

Cheyenne Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Committee Meeting

December 19, 2018

Commissioner's Conference Room, 310 W. 19th Street, Suite 300

3:00pm



Attendance:

Voting Members:

Marian Orr, Chair
Tom DeHoff, P.E.
Troy Thompson

City of Cheyenne, Mayor
WYDOT, District Engineer
Laramie Co. Commissioner

Non-Voting Members:

Amy Allen
Charles Bloom
Dave Bumann
Anisa Gerard
Martin Kidner
Craig LaVoy
Tim Morton

City Engineering
City Planning & Development
County Public Works
City Traffic Engineering
WYDOT Planning
City Public Works
WYDOT District Engineer

Staff:

Tom Mason
Nancy Olson

MPO Director
MPO Planner/Office Manager

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Mayor Orr

1. Approval of the September 19, 2018 minutes
 - a. Mr. DeHoff moved to approve the minutes from September 19. Mr. Thompson seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.
2. Discussion and Approval of an Amendment to the *FY `19 UPWP*
 - a. Mr. Mason went over the two budget modifications. One for the Whitney Plan (\$2,500) as we need the assistance from AVI to help complete the document mainly for plan and profile sheets. The Archer Trails Plan (\$2,600) is for asking the Consultant to do a little more work that was not in the original scope of work. These two amounts came from the undesignated line item, leaving \$80,000.
 - b. Mr. Thompson moved to approve, Mr. DeHoff seconded. *FY `19 UPWP* amendment was approved unanimously.
3. Discussion and Approval of a Functional Classification Map Amendment.
 - a. Mr. Mason provided a map of the existing functional classifications around the Dell Range and U.S. 30 intersection, and then the proposed changes. The need for this change is to use federal funds to extend both the north and south side service roads to Christensen along with the relocation of the Dell Range intersection with U.S. 30. Staff has communicated with both the property owners on the north (Don Schrader) and south (Cheyenne Hills church).
 - b. Mr. Thompson wanted to be reminded of the time frame for this project. Mr. Mason said

the funding for the realignment of the Dell Range / U.S. 30 intersection is FY `20 and WYDOT has begun the process of preparing the required reconnaissance report. Mr. Morton corrected Mr. Mason with the date of the intersection is FY `22, but it could change.

- c. Mr. Thompson wanted to know the status of Christensen. Ms. Allen answered that it has been advertised and the bids are due February 4. She anticipates that they will have a contractor on board by the first of March with construction going through 2020.
- d. Mr. DeHoff asked if Mr. Kidner was in support of the new alignments and proposed service roads classification. He said he was. Tom DeHoff moved to accept the changes to the Functional Classification Map, Troy seconded. Motion passed.

4. Technical Committee Membership

- a. Tom M. told the Committee who the voting members were presently. We are missing two votes on the County side of things. Mr. Thompson reiterated that he had spoken with Dave Bumann previously. Dave has someone in mind and will let Troy and subsequently Amber Ash know who he recommends.
- b. Ms. Allen asked about the votes on the City side as Nathan Beauheim had served as both the City Engineer and the traffic engineer, and if the city could have those two votes. Mr. Mason said that technically only the City Engineer is allowed one vote and one for Planning and one for Public works.
- c. A vote was called to approve the list. Mr. DeHoff moved to approve. Mr. Thompson seconded. The motion passed.

5. Update on Planning Projects

- a. *Whitney Plan* – Mr. Mason showed some slides for the update. He reported that Mr. Cobb is on vacation today. The Whitney Plan is coming to completion. MPO staff will provided a detailed update to both the City and County Planning Commissions within the last week. The reason we did that was, so they are familiar with the project when it comes forward for approval. There have been large turnouts at the public meetings. Project information has been up on the MPO website for a while including adoption process. The second meetings of February will be when we will be asking for approval and then going to Governing Bodies in March. Tom then went over the intersection design for U.S. 30 & Whitney. This includes meeting with concerned property owners to discuss their business accesses. Mr. Mason then went over the alternatives for the intersection and the different alignments of Whitney north of Dell Range. Three alternatives were shown, with a possible fourth. One completely skirts the barn and creates a park area and parking lot. This alternative has a pedestrian underpass coming under Whitney from the west. The second one lowers the grade from 13% to 8%. Lastly, the north bound lane would stay in the same alignment with the grade lowered to 8% and the southbound would swing out west of the barn and be at a 5% grade. The key design issues include not disturbing the two pipelines and secondly to save the historic barn and reduce snow drifting.
- b. *East Dell Range and U.S. 30 Plan* – This plan is being done by Kimley Horn. Thirty-five citizens attended the first public meeting at the Cheyenne Hills Church. The second

meeting held a couple of weeks ago was in a larger room, but there were around 180 citizens in attendance. Troy Russ of Kimley Horn did a really good job during the meeting given that many people. We promised to get all the boards up on the MPO website as well as a survey as soon as possible. That has been done. The next step is giving people some time with the survey and then work towards the completion of the plan. Mr. DeHoff asked about completion. Mr. Mason said it is on the fast track.

