs, COSMIX, and Praco were contributors.

Silver Key Audit Report

El Paso County Director Williams departed the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Mr. Ron Mitchell, Colorado Springs Public Works Director, discussed the City of Colorado Springs Audit Report on Silver Key. The following findings were in the report:

1. Data provided by Silver Key contained numerous errors.
2. Silver Key will not meet the targeted number of trips, revenue miles or hours requirements stated in their contract with the City. Mr. Mitchell said that 100,000 trips were estimated based on 2004 and 2005 statistics and it is projected that only 60,000 trips will be accomplished. Colorado Springs Director Small said that it was a good faith effort and it is understandable that the 2004 and 2005 trips were not

an accurate number. Mr. Mitchell believes that the Federal Transit Administration will be satisfied with the reporting.

3. No Shows and Refused Services appear to have increased threefold.
4. Financial statements were not audited in a timely manner. Mr. Mitchell indicated that the 2004 audited financial statements are complete, 2005 audited financial statements are near completion, and the 2006 audited financial statements will be completed in early 2007.
5. Service contract appears incomplete.
6. Excess revenues should be returned to City Transit/PPRTA. Mr. Mitchell indicated that the City of Colorado Springs is in agreement with the recommendation of the Pikes Peak RTA CAC that no funding be withheld from Silver Key.

Mr. Mitchell said that Silver Key has projected \$800,000 in expenses to provide 60,000 trips. Mr. Mitchell said there are no funds to provide more than \$100,000 to Silver Key and if the Board made a decision to fund Silver Key more than \$100,000, service delivery would be reduced to fixed route service. Mr. Mitchell said that if there are carryover funds available after the 2006 financial reports are completed, additional funding could be provided to Silver Key above the \$100,000 level.

Mr. Steve Mulliken, Silver Key Board Chair; and Ms. Dawn Webber, Silver Key Board Chair-Elect, were present to address the issues with the audit and the Pikes Peak RTA budget request. Mr. Mulliken reminded the Board that at the end of 2005, Silver Key came to the Pikes Peak RTA Board and requested that Silver Key's funding level be increased from \$70,000 to \$400,000. Mr. Mulliken indicated that Silver Key agreed to: 1) expand the service area and 2) improve reporting to the City of Colorado Springs.

Mr. Mulliken said that the service area has been increased and tremendous effort has been expended to improve the transportation reporting to the City of Colorado Springs. Mr. Mulliken said that the reports have been submitted on time or early and have improved in accuracy. Mr. Kelly Finnegan, Silver Key Chief Financial Officer, started in the fall of 2005 and has worked hard to bring the financial reporting requirements to an acceptable level. Mr. Mulliken said that Silver Key personnel have worked to address the issues in the Colorado Springs Auditors' report and believes they have resolved many of the issues.

Mr. Mulliken indicated that no shows have been a continuing problem and because of the senior population who they serve, that is a common situation. Mr. Mulliken said that ridership is 60,000 and previous data was not reliable. Mr. Mulliken said that Silver Key has struggled for many years to meet the budget. Mr. John Morse attempted to implement a fee increase from \$1 per ride to \$3 per ride. Mr. Mulliken said that was unsuccessful and has been reversed by the Silver Key Board.

Mr. Mulliken said that the goal of Silver Key is to assist the senior population to stay in their homes for as long as possible. The routes are a door-through-door service. The clients are assisted both in getting out of their home as well as safely to their destination and back. Mr. Mulliken said that the Silver Key Board has made a decision to get Trapeze software to develop accurate transportation statistics. Mr. Mulliken said ridership demands will increase and requested that the RTA Board provide more than \$100,000 of funding to Silver Key. Mr. Mulliken indicated that Silver Key would be satisfied to receive trip reimbursement funding at \$5 per trip.

Colorado Springs Director Hiemlicher asked what organization could replace the services that Silver Key provides. Mr. Mulliken said that if Silver Key would not provide the service, there would be no other organization available to provide the same door-through-door service. Mr. Mitchell said that Mountain Mobility provides services to seniors, and they must qualify under the ADA guidelines and be within a ¾ mile geographic area of a fixed route service. Metro Mobility provides curb-to-curb service (not door-through-door) for seniors who are ADA qualified.

Mr. Tad Goodenbour, Silver Key Board Treasurer, said that Silver Key has a total budget of \$3 million, \$850,000 is for transportation. Mr. Goodenbour said donations are \$1.2 million.

Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher inquired about the amount of federal funds available to Silver Key. Mr. Finnegan believes Silver Key has tapped into all of the resources that are available to Silver Key through Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging. Mr. Finnegan said that there is a proposal for coordination of services between Silver Key, Metro Mobility, Amblicab, and Fountain Valley Senior Services that will greatly benefit the community.

Colorado Springs Director Rivera said that it appears that Silver Key allocates a large part of donations to other services other than Transportation and inquired about the reason. Mr. Goodenbour said that transportation services are made up of numerous volunteers. The Meals on Wheels program takes a lot of resources to administer. Mr. Goodenbour indicated that the bequests are an unknown quantity and difficult to budget.

Mr. Mitchell said that there are no FTA funds for the type of service that Silver Key provides. Mr. MacDonald indicated that the Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging provides Title III federal funds in the amount of \$128,000 to Silver Key from a pool of \$300,000 to the three-county region of Park, Teller, and El Paso Counties.

Mr. Chuck Brown said that when he was on the El Paso Board of County Commissioners, citizens would approach the County Commissioners about the need for more public transportation and suggested the 1% sales tax as the funding mechanism.

Colorado Springs Director Rivera made a motion to authorize the City of Colorado Springs to pay Silver Key the remaining four months of Pikes Peak RTA funding in the amount of \$133,333 for 2006. El Paso County Director Hisey seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. FY-2007 PIKES PEAK RTA BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET

Ms. Beverly Majewski, Pikes Peak RTA Financial Manager, indicated that a notice for the public hearing date, time, and place were advertised for the FY-2007 Pikes Peak RTA budget. No comments or objections were received. In addition, a draft copy of the FY-2007 budget was made available for public review.

Ms. Majewski said that Attachment 1 is a request from Metro Transit that the FREX funding line item in the amount of \$189,000 be moved from the operating budget to the capital budget. Ms. Majewski said that Attachment 2 reconciles FREX funding to Agenda Item No. 13E. Ms. Majewski reported that the request from Transit to hire two city police officers has been withdrawn by the City of Colorado Springs and they will use a contracted security company.

Ms. Majewski said that the Pikes Peak RTA Counsel contacted counsels of member governments regarding the need for Directors and Officers Insurance. Ms. Majewski said that the counsels had differing opinions on the issue and the Pikes Peak RTA will renew the \$15,000 insurance policy.

Ms. Majewski indicated that the Pikes Peak RTA CAC, the member government staffs, and the Pikes Peak RTA staff recommend approval of the resolutions for the FY-2007 budget and appropriation of funds and authorize signature of the two resolutions by Board Chair, Board Vice Chair, and Board Secretary.

Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher inquired about moving funds for Transit from the operating to the capital budget. Mr. Mitchell said the transfer is for matching SB-01 and CMAQ funding for FREX.

Colorado Springs Director Rivera asked for clarification on the comment that if additional funds were provided to Silver Key what fixed route services would be cut. Mr. Mitchell said that if an additional \$200,000 were provided to Silver Key, 3,400 hours of fixed route service would be cut. Mr. Mitchell gave examples of reducing services on Saturday and/or Sunday or possibly an entire route.

Mr. Mitchell said that reserves are at \$6 million and the Transit portion is \$600,000. One-time funding of \$200,000 could be provided. Mr. Mitchell said that projections are \$ 2 million in unobligated revenue which would be determined in March.

Colorado Springs Director Small asked for public comment on the FY-2007 Pikes Peak RTA budget.

Mr. Tom Harold, Pikes Peak RTA CAC Chair, requested approval of \$24,000 from the administration budget to be allocated for a public relations budget to publish an end-of-year report.

El Paso County Director Clark said she is in favor of expending \$24,000 to the public relations effort for a year-end report. El Paso County Director Clark indicated that she is in agreement with reimbursing Silver Key at a "per trip" allocation. El Paso Director Clark doesn't believe that \$300,000 is a justified amount.

Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens said he would approve funding Silver Key at the \$100,000 for 2007 and agrees with Mr. Mitchell that if there is excess revenue at year-end, additional funds may be available to give Silver Key more funding.

Colorado Springs Director Small said that other areas of funding are available with \$2 million of interest accruing per year. The sales tax collections have also significantly dropped in the last three months and there is a risk to 2006 revenue projections. Colorado Springs Director Small said that there are also reserve funds. Colorado Springs Director Small estimated that Silver Key's expenses appear to be \$61,000 per month after deduction of depreciation.

