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**CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, December 7, 2011 – 1:30 p.m.

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Main Conference Room

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**El Paso County HAC**

Mr. Steve Hicks  
Dr. James Null  
Mr. Scott Turner

**Citizen-at-Large Alternates**

Mr. Jay Lower  
Mr. Brian Risley

**Colorado Springs CTAB**

Mr. Jim Egbert  
Mr. Rick Hoover  
Mr. John Nuwer

**Citizen-at-Large**

Mr. Tom Harold, Chair  
Mr. Donald Feigel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair  
Ms. Bev Johnson

**Town of Green Mountain Falls**

Mr. Robert McArthur  
Mr. Brian L.A. Wess

**City of Manitou Springs**

Ms. Amy Filipiak

**Town of Ramah**

Mr. Dennis Carpenter  
Ms. Cindy Tompkins

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**Citizen-at-Large Alternates**

Ms. Ann DeVere

**City of Manitou Springs**

Mr. Ray Ferguson

**Citizen-at-Large**

Mr. Tom Rogers, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
Mr. David Chestnutt

**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  
Ms. Jacquelyn Puett, Program Assistant

## 1. Call to Order

Chair Tom Harold established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

## 2. Approval of the Agenda

There was a motion by Mr. Jay Lower, seconded by Dr. Jim Null, to approve the agenda with the following revisions: Relocate Item 8D to Item 7A1 before Item 7A. Add an Item 8E, Potential Addition to the FY 2012 Budget for Additional Public Outreach Efforts, and add an Item 6A2 for the City of Colorado Springs Contract for Policy #12.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Cindy Tompkins discussed placing a vote to join the PPRTA on the Town of Calhan's regular municipal election in April 2012.

Mr. Scott Turner apologized to the Committee for speaking out too passionately regarding specialized transportation topics at previous meetings and a discussion about the human service providers' budget request ensued.

### 4A. Approval of Minutes from November 2, 2011, Regular Meeting

### 4B. Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2011, Joint Special Meeting

There was a motion by Mr. John Nuwer, seconded by Mr. Donald Feigel, to approve the November 2, 2011, regular meeting minutes and the November 14, 2011, joint special meeting minutes with the following revisions: 1) Verify whether the discussion mentioned on page three, paragraph two of the regular meeting minutes took place during the County's item or during the City of Colorado Springs' item. 2) Add the following to section B2 on page 4: "There was a discussion on whether there was a need for a cap and also what would happen if the cap was exceeded."

The motion passed unanimously.

## 5. Financial Reports

Ms. Beverly Majewski, Pikes Peak RTA Financial Manager, presented the financial reports. The PPRTA received \$5,810,816 in September sales and use tax receipts, which was \$115,120 or 1.9% below the amended monthly budget. Year-to-date actual figures were \$187,752 below the amended 2011 budget and 4.23% above the same period in 2010.

## 6. 2011 Capital, Maintenance, and Public Transportation Contracts

### A1. City of Colorado Springs

Mr. Mike Chaves, City Engineering, requested approval of the following fourteen contracts:

- 1) Blue Ridge Construction, Inc., Capital (Vincent Drive Bridge and Extension): \$3,315,978.85
- 2) Core Engineering Group, Capital (Vincent Drive Bridge and Extension): \$256,820.00
- 3) URS, Capital (Hancock Avenue Bridge over T-Gap Floodway): \$278,779.00
- 4) URS, Capital (Fillmore Street Corridor I-25 to Centennial): \$377,426.00
- 5) El Paso County Public Trustee, Capital (Fillmore Street Corridor I-25 to Centennial): Up to \$150,000.00
- 6) Matrix Design Group, Capital (Austin Bluffs Corridor - Nevada to Academy and Barnes to Old Farm): \$1,281,397.71
- 7) Kraemer & Sons, Capital (Woodmen Road Widening and Interchange): \$249,927.46 (\$0 PPRTA Funds)
- 8) Kraemer & Sons, Capital (Woodmen Road Widening and Interchange): \$220,533.39 (\$0 PPRTA Funds)

- 9) Kraemer & Sons, Capital (Woodmen Road Widening and Interchange): \$150,000.00 (\$0 PPRTA Funds)
- 10) Trax Construction, Inc., Maintenance (2012 City/PPRTA On-Call Concrete Work): Not to Exceed \$967,500.00
- 11) Rocky Mountain Premix/Pete Lien & Sons, Inc./LaFarge North America, Maintenance (Curb/Gutter/Sidewalks): Not to Exceed \$100,000.00 for each vendor.
- 12) Precision Concrete, Maintenance (Curb/Gutter/Sidewalks): Not to Exceed \$70,000.00
- 13) Westates, Maintenance (Roadway Maintenance): Not to Exceed \$532,805.00
- 14) Multiple Vendors, Capital and Maintenance (City/PPRTA Annual Contracts): Task Orders not to Exceed \$100,000.00

Mr. John Nuwer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Don Feigel, to approve a positive recommendation to the Board for the fourteen contracts. The motion passed unanimously.

*Due to time constraints, a motion was approved to relocate Item 7A1 and 7A2 to this point in the meeting.*

#### **7A1. Public Outreach Subcommittee Monthly Report**

Mr. Craig Blewitt, City Transit Services Manager, gave a presentation on the formation of the PPRTA in 2004, including the formation of task groups, the capital project list, transit improvements, membership, and the ballot measure campaign.