WYDOT is scheduled to rebuild U.S. 30 in FY `24. Reconstruction of Whitney Road from U.S. 30 to Dell Range is scheduled with MPO funds (STP-U) in FY `22, as well.

- c. *Parsley Plan* –AVI is the lead and Kimley Horn the sub. Tom M. reported and showed a couple of slides from the first public meeting. 40 people attended the meeting and AVI has reached out to the businesses on the west side of the corridor. The bridge design should fit with the road's cross section. This plan not only looks at the existing section of Parsley, but future alignment south of College to Wallick Rd.
 - d. *Municipal Complex Pedestrian Plan* – Tom reported that this project involves all the public space between the city building, the parking structure, the Civic Center and the Senior Activity Center and Burke High Rise and the north parking lot. The consultants, held a public meeting on October 23. He showed power point slides from the public meeting. The next step is to increase public involvement and to include City Employees, Burke High Rise residences and others to take the survey and give us their opinions on the choices for parking lot design and the central plaza design.
 - e. *Archer Trails Connector Plan*- Tom showed the three maps that were used at the Steering Committee meeting the previous week and they will be used at the upcoming Public Meeting in January. At the Steering Committee, issues were discussed including WYDOT would not allow a path to go through their facility, and that the HR Ranch alignment would likely be used for the soft surface. Bike lanes can go north on Campstool to Venture and then use the I-80 service road to bring cyclists into Archer from the north. We also want to look at bike facilities along U.S. 30. From a larger perspective we wish to gauge interest for an equestrian trail that goes from Archer to LCCC and the Sweetgrass neighborhood.
 - f. *PlanCheyenne Master Transportation Plan*– Mr. Mason stated that during the first of the year, he will work hard to get the RFP completed and out on the street by the end of the January.
6. Update on current and upcoming projects
- a. *City of Cheyenne* – Ms. Allen reported that the City is looking at bidding Christensen this fall. The Prairie/Frontier Mall roundabout construction would be delayed until next year after Frontier Days. They are getting HDR's contract modified to deal with some more right of way issues. Evers Blvd. design is complete and will be bid the same time as Christensen. They are working with U-Haul to get greenway off of Whitney and have it cross at Countryside and go right into the subdivision. They wish to leave the greenway on U.S. 30 but block it off temporarily so school kids will not head to the Whitney intersection, but go south to the new crossing at Countryside. Charles said he has been

working on getting an access designed for the Bell Building.

- b. *Laramie County* – Mr. Bumann reported that the County finished the Iron Mountain Road expansion in November. He said the county just received an 85-lot subdivision called Jordan Pasture at the end of Iron Mtn. and connecting up to U.S. 85. The Roundhouse Renewable Energy project by Nextera Energy is a large windfarm out on the Belvoir has submitted their project to the County. Along with that sight, they are proposing a large substation to send the energy south into Colorado.
- c. *WYDOT* – Mr. Morton reported that during the summer of 2019 they will contract patching work on Lincolnway and College Avenue. There will be chip seal work in the area. 2020 will see a I-25 tape striping project from the CO border north to mile marker 11 and replacing railroad crossing circuitry around town. In 2021 there will be a mill and overlay with bulb outs on Warren Ave. north from Lincolnway with new signals. Also, there might be a high-performance wear course on I-25 from Randall north to U.S. 85. In 2022 they will work on the Central Ave. signals and Parsley Bridge replacement. In 2023 they will work on Warren Ave. from 24th up to Pershing with road resurfacing and curb and gutter. Also, an overlay on Terry Ranch Rd. will be done and then a bridge replacement over the railroad tracks, and then in 2024 they will be working on U.S. 30 from Pershing up to the RR bridge just before Archer. Mr. DeHoff also mentioned the I-180 during the summer which will have big impacts to traffic when the bridges are reduced down to one lane. The work involves bridge rehabilitation, expansion devices and concrete slabs on approaches in both directions.
- d. *Others* – Charles reported that the City and the County have been working with the County attorney regarding the clarification and criteria for what type of right of way is set and subdivision connectivity for the extraterritorial jurisdiction legislation that will change on January 1.

Next meeting is Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at the Mayor's Conference Room

Respectfully Submitted:
Nancy Olson