

CHEYENNE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Second Floor Conference Room, 2416 Snyder Ave., Board of Public Utilities
February 21, 2018, 10:00am



Voting members:	Amy Allen Andrea Allen Nathan Beauheim Dave Bumann Mark Escobedo Bruce Hattig Chris Hout Rob Geringer Kevin McCoy Jef McMann Wayne Shenefelt	City Engineer WYDOT City Public Works Laramie County Public Works City Engineering BOPU LCSD #1 Laramie County Public Works WYDOT Planning Black Hills Energy WYDOT, Resident Engineer
Others:	Kevin Erickson Todd Mattson Troy Russ Walt Satterfield	WYDOT, Resident Engineer HDR Kimley-Horn FHWA
Staff:	Jennifer Corso Tom Mason	MPO, GIS Coordinator MPO, Director

-Andrea Allen, Chair, called the Annual Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. **Approval of the November 15, 2017 minutes**

Mr. Geringer moved to approve the previous meeting minutes. Mr. Beauheim seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

2. **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

- a. Introductions were made around the room
- b. Nathan nominated Rob Geringer to be Chairman of the Committee. Vote passes.
Bruce Hattig nominated Nathan Beauheim to be Vice Chair. Vote passed.

3. **Presentation and approval of the *Reed Ave Rail Corridor Plan***

Mr. Mason introduced Mr. Troy Russ with Kimley-Horn and recapped the public meeting opportunities with the planning project. Planning Commission will hear the plan in a public hearing on March 5, 2018. Mr. Russ said that Kimley Horn was one firm in a three-firm partnership to do this project that included Wilson Engineering, an on-call rail consultant and Arleen Taniwaki from ArLand Land Use and Economics. He then gave a comprehensive overview of the project using a Power Point. This project is an extension of a long standing public process that the City has been doing for the West Edge. Reed Rail is part of the implementation phase. Unlike when this industrial area flourished, new

industrial uses are location on larger tracts of land near the interstates as they are truck based. Now the area is changing, and the new desired business type is offices and the area will demand more access to recreation and better pedestrian environments. City Planning is in the process of rezoning this area into a Mixed-Use Business zone. The result of the Reed Rails Plan is to revitalize the area into a vibrant multi-use corridor that spurs investment through downtown.

Mr. Geringer asked why the Greenway crossed where it did on 18th and did not cross at the east end of Pumphouse Park. Troy responded that the corridor is narrow in a couple of areas on both sides of the track so the best place to bring in the Greenway is at 18th. Rob also asked about the \$4.0 million on the last 6th Penny; was it designated for Reed Rail or West Edge. It includes Reed Rail but could be used for other West Edge projects. Mr. Beauheim suggested some landscaping could be built with developments and not only done by the City. Troy said that we will need to determine whether the railroad needs 28 ft. or 18 ft. of right of way.

Mr. Hattig asked when does full buildout occur? 10 years is the development estimate. Mr. Geringer called for a vote. Andrea motioned to recommend approval to the Policy Committee. Dave Bumann seconded. Motioned carried.

4. Performance Measure Agreement

Tom stated that at the last meeting, the WYDOT Transit staff were here and spoke about what they recommended for Transit Asset performance measures. WYDOT and the MPOs are required to adopt and follow measures. The new agreement is not ready to vote on yet, but it is coming. A draft copy of the agreement was passed out. By the third week in March the Tech Committee members who want to should give Tom their comments.

5. Presentation and discussion on the Prairie and Frontier Mall Drive intersection design

Tom said the intersection is being funded with STP-U funds approved by the Policy Committee. Mark Escobedo spoke about changes from the original concept. The single-lane roundabout has changed by engineering at this location to two lanes entering east and west with the outside lane being a forced right turn. The north and south movements will still be single lane. HDR has modified the design. Engineering wants to bid the project so that construction starts after Frontier Days. Tom pointed out that the MPO Plan which was approved by the MPO and City called for a future road diet of Prairie from 2 to 1 lanes and how would this new design keep us from eventually implementing that? Mark said you still could tie in one lane into these new two-lane entry ways because the right lane is a right turn exclusive. Nathan asked if the right-turn lanes were needed for capacity? There was no answer. Kevin wanted to know if there is a new cost estimate. Todd Mattson answered that the new costs should be similar, \$1.5 million in construction costs. Tom asked if WYDOT has approved the redesign? Mark stated it had not been approved yet though redesign has started.

