

# Cheyenne Metropolitan Planning Organization

## Policy Committee Meeting

December 14, 2016

Commissioner's Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 19<sup>th</sup> & Carey  
3:00pm



### Attendance:

Voting Members:	Rick Kaysen (Chair) Buck Holmes Tom DeHoff	City of Cheyenne, Mayor Laramie Co. Commissioner WYDOT, District Engineer
Non-Voting Members:	Nathan Beauheim Dan Cooley Joe Dailey Rob Geringer Martin Kidner Kevin McCoy Vicki Nemecek Walt Satterfield	City Engineering County Planning & Development FHWA County Public Works WYDOT WYDOT City Public Works FHWA
Staff:	Tom Mason Sreyoshi Chakraborty Nancy Olson Katrina Petersen	Cheyenne MPO, Director Cheyenne MPO, Sr. Planner Cheyenne MPO, Planner MPO/Planning, Office Manager
Others:	Bill Berg Brandon Gebhart Tom Hirsig	CFD HDR CFD

-Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair, Rick Kaysen. Introductions were done.

### 1. Approval of the September 22, 2016 minutes:

- a. Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. DeHoff seconded.
- b. The September 22, 2016 MPO Policy Committee meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

### 2. Presentation from the Cheyenne Frontier Days Committee:

- Mr. Berg with Cheyenne Frontier Days is trying to figure out a better way to bus people from the park n' rides to Frontier Park. They would like to make it safer for pedestrians as well. Mr. Hirsig added that they are looking for feedback from people on ideas. Mr. Mason said they could have some conversations with various people to see if they can come up with some solutions.
- Mr. Holmes made a motion to have the MPO work with CFD on some traffic analysis and different options. Mr. DeHoff seconded. Mr. Mason said they will start discussing with WYDOT and FHWA to build the project parameters.
- The motion passed unanimously.

### 3. Discussion and Approval of the *High Plains Road Plan*:

- Mr. Cobb, AVI, presented a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Cobb reviewed the study area, purpose, goals and objectives, and provided a summary of the public outreach. Mr. Cobb explained some of the public's major concerns. He went over three different alternatives. The 2040 traffic volumes and a conceptual typical section were presented. The preliminary drainage recommendations as well as some special features, such as planning barriers, were shown. The general recommendations are: 1) as development occurs: implement typical sections, reserve right of way at the site with the platting process, further explore opportunities to provide roadway storm water detention/retention facilities, 2) implement priority projects as funding becomes available, 3) review and remove access to Tract 2. The total cost would be around \$28.6 million.
- Mr. DeHoff made a motion to approve the High Plains Road Plan and Mr. Holmes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### 4. Update on Planning Projects:

- a. **Public Relations Assistance and Public Safety Education Campaign:** Ms. Chakraborty reported. West Edge Collective has been working on campaigns for Bicycle Awareness and Roundabout Safety. Having these platforms will help with different issues that come up in the future. West Edge Collective is creating some videos, print ads, window clings and banners.
- b. **Traffic Counting and Speed Data Collection Projects:** Mr. Mason reported. There were two separate contracts this year. Traffic counting has been turned in and reviewed. The Speed Study Data is being reviewed by City Engineering. City Engineering intends to use this speed data and prepare a Speed Traffic Report. Turning Movement Counts are now in the hands of City Engineering to recalibrate the traffic signals around town. They will work with WYDOT Traffic and re-time the traffic system.
- c. **Downtown Parking Plan:** Ms. Chakraborty reported. This project is wrapping up and staff should be receiving the draft document next week. After internal review, they will send it out to the MPO Committees and public for review. After the reviews and edits are complete, it will move through the approval process.
- d. **Converse and Converse and Dell Range Intersection:** Ms. Olson reported. The consultants are working on traffic analysis. They had their third steering committee meeting last week and presented some different configurations of the intersection. They have narrowed it down to a few options that they will study further.
- e. **Storey/Summit and Van Buren Plan & Official Mapping:** Mr. Mason reported. Western R&D has completed the planning document to show the future alignments. LiDAR technology was used for the mapping to show the different elevations. Western R&D came up with the preferred alignment and it will go through a public approval process. There are two items that will go through approval; the Plan and the Official Map. The Official Map will only to through the City. They are getting quite a few calls from the public regarding this.

- f. **Whitney Road Plan:** Mr. Mason reported. This plan will look at how Whitney between US 30 and Storey/Beckel should be built to handle future development. They received six proposals and will be conducting three interviews. Following the selection, they will get the project started.
- g. **Reed Rail Corridor Plan:** Ms. Chakraborty reported. This is a new project and the RFP is currently being advertised. This is a West Edge project. This plan would design the rail corridor as a multi-use corridor. It would add on many new amenities, such as fiber optics for development, landscaping and a multi-modal sidewalk. Work on the plan will hopefully begin in March.

## 5. Update on current and upcoming projects:

- a. **City of Cheyenne:** Mr. Beauheim reported for Engineering. Lake Minnehaha is being worked on. They will be working on 26<sup>th</sup> St. storm drain next year. Work on designing a roundabout at Prairie had begun. There will be paving projects next year. Ms. Nemecek reported for Public Works. There have been a few water breaks, but otherwise winter operations are going on as normal.
- b. **Laramie County:** Mr. Geringer reported for Public Works. The Division Ave./Wallick Road Corridor is moving forward. Mr. Cooley reported for Planning. There are quite a few residential projects going on, as well as an LCCC project, Maverick off of S. Greeley, a couple apartment buildings, and a Swan Ranch project.
- c. **WYDOT:** Mr. DeHoff reported. They are planning for the eclipse statewide on August 21. There has been some executive staff changes and everyone is in place now.
- d. **Others:** Mr. Dailey reported. The FHWA conference went well and they are preparing for the new administration. Mr. Satterfield also added they will be working with the MPO on some upcoming updates.

## 6. Other Business:

- Mr. Kaysen asked if there is an update on the high speed rail from here to Colorado. Mr. Mason replied there isn't, but Colorado is still working on it.
  - Mr. Holmes added that there will be some major updates and remodeling on the Air Force Base and its missiles around the region.
  - Recognition of Mayor Kaysen and Buck Holmes' service to the MPO
    - o Mr. Holmes and Mr. Kaysen were thanked for their service to the MPO over the years.
  - Next meeting Wednesday, March 22 in the Mayor's Conference Room
- The meeting was adjourned at 4:16p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katrina Petersen, Office Manager, City Planning and MPO