

CHEYENNE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
MPO office 615 W. 20th Street, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
May 24, 2018



Committee Attendees: Michael Pearlman
Gene Burchett
Steve Ganison
Barbara Boyd

Absent: Dawn Fiscus

Staff: Tom Mason MPO Director
Nancy Olson MPO Planner
James Sims MPO Tech

- 1) Introductions were made of MPO staff and new members.
- 2) Presentation: “Introduction to MPOs”
 - a) Tom gave a Power Point presentation that was an overview of MPOs; what they are and how they are funded. Then he talked about the three-committee structure for MPOs and who is on our Committees. He went over the Planning Factors that the Federal Governments wants our work to include and then showed the flow chart on what the MPO does. It starts with the Master Transportation Plan for 25 years. The Master Transportation Plan is updated every 5 years. Plan projects are prioritized based on the funding available. The projects are then whittled down for a period of four years to be the Transportation Improvement Program.
 - b) Tom then gave an overview of recently completed planning projects and what we are currently working on. Southeast Greenway Trails Connector; Whitney Road from US 30 north to the Storey Blvd./Beckle Road, including the intersection of Dell Range and Whitney; CFD Transportation and Parking Study; Reed Railroad Corridor from 15th to 23rd street;
 - c) Discussion – Mike Pearlman asked when the FAST Act expires. In 3 and ½ years. Mike was wondering about Infrastructure spending with the Trump administration. Tom says there are indications that that the current administration is supporting infrastructure projects.
- 3) Handout the Citizens Advisory Committee guidelines/ bylaws
 - a) Nancy went over the by-laws for the new members. The map is not up to date.
- 4) Tom showed the webpage with the MPO Plans and Projects on a map of the area. If you click on the project number on the map or the scroll through the pictures at the bottom and click on one, it gives you lots of information on the plan. What was done, when and you can download and read the plan. There is also an interactive Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) map that you can do the same thing for all the projects that are coming within the next four years.

5) Current Planning Projects

- a) *Whitney Road Plan* - Nancy gave a quick update and showed a few slides to summarize what has been done so far. The limits are from US 30 on the south to the Storey / Beckle alignment on the north. She let the committee know why the project is doing and what some of the issues with the current corridor. Steepness, gas pipelines on either side of the road are the biggest issues. The road may shift alignment to avoid them. Intersection alternatives will look at conventional signal and rural roundabout. The final public meeting will be the middle of June and the Committee will receive notice if they wish to attend.
 - b) *Parsley Blvd. Corridor Plan* – Nancy said that the MPO has selected AVI to do a corridor plan for Parsley Blvd. The limits are from Wallick Road on the south up to College for a 10% Plan and from College to Ames Avenue for a 35% design Plan. Parsley has no accommodations for other modes of transportation. The main reason to do this plan now is because WYDOT wants to replace the current bridge over I-80 with a higher one. Our plan will inform them of how wide and height their bridge should be based on future traffic projections and allowing for bike lane, sidewalks and/ or a multi-use path that would run along Parsley.
 - c) *Archer Greenway/Trails Plan* – Nancy gave the purpose and need for the Archer Greenway /Trail Plan. She said there is increasingly more uses for the public out at the Archer with moving the County Fair and building the Multi-Purpose building. Since the current Greenway ends at Campstool and HR Ranch Road, this plan would connect a trail out to the Archer using the Western Area Power Association’s easement and other alignments to make the best accessible connection to the Archer. It is only a 10% preliminary design plan
 - d) *US 30 – Dell Range Plan update* – Tom clarified that it is East US 30 /Lincolnway and Dell Range from College Drive out to the intersection with US 30 and then all the way to Archer. WYDOT is planning to rebuild US 30 in a few years so our plan will help them figure out how to rebuild it. And Dell Range is getting impacted by development. Kimley Horn was selected to do this project and it is just getting started. Mr. Boyd asked about the relocation of the intersection farther west. This was recommended in the first 2008 Plan. More growth has been occurring, so all the other intersections will be reevaluated. The Dell Range rebuild from College to James may be a 5th Penny project. Mrs. Boyd asked about the intersecting road to the south that goes from dell Range to US 30. This is a frontage access road and the tie-in will be different but will remain to provide access to the homes and businesses that are there now.
 - e) *SafeStreetsCheyenne Campaign* – Tom shared the Crash Report that James produces. The MPO has done two Safety Plans. The MPO has done Safety Education programs: last year was roundabout and bike safety campaigns. This year we relaunched the bike safety and also, to go along with one of the Mayor objectives of reducing speeding,
 1. Bike safety this spring
 2. Speeding – Stickers for the Brake the Habit campaign, to remind folks to not speed.
- 6) *Wayfinding* – Tom mentioned that we did a Wayfinding Plan several years ago which has been implemented downtown and then in key entryways into Cheyenne. James is working on the second

phase now to identify and get installed another 40 locations.

7) Election of Officers

- a. Mike Pearlman volunteered to work as chair, but sometimes he won't be able to make all public meeting. He was nominated and seconded by Barbara. Vote passes.
- b. Gene was not willing to be vice chair. It was decided that the committee would wait until next meeting for Dawn to be present and elect-vice chair.

8) The committee members all told a little bit about themselves and why they wanted to be on the committee.

- a. Gene likes the opportunity to learn what is going on and coming down the pipe. He also likes landscaped medians.
- b. Steve has been on Housing and Community development board for 19 years He drives for a living and finds getting across US 30 is sometimes very difficult. He wants to see the community very accessible.
- c. Mike said his interest in multi-modal non-motorized transportation. And wants to help the issues with congestion be figured out ahead of
- d. Barbara side she and her husband just moved back after spending 20 years in Missouri. Has advocated for School Zone signage and better school zone enforcement.

9) Discussion about the Greenway and how it enhances residential neighborhoods took place and Tom closed by saying all these neighborhoods are providing more need for planning.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm

Next Meetings– ~~August 16, 2018~~ changed to September 12, 2018

Minutes transcribed by Nancy Olson, secretary