6. **Discussion on the STP-Urban Project Sequence List**

Tom addressed this item by pointing out that the next project is Division/Wallick followed by the realignment of Dell Range and US 30 intersection as well as, the construction of Converse from Ogden to Dry Creek. Many City, County, MPO and WYDOT staff have given the sequence a lot of thought and wondered if Division should stay at the top priority. The MPO will recommend to the Policy Committee to move the realignment of Dell Range with US 30 to the top. Mr. Geringer agrees with that change. He added that it might be prudent to use future STP-U funds to help rebuild Dell Range east of College to U.S. 30. Nathan supports the Dell Range expansion to at least Van Buren because of current difficulty of getting traffic through the College intersection and Christensen may need a bit of redesign to accommodate two westbound turning lanes at US 30.

Nathan moved to recommend to the Policy Committee a reorder of project #1 with #4 on the project sequence list and include Whitney Road reconstruction between U.S. 30 and Dell Range to be included with that Project. Rob Geringer reminded the Committee that north and south frontage roads next to U.S. 30 are planned that tie to Christensen which will or won't be included. That should be part of WYDOT's project. Motion passed.

7. Update on MPO Planning Projects

- a. *Whitney Road Plan* – Tom reported Whitney is progressing. He mentioned the public meeting held and the huge crowd that attended. The road has two pipelines in the ROW and to change the grade of the road the pipelines will have to be lowered, so the consultant is trying to come up with alternative alignments to avoid that. The project should wrap up in the next couple of months.
- b. *Parsley Blvd. Corridor Plan* – RFP due on March 2.
- c. *SafeStreetsCheyenne Campaign* - As we work with West Edge Collective to do another Safety Campaign we are working in tandem with the Mayors directive to the PD to target speeding. We will hit the educational side of this subject.

8. Update on current and upcoming local construction projects

- a. *City of Cheyenne* – Mark reported the City has several projects under design: three chip seal projects and pavement rehab for Mountain Road and another collectors. Evers Road is under design. Christensen is going forward but no decision on when to bid the project because one parcel needs to still be purchased. Nathan reported a traffic signal is going in at 5th and Deming. Tom reported that Engineering will soon be hiring a consultant to do a design for the Allison Road crosswalk and medians around the schools using TAP funding of 360K. Also, the MPO is coordinating with the different agencies that work with CFD to implement the CFD traffic plan.

- b. *Laramie County* – Dave reported more oil rigs are going up. The next Microsoft building is going up, with another on the way. Rob reported they are working on road design for Iron Mountain paving.
- c. *WYDOT* – Wayne reported they are finishing projects from last summer. The signal modification under I-80 at I-180. Parsley bridge is being worked on at Interstate 80 and then closed for a month when school is out. Other projects were shared by Kevin. An Open House for the public regarding the Central and Warren recon will be on March 8th.
- d. *Others (LEADS, Warren AFB, LCSD #1, etc.)*
 - i. *FHWA* – Walt stated one thing that might benefit Wyoming is the U.S. President released an infrastructure package for dedicated funding for rural areas of \$50 billion. Tiger Grant funding will be phased out.
 - ii. *Black Hills Energy* – Jef McMann said they are taking electricity from King Soopers east down Dell Range. Also, a new gas main will be put in to get to the east side of HR Ranch.
 - iii. *LCSD #1* – Chris reported a small renovation for Buffalo Ridge Elementary and Storey Gym. They hope to Carey Jr High building funding back on line.
 - iv. *BOPU* – Bruce reported that the southern water main is moving forward around LCCC. They are also working with the County in GIS to clearly define the City Boundaries with South Cheyenne Water and Sewer District.

9. Other Business

- a. none

Next Meeting – May 16, 2018 @ The County (Changed to the 23rd)

-Rob Geringer, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 11:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Nancy Olson