Colorado Springs Director Rivera said that when he campaigned for the Pikes Peak RTA, FREX did not exist. FREX provides 700 trips per day with significant funding by the Pikes Peak RTA to citizens who are not only from El Paso County. Colorado Springs Director Rivera recommended that an additional \$100,000 from reserves be funded to Silver Key for FY-2007. Colorado Springs Director Rivera asked that funding be provided to Silver Key for citizens in El Paso County who are paying a portion of the sales tax to the Pikes Peak RTA. He asked that Transit return with a proposal in March for additional funding to Silver Key for unappropriated funds from FY-2006.

Ms. Majewski said that if \$24,000 were allocated from the FY-2007 administration budget, the bottom line to all other budgets would be affected. Ms. Majewski recommends to wait before allocating amounts from the administration budget until year-end to determine if there are any additional funds in the FY-2006 administration budget.

Colorado Springs Director Rivera made a motion to approve the FY-2007 Pikes Peak RTA budget with an amendment to fund an additional \$100,000 to Silver Key from Transit reserves. El Paso County Clark seconded the motion.

Manitou Springs Director Morrison recommended that additional funding above the \$200,000 level to Silver Key be addressed in March 2007 and suggested that it be added to the motion. Colorado Springs Director Rivera did not want to change the motion because additional funding to Silver Key may not be warranted. El Paso County Director Clark said she wants to see more detailed information from Silver Key on how the funds will be used.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A break was taken from 3:24 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.

7. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, Pikes Peak RTA Program/Contracts Manager, said that at the September 13 Board meeting, the Board approved the 1st Amendment to the Comprehensive IGA between the City of Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak RTA. Mr. Sonnenburg said those changes have been used to revise the Comprehensive IGA between El Paso County and the Pikes Peak RTA.

Resolution Approving First Amendment to Comprehensive IGA with El Paso County

Mr. Sonnenburg said there are two exceptions to the changes: 1) the Comprehensive IGA for El Paso County references third parties and the Comprehensive IGA for the City of Colorado Springs does not and 2) the Comprehensive IGA for El Paso County has no reference to Transit Services.

El Paso County Clark requested that for future changes, she would like the strike out and bold method be used to easily identify changes.

El Paso County Director Clark made a motion to approve the first amendment to the Comprehensive IGA with El Paso County. Colorado Springs Director Rivera seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution Approving IGA With City of Colorado Springs and CDOT

Mr. Sonnenburg said that several of the capital projects for the Pikes Peak RTA are CDOT-managed projects for the City of Colorado Springs. Mr. Sonnenburg said that the Pikes Peak RTA needs to write checks to CDOT and the draft IGA between the City of Colorado Springs, CDOT, and the Pikes Peak RTA will allow checks to be made to CDOT directly from the Pikes Peak RTA.

Mr. Cam McNair, Colorado Springs City Engineer, provided an updated IGA of changes that were made at the Colorado Springs City Council meeting on December 12. Mr. John Christofferson, Pikes Peak RTA Counsel, approved of the changes. Mr. McNair said that references pertaining to an IGA between the City of Colorado Springs and CDOT regarding Powers Boulevard were deleted.

El Paso County Director Hisey made a motion to approve the amended IGA between the City of Colorado Springs, CDOT, and the Pikes Peak RTA with the revisions presented by Mr. McNair at the meeting. Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

8. 2006 CAPITAL, MAINTENANCE, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND ADMINISTRATION CONTRACTS

City of Colorado Springs

Mr. Mitchell requested approval of numerous contracts for the City of Colorado Springs:

1. Lawrence Construction Company, Capital (Austin Bluffs/Union Interchange), \$26,247,552.98

Mr. Mitchell requested the approval of a waiver to the change order restriction for the Austin Bluffs/Union Boulevard Interchange to be \$100,000 per change order up to 10% of the project amount or \$2.6 million. Mr. Mitchell indicated that the City of Colorado Springs would like to respond to change orders within a few days and does not feel that the Board can meet that quickly.

Mr. Christofferson said that if three or more elected officials meet, there must be a 72-hour notice to be in compliance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Law.

Mr. McNair said that once the contract change order amount reaches \$100,000, all change orders for that contract will come to the Board for approval. Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher indicated that the request is reasonable and can be changed, if necessary.

Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher made a motion to waive the change order approval limits on the Austin Bluffs/Union Interchange project to \$100,000 per contract change order or 10% for an aggregate total. Colorado Springs Director Rivera seconded the motion.

