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**PPRTA Board Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 10, 2010 – 1:30 p.m.**

**Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Main Conference Room**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**City of Colorado Springs**

**Vice Mayor Larry Small, Vice Chair**  
Mayor Lionel Rivera  
Councilmember Jan Martin

**City of Manitou Springs**

Mayor Marc Snyder

**Town of Ramah**

Trustee Pamela Smith

**El Paso County**

**Commissioner Sallie Clark, Chair**  
Commissioner Jim Bensberg  
Commissioner Dennis Hisey  
Commissioner Wayne Williams

**Town of Green Mountain Falls**

Mayor Tyler Stevens

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**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**None**

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**OTHERS PRESENT**

Staff of Member Governments and Citizens

**PIKES PEAK RTA STAFF PRESENT**

Mr. Rob MacDonald, PPRTA Board Secretary  
Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, Program/Contracts Manager  
Ms. Beverly Majewski, Financial Manager  
Mr. Ed Icenogle, PPRTA Counsel  
Ms. Jacquelyn Puett, Recording Secretary

**I. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum**

City of Colorado Springs Director Small established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

## **2. Approval of the Agenda**

City of Colorado Springs Director Small reviewed the following revisions to the agenda.

- Item 9E shall be heard as Item 5B.
- Item 8A shall be postponed until the March 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

El Paso County Director Williams made a motion to approve the agenda, as revised. City of Manitou Springs Director Snyder seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **3. Public Comment Period for Items Not on the Agenda**

There were none.

## **4. Approval of the January 13, 2010, Regular Meeting Minutes**

El Paso County Director Williams made a motion to approve the January 13, 2010, regular meeting minutes. El Paso County Director Hisey seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

*Town of Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens arrived at the meeting at 1:33 p.m.*

## **5. Citizen Advisory Committee Monthly Report**

Mr. Tom Harold, Pikes Peak RTA Citizen Advisory Committee Chair, presented the highlights from the Committee's February meeting. There were no questions or comments.

## **5B. City of Colorado Springs Transit Services Monthly Update**

Mr. David Menter, Transit Planning Supervisor, Mountain Metropolitan Transit, stated City Council approved an IGA that will allow continued operation of FREX for the remainder of 2010. The IGA approval was due to the receipt of a bid for the purchase of nine FREX buses.

## **6. Financial Reports**

Ms. Beverly Majewski, Pikes Peak RTA Financial Manager, presented the financial reports. The PPRTA received \$6,286,186 in December Sales and Use Tax receipts, which was \$715,141 or 12.8% over the amended monthly budget and 11.4% below the original year-to-date budget. Year-to-date actual figures compared to budget were \$2,546,186 above budget and 7.52% below last year's actual revenue.

*City of Colorado Springs Director Rivera arrived at the meeting at 1:47 p.m.*

*El Paso County Director Clark arrived at the meeting at 1:53 p.m. and assumed the Chair's seat.*

*El Paso County Director Bensberg left the meeting at 1:53 p.m.*

## **7. 2010 Capital, Maintenance and Public Transportation Contracts**

### **A. City of Colorado Springs**

Mr. Robin Kidder, City Engineering Staff, City of Colorado Springs, requested approval of the following contract:

- 1) Blue Ridge Construction, Capital (Fillmore and El Paso Street Intersection Improvements): \$312,951.00 (\$112,951.00 PPRTA Portion)

El Paso County Director Williams made a motion to approve the contract. El Paso County Director Hisey seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

## B. El Paso County

Mr. Dennis Barron, El Paso County Engineering Staff, requested approval of the following contract:

1) Wilson & Company, Capital (Marksheffel Road Project): \$74,292.15

City of Colorado Springs Director Small made a motion to approve the contract. El Paso County Director Hisey seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

## 8. Administrative Actions and Reports

### A. Draft Revision to Board By-Laws

This item was postponed until the March 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

### B. Notification of New Board Member Alternate from the Town of Ramah

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, Pikes Peak RTA Program/Contracts Manager, presented a letter from the Town of Ramah appointing Trustee Keith McCafferty as the Town's alternate PPRTA Board member.

