

MPO Citizen's Advisory Committee on Transportation

May 20, 2010
City Municipal Building, Room 307
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.



Attendees: CAC: Gene Burchett, Jay Meyer, John Lane and Jeff Fruhwirth, Excused: Mike Weiland, Absent: Palmer Trujillo and Jeannine Stallings, Staff: Sreyoshi Chakraborty, James Sims and Nancy Olson

A. Call Meeting to Order

Jay Meyer called the meeting to order and welcomed new committee members John Lane and Jeff Fruhwirth.

B. Approval of March 4, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Jay called for approval of March Meeting minutes. Gene moves for approval and John Lane seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

C. Old Business

1. Update on Missile Drive Plan

Sreyoshi stated that the MPO Tech Committee originally did not approve the Plan. They did not like the ROW enhancements; landscaped medians and enhancements at the BNSF Bridge. Several City Departments had issues on how the enhancements will be paid for and maintained. The MPO had a series of meeting with Engineering, Public Works and Parks and Recreation to iron out the differences. Planning agreed that this document should include the optimum concept and things can be subtracted if needed. MPO added to the plan statements clarifying that the document is a “guiding document” and at time of final design the end product will take into account the amount of funding available to build and maintain the enhancements. Consultants also provided approximate costs estimates for maintenance of median \$1600 to \$2000 per year. The Technical Committee approved the Plan on May 19. Planning Commission is next step. Project was not changed significantly and is at least 10 years out for funding.

D. New Business

1. Presentation and approval of the Cheyenne Wayfinding Plan

Sreyoshi states that the sign designs remain the same. The past few months staff has been working out the technical details with WYDOT such as ROW issues and exact locations. The MUTCD came up with new regulations so the Consultants needed to refine a few things. Jay asked if pedestrian scale signs were included. Sreyoshi stated that the pedestrian kiosks (two sided) will be in the downtown and Capital Complex areas. Three levels of signs for the plan are Gateway, Directional and Pedestrian. WYDOT has allowed the color red to be used for Entryway and Pedestrian signs as per new MUTCD. All will be made with retro-reflective material. Total cost is estimated at \$520,000. The project can be phased by location or sign types if funding is not available for all. Motion to approve by Gene and seconded by John. Motioned Passed for CAC to recommend approval to the Policy Committee. **Cheyenne** monument signs paid by Chamber will remain.

2. Presentation and approval of the FY '09 - '13 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project List amendments

Nancy passed out TIP sheets. The MPO's responsibility is to formulate and amend this list of Transportation Projects. This year we are just amending the FY'09 –'13 list. Nancy went over the changes. Committee approves.

3. Presentation and approval of TEA-L application for 2011. This project is to secure funding for landscaping and enhancements for the E. Pershing corridor from Dunn to Converse and the E. Pershing, Converse, 19th roundabout
Gene moved to approve the application. Seconded and approved by Committee. Sreyoshi asked to look at the final enhancements plan. Nancy agreed that the Committee should get a chance to look at the enhancement design. (The other TEA-L application that will be submitted for the Cheyenne Urban Area is for Phase III of the Allison Draw Greenway south of College Dr.)
4. Discussion and feedback - Fox Farm Corridor Plan
Nancy asked for feedback from the Committee on the Fox Farm RFP. Project will extend from Derr Ave. to College and further to the east. Conceptual Plan for corridor plus four major intersections Walterscheid, S. Greeley, Avenue C and College would be planned in more detail (35%). Plan should also look at a conceptual plan of roadway network with future land use. Jay asked if it would be possible to connect Fox Farm with the housing development just east of the industrial area. Plan will look at that possibility.
5. Discussion and feedback – On Street Bike Plan and Greenway Plan
Sreyoshi reported that the map that Jay worked on for the On-Street Bike system in 2002 to '03 is a GIS layer in the Laramie County GIS Cooperative database. The Plan will create standards for bike lanes and other facilities. Jay would be willing to be on the Bicycle Advisory Committee. Jeff asked about bike counts between specific destinations. Sreyoshi responded that it would be hard to count before the facilities were installed. Discussion ensued on how to collect data and how it could be use. Basic percentage of bike commuters is around 2 to 5 % of ADT. Pershing has been identified as a choke point. To prioritize bike routes as per Scope of Work, the consultants will need an estimate of usage based on destinations.
6. Discussion and feedback – S. Greeley Highway Corridor Plan
Nancy stated that The South Greeley Highway Plan will be a 10% Corridor Plan from I-80 to High Plains Road. It will come with policies for access control, intersection control and corridor enhancements to be used as guidelines as property redevelops along the Highway. The MPO will also ask the Consultants to develop a conceptual network plan for either side of S. Greeley (approximately Walterscheid/Division to Avenue C). Guiding policies for bikes, pedestrians, transit and school bus facilities need to be considered. John Lane said he thinks that the Highway is part of the National Highway System and needs a high Level of Service as well as high level of access control. Gene asked why the project doesn't go as far as Terry Ranch Rd. Gene expressed concern about motorists south of Wallick treating the 65 mph Highway as local road. He also suggested for Division Ave. to be extended southward to take local traffic off of the Highway.
7. Safety Plan Implementation Update
Sreyoshi reported that the MPO has worked on several projects this year.
 - a) On February 19th sponsored a Legislative Briefing to talk about various safety topics. Seatbelts, a medical advisory board, and alternative transportation to reduce DUIs. Speakers included a person from EnCana Oil and Gas who spoke about the economic benefits to a company having workers buckle up. The State Director of AARP spoke about the Medical Advisory Board for seniors. The Casper Police talked about their alternative transportation program called Tippy Taxi which was funded by private donations. Casper is looking for other ways to keep program going.
 - b) A Seat Belt usage program was initiated called Battle of the Belts between the three High Schools. The way it worked was the MPO did a survey of usage, and then did an assembly in each school to kick off the program including an Alive at 25 presentations. Then re-surveyed for the following week to record the difference. The school with the most improvement will win a cash prize. Central High School won with an increase from

55% buckling up to 70%. The MPO will try to do something again next year. Jay suggested including LCCC.

- c) Gene pointed out that we have the Cowboy Shuttle and Doug's Towing as local equivalent to Topsy Taxi. The Cowboy shuttle is subsidized by a few private establishments. Alternative transport was proposed by Mike Moser of the Wyoming Liquor Association who wants a more sustained source of funding for the program. Jeff told the group about Boulder's program with mini-bikes: Call them and the employee rides mini scooter out to customer, puts bike in trunk; drives customer home and then bikes back.

8. MPO Projects

- a. New projects for the 2011 UPWP – call for suggestions from the Committee
 - i. Plan Cheyenne comprehensive Plan Update (MPO suggestion)
 - ii. Streetscape Design Workbook – to be used as a guideline for streetscaping with options for high, medium and low levels of cross section. The landscaping and maintenance costs for different corridor plans would (MPO suggestion)
 - iii. Jay suggested connecting Powderhouse to US 85 (Torrington Highway)
 - iv. Gene B. suggested a S. Greeley Highway landscaped median

E. Items from the Committee

Gene was concerned about membership and quorum and would like the committee to follow the bylaws for requiring attendance.

F. Adjourn