Colorado Springs Director Small said that the delay in a project can be costly.

The vote passed by 4-3 vote, with dissenting votes by Manitou Springs Director Morrison, El Paso County Director Clark, and El Paso County Director Hisey.

El Paso County Director Clark left the room at 4:00 p.m.:

2. Brown & Brown Insurance, Capital/Maintenance (Liability Insurance Protection for Pikes Peak RTA), \$109,193

Colorado Springs Director Rivera voted to approve the contract for Brown & Brown Insurance. Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote (with El Paso County Director Clark excused).

3. Wanco, Maintenance (Incident Management/Signal Update), \$33,608

Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher voted to approve the contract for Wanco. Colorado Springs Director Rivera seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote (with El Paso County Director Clark excused).

4. Nolte Associates, Inc., Capital (Capital Project Management and Construction Inspection Services), \$982,488

Colorado Springs Director Rivera voted to approve the contract for Nolte Associates, Inc. Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote (with El Paso County Director Clark excused).

5. Nolte Associates, Inc., Maintenance (Roadway Maintenance Program), \$1,241,625

Colorado Springs Director Rivera voted to approve the contract for Nolte Associates, Inc. Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote (with El Paso County Director Clark excused).

6. Vulcan Aluminum, Maintenance (Aluminum sign blanks to enhance roadway safety and traffic operations), \$200,000

El Paso County Director Hisey voted to approve the contract for Vulcan Aluminum. Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote (with El Paso County Director Clark excused).

7. Apple One Franchise Inc., Add Staff Inc., and Remedy Temp Inc.; Maintenance (Temporary employment service contracts), As-Needed Basis

El Paso County Director Hisey voted to approve the contracts for Apple One Franchise Inc., Add Staff Inc., and Remedy Temp Inc. Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote (with El Paso County Director Clark excused).

Mr. Mitchell indicated that there was a memo dated November 27 with a four page attachment regarding 2007 contract extensions in the Board packet.

El Paso County Director Hisey voted to approve the contract extensions for the City of Colorado Springs. Manitou Springs Director Morrison seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote (with El Paso County Director Clark excused).

El Paso County

Mr. John McCarty, El Paso County Transportation Director, requested approval for payment to Stewart Title of Colorado in the amount of \$358,051 for purchase of right-of-way property for the Struthers Road Extension.

Colorado Springs Director Rivera voted to approve the payment to Stewart Title of Colorado in the amount of \$358,051. Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote (with El Paso County Director Clark excused).

City of Manitou Springs

Mr. Mike Leslie, Manitou Springs Deputy City Administrator, requested approval of a contract change order for \$22,100 to Nolte Associates, Incorporated. The original contract amount was \$459,326.

Mr. Leslie requested approval of a second change order in the amount of \$5,175 to AA Construction Company, Incorporated. The original contract amount was \$823,562.35.

Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher voted to approve two contract change orders for the City of Manitou Springs for \$22,100 to Nolte Associates, Incorporated and \$5,175 to AA Construction Company, Incorporated. El Paso County Director Hisey seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote (with El Paso County Director Clark excused).

Legal Services Contract for CY-2007

Mr. Sonnenburg indicated that the legal services contract between Icenogle, Norton, Smith & Blieszner and the Pikes Peak RTA expires on December 31, 2006. On December 5, 2006, Mr. Icenogle on behalf of Icenogle, Norton, Smith & Blieszner wrote a letter to Mr. Rob MacDonald indicating their desire to renew the contract for one year with an option for renewal. The contract amount is the same as 2006, not to exceed \$72,000.

El Paso County Director Clark returned to the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

El Paso County Director Hisey voted to approve the legal services contract renewal between the Pikes Peak RTA and Icenogle, Norton, Smith & Blieszner for Nolte Associates, Inc. for 2007 not to exceed \$72,000. Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

9. CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Sonnenburg said that there are six members of the Pikes Peak RTA Citizen Advisory Committee who have terms that are expiring on December 31, 2006.

1. Mr. Gary Bradley—Colorado Springs CTAB
2. Mr. Al Brody-Citizen-At-Large Alternate
3. Ms. Jan Doran—Citizen-At-Large
4. Mr. Justin McDonald—Citizen-At-Large Alternate
5. Mr. David Sealander—El Paso County HAC
6. Mr. Phillip St.Cloud—City of Manitou Springs

Mr. Sonnenburg said that Mr. Brody, Ms. Doran, and Mr. McDonald submitted letters requesting reappointment. The other memberships for Colorado Springs CTAB, El Paso County HAC, and the City of Manitou Springs will be appointed by the respective member governments.

