

MPO Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes
August 20, 2009
City Municipal Building, Room 307
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Members: Jay Meyer, Chairman, Gene Burchett, Mike Weiland, and Jeannine Stallings; MPO Staff: Nancy Olson

1. Call Meeting to Order: Jay Meyer called the meeting to order 3:20 pm
2. Introduction of Guests - Brandon Cammarata, Urban planning and Laura Page, Engineering
3. Old Business
 - a. Approval of May 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes - Moved by Gene Burchett and Seconded by Jeannine Stallings. Motion passed
4. New Business

MPO Work Program FY '10 – Nancy handed out a list of potential projects (planning studies) for 2010 year that the MPO is considering working on. She stated that these plans can be corridor plans, larger urbanized area transportation network plans or non-motorized plans. She asked the committee for feedback on the list, if there were obvious priorities or suggestions of other projects that should be added. List:

 - a. Roundabouts for Fox Farm at Walterscheid and at Avenue C
 - b. Fox Farm Corridor Plan between Walterscheid and College
 - c. Southwest Dr. Plan (currently Ken Clark major landowner has initiated a planning process for transportation issue and has hired AVI to do the plan) emergency provisions are
 - d. Parsley Corridor Plan – (Gene informed the group that the Cottonwood Society plans on planting along Parsley Blvd. as soon as they find water Clinton Bassett is spearheading this)
 - e. South Greeley Highway - I-80 and Wallick Rd. **Access and landscaping for that corridor.** (Gene B asked if this plan would include landscaped medians?)
 - f. High Plains Road between S. Greeley Highway and Clear Creek Parkway
 - g. On Street Bike Plan
 - h. Logan between Pershing and Nationway (Landscaping on Norris Viaduct is being done by the City)
 - i. Contribution to the flying of aerial photography used by the GIS Cooperative (Jay suggested the MPO look into buying imagery from Digital Globe out of Loveland, Colorado, satellite imagery) (Not as high of resolution we need a requirement of 6')

Mike suggested recommending S. Greeley Highway as the highest priority of all of the projects presented. It is a wide roadway with virtually no landscaping. Gene moved that the committee recommend landscape medians with this planning project. Jeannine seconded this. Discussion ensued about when was the appropriate time to suggest amenities for a plan. Gene withdraws motion. Final recommendation from committee was a motion by Mike W. that the S. Greeley Highway be the CAC's highest priority and seconded by Jeannine S. Approved by

a vote. Members would like the issue of landscape medians included in the study if it moves forward.

5. Updates of MPO projects -Completed Projects

- a. E. Pershing Blvd. Corridor and Intersections – Completed Plans were available for committee to review – E. Pershing plan includes the modern roundabout at Pershing, Converse and 19th. Very large roundabout at this location. Mike W. asked what the next step will be on this project. The plans are in the hands of the City Engineering to take to final design. MPO will provide money to do roundabout education. Request for Proposal will be released soon, bids will go out and money is available for final design and construction.
- b. Greenway Plan – Completed Plans were available for committee to review Gene asked where does the Norris Greenway that is currently being constructed connect to. Nancy explained this plan connects it to Holliday Park with an overpass and back east to existing Greenway in Sun Valley.

6. Ongoing Projects

a. Missile Drive – I-25 to Lincolnway

Sreyoshi Chakraborty gives an update. Issues include beautification (green space and landscaped medians), Gateway to community (can dress up RR Bridge), Crow Creek culverts and bridges, 19th St., Greenway, Accesses and intersections don't meet current street standards, complete streets (missing sidewalks)

Sreyoshi showed -Design alternatives for the 19th St., 20th St. and the Missile Dr. Intersection. Some intersection alternatives will require signalization, Parkway on 19th design alternative with entertainment district land-use scenario was discussed. Questions were asked about tying in 20th St. to downtown entrance boulevard.

Next public meeting will be in Sept. sometime to get their input on the preference of 19th and Missile intersection and corridor designs. Follow up staff meeting and then recommended design complete final design.