#### **7A2. City of Colorado Springs Transit Services Monthly Update**

Mr. Blewitt said Mayor Steve Bach created a Transit Solutions Team, and he presented the monthly report. There were no questions.

#### **6A2. Policy #12 - Vincent Drive Extension - Phase 2 Capital Project**

Mr. Mike Chaves presented a request to add the Vincent Drive Extension - Phase 2 Capital PPRTA project to PPRTA Policy #12 as follows:

“For City of Colorado Springs contract #T006556 with Blue Ridge Construction for the construction of Vincent Drive Extension – Phase 2, the change order limit, which does not need Pikes Peak RTA Board approval, is raised to \$100,000 on an individual change order basis, with a 10% aggregate basis on the contract. This constitutes a waiver of the Comprehensive IGA between the Pikes Peak RTA and the City of Colorado Springs.”

This policy modification would allow for timely change order approval to avoid contractor delays in completing work on this “larger” capital project, saving time and money.

Mr. Brian L.A. Wess requested justification for this request to waive the Comprehensive IGA between the Pikes Peak RTA and the City of Colorado Springs.

Mr. Chaves discussed the rehabilitation of the old railroad culvert, which involves specialized engineering work. Once the work begins on the culvert, they would like to anticipate addressing concerns quickly to keep the contractors on track to get the job done in a timely manner. Presenting a change order approval request to the CAC and the Board is a three-week process, and they would like to get this project done as quickly as possible.

Mr. Brian L.A. Wess made a motion, seconded by Ms. Beverly Johnson, to make a positive recommendation to the Board for the City’s request. The motion passed with a 15-1 vote, with Mr. Scott Turner opposing the motion.

#### **6B. El Paso County**

Ms. Jennifer Irvine, County Engineering Manager, requested approval of the following two contracts:

- 1) Wilson & Company, Capital (Marksheffel Road Improvements): \$17,566.24
- 2) Rocky Mountain Materials & Asphalt, Capital (Stapleton Road West): \$98,439.95

Ms. Beverly Johnson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jim Null, to approve a positive recommendation to the Board for the two contracts. The motion passed unanimously.

*Dr. Jim Null departed the meeting at 3:17 p.m.*

## **7. Member Government and Other Reports**

### **B. City of Colorado Springs Non-Motorized Needs and Priorities**

Mr. Dave Krauth and Ms. Sarah Bryarly gave a presentation on Non-Motorized Needs and Priorities within the City of Colorado Springs, including on-street bicycle lanes, off-street trails, and improvements to school and neighborhood connections. Ms. Bryarly discussed funding requirements for the reconstruction of existing sections of deteriorating off-street trails and explained why the Trails, Open Space and Parks (TOPS) Program doesn't pay for reconstruction of deteriorating existing sections of street trails. Any funding received from the PPRTA extension would allow for rehabilitation and reconstruction of failing sections of trail that cannot be funded any other way in addition to supporting the construction of several new sections of trail that will greatly improve connectivity and safety, while filling in major system gaps.

*Mr. Tom Harold departed the meeting at 4:23 p.m., and Mr. Don Feigel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, began to chair the meeting.*

### **C. Update on Capital projects "A" List Projections through December 31, 2014**

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, Pikes Peak RTA Program/Contracts Manager, said at the Joint Special PPRTA Board/CAC meeting on November 14, 2011, the Board directed the PPRTA staff to contact the City of Colorado Springs staff and El Paso County staff to request projections from them for the completion of the PPRTA capital projects "A" list with the funding projected through December 31, 2014. The Acting City Engineer and the County Engineer provided the forecasts requested and the forecasts were presented to the Committee indicating both the City of Colorado Springs and El Paso County would complete their "A" list projects with the funding provided by December 31, 2014.

*Mr. Brian Risley departed the meeting at 4:36 p.m.*

### **D. Quarterly Reports from Member Governments**

This was an information item.

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

This was an information item.

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

This was an information item.

## **8. Administrative Actions and Reports**

### **A. Report of Recent Board Actions**

This was an information item.

### **B. Appointment/Reappointment Process for Citizen Advisory Committee**

This was an information item regarding the CAC members whose terms will expire on December 31, 2011. PPRTA staff is awaiting responses from several member governments regarding membership renewals.

### **C. Election of Officers for the Citizen Advisory Committee**

This was an information item on the necessity to elect Committee officers for 2012 at January's meeting.

### **D. Public Outreach Subcommittee Monthly Report**

Mr. Rob MacDonald, Executive Director of the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments and current PPRTA Board Secretary reflected on events that led up to the formation of the PPRTA in 2004 and offered advice on the PPRTA capital program reauthorization effort.

*Mr. Steve Hicks departed at 4:56 p.m.*

### **8E. Potential Addition to the FY 2012 Budget for Additional Public Outreach Efforts**

The Committee discussed the Town of Green Mountain Falls Mayor Tyler Stevens' suggestion to increase the FY 2012 PPRTA budget to include funds for additional public outreach efforts.

After discussion, Mr. Jim Egbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jay Lower, to not support the increase in the FY 2012 budget for additional public outreach efforts. The motion passed by an 11-1 vote, with Mr. Rob McArthur opposing the motion.

### **10. Communications.**

There were none.

### **11. Adjournment**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Don Feigel adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.