Mr. Sonnenburg said that an advertisement was put in the *Daily Transcript* and *Gazette* for the two additional at-large seats. Mr. Sonnenburg requested that the Board establish an ad hoc committee to meet in January or February to recommend at-large members at the February 14 Board meeting for three at-large positions as well as two new at-large alternate seats.

Manitou Springs Director Morrison made a motion to establish an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to review the applications for the Citizen-At-Large positions on the Pikes Peak RTA Citizen Advisory Committee and have the current members serve until the February 14 Pikes Peak RTA Board meeting. El Paso County Director Clark seconded the motion.

El Paso County Director Clark and Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher will serve on the Ad Hoc Committee. El Paso County Director Clark and Colorado Springs Director Small suggested that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Pikes Peak RTA CAC be involved in the process.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Colorado Springs Director Rivera departed the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

Mr. Harold indicated that he requested that the Pikes Peak RTA staff draft three letters to members who have not been attending meetings on a regular basis.

10. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Ms. Majewski reported that the October sales and use tax was \$5,506,587, which is \$358,628 under the amended budget. The year-to-date budget is ahead by \$1,705,155 and \$7 million over last year. Mr. Majewski reported interest projections at year-end will be approximately \$1.1 million ahead of budget.

11. CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS WEST COLORADO AVENUE STREET AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. McNair updated the Board regarding the West Colorado Avenue street and drainage improvements from 31st Avenue to Manitou Springs' city limit. Mr. McNair said that the cost estimate is \$2.5 million for street and drainage improvements and was developed by the staffs of the City of Colorado Springs and El Paso County. Mr. McNair said that there are financial implications to fund the project with Pikes Peak RTA funds. Mr. McNair said that the project is not on the list of capital projects that were approved by voters, and he described several concerns about using the maintenance funds.

Mr. McNair said the project has been discussed with the Colorado Springs CTAB, El Paso County HAC, and the Pikes Peak RTA CAC. All groups are in agreement that the Pikes Peak RTA funding not be used to fund the project. Mr. McNair said that the Colorado Springs City Council gave direction to form a task force to determine funding sources.

Mr. Craig Casper, PPACG Transportation Director, indicated that there is \$10 million available per year from 2008 to 2014 by CDOT, known as the maintenance incentive program to allow CDOT to transfer ownership of roads to smaller jurisdictions. CDOT requires that the maintenance be funded by the jurisdiction and Mr. Casper recommended that the Pikes Peak RTA use maintenance dollars to pay for the maintenance.

Manitou Springs Director Morrison indicated that the City of Manitou Springs has been discussing the concept with CDOT for several years. Manitou Springs Director Morrison said that CDOT said they would provide \$1.5 million in funding for the corridor and estimated that the maintenance cost would be \$40,000 per year.

Mr. McNair said that if CDOT could fund the project, the Pikes Peak RTA maintenance funds could provide the maintenance.

Manitou Springs Director Morrison made a motion to form a joint task force with members of CDOT, the City of Colorado Springs, the City of Manitou Springs, and CDOT to seek funding resources through PPACG and CDOT for planning, design, and project management. El Paso County Director Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

13. OTHER REPORTS

City of Colorado Springs Small Projects Report

There were no questions.

City of Colorado Springs Right-of-Way and Easements and Acquisition Report

There were no questions.

City of Colorado Springs Monthly Change Order Report

There were no questions.

City of Colorado Springs Cimarron Street Bridge Project Status

There were no questions.

City of Colorado Springs FREX Funding Update

There were no questions.

City of Colorado Springs Updated Contract Lists and 2007 Contract Extension List for Transit Services and Mountain Metropolitan Transit

There were no questions.

Quarterly Reports from Member Governments

There were no questions.

Board Appointments and Administrative Actions for 2007

There were no questions.

Maintenance of Effort Reports

There were no questions.

Staff Field Review Report

There were no questions.

14 PIKES PEAK RTA MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Colorado Springs Director Small indicated that the ribbon cutting ceremony for Austin Bluffs/Nevada Avenue improvements will be held at 11:00 a.m. on December 15, on the northeast corner of Austin Bluffs and Nevada Avenue. This project is the first major Pikes Peak RTA project completed in the City of Colorado Springs.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Colorado Springs Director Small adjourned the meeting at 5 p.m.