## 9. Other Reports

### A. Maintenance of Effort Presentations

Mr. Rick Sonnenberg, Pikes Peak RTA Program/Contracts Manager, referenced the Maintenance of Effort provision within the establishing PPRTA IGA and reviewed the Citizen Advisory Committee's February 3<sup>rd</sup> recommendation to the Board to note that the City of Manitou Springs and the City of Colorado Springs are not in compliance with the Maintenance of Effort provision, but should be recognized for their respective efforts to comply with the provision within the limitations of their funding situations.

CAC Chair Tom Harold offered background on the Committee's recommendation and stated that the Committee made the above recommendation based strictly on the dollar figures provided.

City of Manitou Springs Director Snyder commented on the Committee's recommendation, maintaining the City of Manitou Springs has consciously met the Maintenance of Effort provision. Director Snyder further explained the FY 2010 total expenditure figure was \$18,023 less than the FY 2004 figure due to the City's conscientious reduction of debt. The City has budgeted \$65,684 more for street maintenance items not related to debt in FY 2010 than it did in FY 2004.

Mr. Harold stated that factors in the Committee's recommendations were the absence of finance representatives from the member governments at the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and the Committee's interpretation of the Maintenance of Effort provision.

City of Manitou Springs Director Snyder then requested a reconsideration of the Committee's recommendation, stating he was displeased with the characterization that the City of Manitou Springs has not met the Maintenance of Effort provision.

City of Colorado Springs Director Small stated with respect to the City of Colorado Springs, the Committee incorrectly combined the Maintenance of Effort for transit and the Maintenance of Effort for transportation into one motion. Director Small stated there are separate clauses within the IGA for transit and transportation.

The City of Colorado Springs currently has budgeted for FY 2010 \$1,028,838 more than in FY 2004 for transportation maintenance. With respect to transit's Maintenance of Effort, the City of Colorado Springs has budgeted for FY 2010 \$3,097,487 less than in FY 2004.

Town of Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens suggested providing the Citizen Advisory Committee with more guidance with respect to reviewing the Maintenance of Effort provision, as their opinion as an Advisory Committee is valued by the Board of Directors.

El Paso County Director Williams made a motion to defer the consideration of the City of Manitou Springs' Maintenance of Effort report to the March 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. City of Colorado Springs Director Small seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

El Paso County Director Williams made a motion to find that El Paso County, Town of Ramah, Town of Green Mountain Falls and City of Colorado Springs maintained at least the FY 2004 level of transportation and maintenance funding in their respective FY 2010 budgets. With respect to the FY 2010 City of Colorado Springs transit budget, less is budgeted in FY 2010 than in FY 2004. City of Colorado Springs Director Small seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### **B. City of Colorado Springs Engineering Excellence Award for Austin Bluffs/Union Interchange**

Mr. Robin Kidder, City of Colorado Springs Engineering Staff, stated the already complete Austin Bluffs Interchange at Union Boulevard Project was submitted to the American Council of Engineering Companies of Colorado (ACEC/CO) to be considered for an Engineering Excellence Award. The project was nominated and granted the Engineering Excellence Award in November of 2009.

Mr. Kidder introduced Mr. Scott Asher, CH2M Hill Principal Designer, Mr. Mike Chaves, City of Colorado Springs Civil Engineer, and Mr. Clyde Pikkaraine, Nolte Engineering Civil Engineer, as individuals who were instrumental in the successful completion of the project.

Mr. Scott Asher then presented the award to El Paso County Director Clark and the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority, Mr. Cam McNair, City of Colorado Springs City Engineer, Mr. Robin Kidder, City of Colorado Springs Project Engineer and Manager, and Mr. Mike Chaves, City of Colorado Springs Project Construction Manager.

City of Colorado Springs Director Small and El Paso County Director Williams offered commendation to the contractor team and City staff who were involved in the project.

#### **C. City of Colorado Springs Monthly Change Order and Property Acquisition Report**

This was an information item. There were no questions.

#### **D. El Paso County Monthly Change Order and Property Acquisition Report**

This was an information item. There were no questions.

### **10. PPRTA Member Announcements**

City of Manitou Springs Director Snyder announced the City of Manitou Springs carnival on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **11. Adjournment**

El Paso County Director Clark adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.