

**MPO Citizen's Advisory Committee
February 19, 2009**

Attendees: Gene Burchett, Bruce Henning, Palmer Trujillo, Jay Meyer, Ed Uhrig

Excused: Jeannine Stallings

Absent: Virginia Sellner

Ex Officio: Nancy Olson and Tom Mason

Staff: Sreyoshi Chakraborty and Jeff Wiggins

Approval of the November 25, Quarterly Meeting Minutes

- Gene Burchett motioned to accept
- Ed Uhrig seconded
- Motion carried unanimously

Cheyenne Transportation Safety Advisory Committee - Sreyoshi

- Request for a CAC member to be on the Transportation Safety Advisory Committee – Ed Uhrig and Bruce Henning have volunteered. Nancy will send them a copy of the Plan as well as Crash Data for 2007.

- Report on the Cheyenne Transportation Safety Management Plan-

Sreyoshi reported: Background of SAFETEA-LU legislation asks MPOs to incorporate safety into design principles of all our projects. This is a proactive approach to safety by actually developing a safety plan to identify safety issues in our area and then strategies to address them. This process is data driven. (Sreyoshi shows copy of the Cheyenne Crash Report) Details of the Plan and its process are included in the plan on the MPO website at - <http://www.plancheyenne.org/CheyenneTransportationSafetyManagementPlan.pdf>

Safety Summit was held in January of 2008 at Little America. Now looking at implementation of the plan and one of most important things is keeping the Safety Committee together and meeting regularly. MPO helps by securing grants to allow the committee to continue with the implementation. Grants are: CPD DUI enforcement grant, ½ day Summit to discuss improving seat belt usage; and intersection improvement priority list. Ed identified two problem intersections: Pershing coming out of Warren AFB and 12th St. and College.

The whole Safety Advisory Committee will meet a couple of times a year, but the smaller sub-committees can meet more frequently. The large committee will be divided into 6 groups to match the emphasis areas.

Palmer: What is the Committee's focus on accomplishments? Education and working on solutions. Sreyoshi handed out additional information sheets.

There is an Ordinance going through Council now about Distracted Drivers.

Ed – Suggested getting insurance companies to give discounts to people who aren't cited for distracted driving.

Safe Routes to Schools/ Pedestrian Plan – Jeff Wiggins Greenway Coordinator

Jeff is the author of the Cheyenne Safe Routes to School plans for '06 and '07 for path construction and in 2008 for planning. Safe Routes is part of the SAFETEA-LU legislation.

LCSD#1 already has a Safe Walking Routes plan distributed to the students at the beginning of the school year that has two maps 1) site plan of the immediate school area and 2) best routes to walk to school for that elementary school boundary.

This RFP is for a plan that creates general practices, a priority list of locations and to codify the Safe Walking Route document. Jeff is working with the MPO to create a city-wide pedestrian plan that will result in a safer and more efficient walking environment within the Cheyenne urbanized area for pedestrians and bicycles. The *draft* of the Request for Proposals for this plan has been distributed to the CAC members.

The consultants will craft a model resolution for "Complete Streets" that can be adopted by Cheyenne. To learn more about Complete Streets go to: <http://www.completestreets.org/>

Jeff explains what a walking school bus is – Set route that kids can join as it moves towards the school.

Gene asks; how can a Greenway be secure for children? (Tree lined pathway can have areas to hide) Greenway has few trees, but a lot of users in the morning.

Comments: Walking to school is a thing of the past. Kids need to walk more to help solve the obesity problem with young people. Driving kids to school has become the norm even though the Elem. walking boundary is 1 ¼ mile and 1 ¾ for Jr. Highs.

Tom: This whole idea deals with land-use planning. Original City had small blocks and the kids could walk to school quite easily. In the 70's the land-use practice was to create long blocks and cul de sacs neighborhoods that made it difficult if not impossible for kids to walk to school.

Updates of MPO Projects:

- Missile Drive – Sreyoshi

This is a Corridor Plan (35% design) for Missile Dr. between 125 and Lincolnway. The road functions o.k. for traffic but has some access and intersection issues. It needs to be redesigned for better function, efficiency, and safety for all modes. Missile Dr. should also be an attractive entrance "gateway" to Cheyenne downtown. MPO has had one public meeting and next month will have focus group meeting and a Charette.

- Wayfinding Plan – Sreyoshi

Phase I was the conceptual design of a sign plan for Cheyenne and is completed. Phase II goes into much more detail of the plan with a unified theme, locations, destinations, hierarchy of the signs, pedestrian scale signs (kiosks with maps) etc. When the designs are finished the MPO plans to have an open house and present to the public and get their feedback.

- East Pershing Corridor and Intersection – Nancy

Public meeting comments summary was handed out. Corridor design shown that includes a median on the west section and no median on the east side with detached sidewalks. Intersection options were shown and explained. Intersection options #1 and # 4 have moved forward for consideration to be included the plan. Several questions were answered about the function of the roundabout. The Plan will be finished by summer (corridor and intersection) then City Council has to agree to the plan - City has funds to move ahead with the design.

- West Allison Road– Nancy

Handout to members the corridor map with concerns. Project extends from South Greeley Highway to Parsley. PowerPoint is shown with issues. Will Allison be widened? Yes on eastern portion. How connect with Parsley? Finish the collector by either making Allison a collector through the neighborhood and take a couple of houses to punch out to Parsley; or by

going south on Cribbon, West on Pinto to Parsley. Public Meeting will be held at Johnson Jr. High on March 10th, 5 – 7 p.m.

- Greenway Plan - Nancy

Handout of power point for the Greenway plan with maps of its three areas: Holliday Park Connector, Sun Valley Detention Ponds, and South Cheyenne Connectors. Also Lincolnway crossing options to get into Holliday Park were discussed.

- High Plains Road Interchange - Tom

Design plans were shown for the old Speer intersection south of WYDOT's weigh station, three miles south of the College interchange. It has a new name High Plains Road South. A new extension of College Dr. (called Clear Creek Parkway) will go west from the I 25/ College Drive interchange on the West side of I 25, parallel the Interstate and tie back into the High Plains interchange. The plan is to go to construction in a year. There has been discussion that the Wyoming travel commission will relocate the Travel Welcome Center to this interchange as well. Decorative monuments will go at both ends of the overpass bridge. Consistent with Randall interchange enhancements and Missile Dr. Interchange.

- W. Lincolnway – Tom

WYDOTs plans for reconstructing W. Lincolnway from Westland Rd. to Little America were shown. MPO has worked on a design of medians for W. Lincolnway. Preliminary Plans were shown for the medians. Out to bid soon with stimulus package money.

Items from Committee

Suggestion by committee to meet once a month for a while to review some of the projects and learn more about what is the committee's purpose, more about traffic and transportation education etc. March 26th was set for the next meeting. Meetings will be Informal information without voting. Voted on and Passed

Topic Idea: function classification, design of streets Nancy will ask Nathan Beauheim, Director of Engineering Services, to be the guest

Adjourned