- b. Wayfinding Plan Phase II – Sreyoshi showed the sign designs and spoke of hierarchy of signs. Recon of city for existing signs and locations to replace existing. Gene asked how the star design was reached. Destinations were decided on how popular they are. A-D list. Both auto and pedestrian scale signage. One steering committee meeting left and then council approval.
- c. Transportation Safety Phase II - Plan is done and now MPO is looking for implementation. Grant applications have been made with WYDOT. One is for a legislative summit to talk about safety issues including seat belt usage. Second project would be High schools and seat belt usage. Incentives given to students who buckle-up. Battle of the Belts. WYDOT Highway Safety dept. would be the sponsor and organizer of this event.
- d. W. Allison Road – Nancy showed a power point on the West Allison Rd. planning project. Parsley to S. Greeley Highway. S. High School traffic increase, narrow ROW, drainage issues and possible connection to Parsley in future. What should road cross-sections look like? Where should signalized intersections be located? Limit pedestrian crossings at school campus.

- e. Pedestrian Plan - Consultants still working and next public meeting will be in mid Oct.
- f. City, County or WYDOT **no discussion**
- g. Transit Shelters and Pull-outs- Laura Page -City Engineering
This is a bus stop upgrade project for CTP that is in the preliminary design stage. Transit had a priority list of 43 stops they needed to provide due to ridership and location. Main objectives of this project were constructing safety upgrades, providing ADA access and installing a number of shelters. Designing bus bays for major arterials of Dell Range, College, and Lincolnway. Other locations provide pads to lower lifts and ADA improvements to the sidewalk. All stops have a covered benches and shelters in a few locations. They are a modular design to add sides at a later date if needed. The 1st phase will go out to bid Fall 09. ARRA funds will be used. ROW acquisition stops will be in Phase 2 and should be done immediately after the 1st phase. Jeannine had concerns about the perforated sides and Laura said the manufacturer had an option to add clear solid inserts that could be replaced when needed for about \$10. Route changes on Dell Range from in front of the Mall, K-Mart and Wal-Mart to staying out on Dell Range with bus pull outs. Committee discussed the need to provide a protected pedestrian walkway from the entrance of Wal-Mart to Dell Range.
- h. UDC Update – Brandon Cammarata, Urban Planning Director
Unified Development Code – The CAC, as a stakeholder group, should see their participation in this project as giving input on transportation issues. City would like to see this group give their endorsement. Started with Vision 2020, went through PlanCheyenne and now this enables what is in PlanCheyenne to be implemented (especially transportation issues). UDC combines Subdivision Regulations (lots, blocks and roadway issues), City Zoning Codes, and the Road, Street and Site Plan Design Standards (MPO recently revised this, 2006-2007). Primary roadway issues being advanced: multi-modal/complete streets and connectivity. Land uses with higher density require better road network and connectivity. The homebuilders are the biggest stakeholder of development so they are important to build consensus with. Brandon goes over slide show to explain large block size and connectivity. UDC is providing more options for zone districts for residential.

Connectivity creates situations that are more pedestrian friendly to walk, bike and drive easier. **Connectivity relates to providing neighborhoods that are able to accommodate mixed uses, higher density and pedestrian movements. Size of blocks is the best way to accomplish all of these things.** Current development is handled on an ad hoc basis. The UDC has enabling and enforceable changes to prevent each development from creating its own isolated enclave without connection to the planned roadway network. Large block size (some blocks are approx. a mile in perimeter) vs. small block sizes that are more enabling for pedestrian, bike and transit user travel. More street cross-section options e.g. Lincolnway has many road sections. Diagonal parking should be included.

Street sections with bike lanes are provided in the UDC.

Subdivision regulation changes – more ways to provide open space with development

Zoning Changes-protect infill and encourage it. Make parking more flexible for infill. Commercial zones have been modified to be differentiated by scale not use.

- i. Construction project updates – Deming done in later fall (October). Norris open in fall, but landscaping will be done until spring of '10. Randall/I25/Pershing optimistic. Jay M. noted that the northbound ramp has not been lengthened even though the bridges were raised 3 feet. Mike W. asked when Greenway underneath US 30 will be opened. Nancy said that they were waiting for pump replacement. MPO Technical Committee Construction project updates will be provided to Citizens Committee Members via mail.
7. Public Meeting for Southwest Drive Plan- August 26, 6:00 p.m. Laramie County Public Library, Sunflower Room
8. Items from the Committee *none*
9. Items from Guests *none*
10. Next meeting November 19, 3:00 pm
11. Adjourn - 5:25 pm