

CHEYENNE AREA RESIDENTS **DO THEIR PART** FOR URBAN AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

What does a retired highway engineer, a colonel in the US Army, an editor of a small newspaper, a geologist/hydrologist, and an ex-meteorologist all have in common? Are you stumped? The answer is; they all serve as members of the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Citizen Advisory Committee for transportation (CAC). This important group assists the MPO staff in understanding transportation concerns from the perspective of the average user of the Cheyenne area's transportation network. The citizen members of the MPO are all volunteers who want to give back to their community and make a difference for all users of the transportation system.

Past president, Gene Burchett is the editor of a local paper, TIDBITS. He is an active member of the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club and he channels his passion for landscaped medians through his role as the Kiwanis' Median Landscape Committee Chair.

Current Chair, Mike Weiland states, "I have lived in Cheyenne for 28 years and have been interested in transportation (issues) for a long time. I am an avid bike and help out on the Greenway.

Current vice Chair, Jeff Fruhwirth, live in Cheyenne with his wife and daughter. He enjoys transportation planning and can often be seen experiencing the road network of Cheyenne on two wheels or on foot. In his spare time, Jeff likes to garden and spend time outdoors.

John Lane worked for WYDOT for 40 years as a planning engineer and says, "After retiring from WYDOT, I realized how much that I missed transportation planning. Membership on the MPO CAC has allowed me to be involved in a wide range of transportation issues while using my experience and training to represent my fellow citizens."

Tim Sheppard is a U.S. Army Colonel who works for the National Guard Bureau and is a liaison to the Wyoming National Guard as the United States Property and Fiscal Officer or USPFO. He is a father of seven (two sets of twins) and grandfather of one. Colonel Sheppard will assume the duties of president on Oct 1 of the Kiwanis Club of Cheyenne. In his spare time he likes to ride his bicycles, and play basketball.

Kathy Muller Ogle, who possesses a master's degree in Geology and Hydrology explains, "I am interested in multiple types of transportation and am proud to see Cheyenne becoming a more attractive city while retaining its unique heritage. In my spare time, I enjoy riding my horse, working on a book about a saddle maker, and traveling."

Mike Sandidge has been a WYDOT employee for the past 26 years doing traffic survey - statistical analysis. He is a fourth generation Cheyenne native and enjoys fly fishing and hunting. He also believes citizens should participate in planning for the Community's future.