

CHEYENNE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Laramie County Library, Willow Room
October 17, 2019



Committee Attendees: Clay Muirhead, Chair
Dawn Fiscus
Barbara Boyd
Boyd Wiggam
Steve Ganison
Rachel Meeker

Absent: Gene Burchett

Staff: Tom Mason MPO Director
Nancy Olson MPO Planner

- 1) Mr. Muirhead, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. Introductions were made. Rachel Meeker; Asst. finance director of the County. Used to work for Public Service Commission. From Cheyenne and a runner. Barbara Boyd; CAC for School District in MO. Dawn Fiscus; legal assistant for the AG and lived in Wyoming since 1990. Mr. Muirhead moved back to Wyoming in 1991 and was the City engineer for three years. He worked for Terracon for 21 years and is retired now. Steve Ganison City of Cheyenne sanitation worker.
- 2) **Approval of the July 18, 2019 minutes**
Mr. Muirhead asked for a motion to approve the July minutes. Mrs. Fiscus moved, and Mrs. Boyd seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.
- 3) **Presentation and approval of the *U.S. 30 & Dell Range Plan***
Mr. Mason gave the presentation. He went over the process first. The MPO has been to the County Planning Commission and the MPO Technical Committee. Monday night we go to the City Planning Commission. Then the resolutions for approval or adoption will go to the two governing bodies. The final step is adoption at the MPO Policy Committee in December.
The project limits are Dell Range from College to the intersection of Dell Range with US Highway 30; and US 30 from College to the UPRR bridge near the Archer Interchange. This is an update to the 2008 MPO Plan. Outreach was extensive. The main changes of the existing conditions will be more ADT on the corridor due to the second phase of Saddle Ridge and Whitney Ranch. Level of service at intersections now are good with only the intersections of Dell Range and US 30 with College and then US 30 with Whitney Rd. being the intersections with LOS E & D. In 20 years, with the extension of Christensen to I-80, the traffic will be allocated differently but a number of the intersections will start to fail. Study looked at crash rates prior to 2018 where the largest number of crashes were between College and Pershing. In 2018/2019 there were several crashes with some fatalities in the study area farther east adding to the urgency of this study. In addition to the crashes, there is a need to design for pedestrians and bicyclists as there are five schools in the area. Public Outreach started with the road-building entities such as the city, Laramie county and WYDOT, and

continued with the stakeholder group comprised of business and property owners, as well as special interest groups; and finally, three community workshops and meetings. Congestion of some intersection and lack of roadway network extensions were primary concerns in the beginning, but it changed to safety with several tragedies in the project area. Recommendations on Dell Range Blvd. east of College were shown and described within the existing 80' of right of way. This would include an extruded concrete bike lane out from the curb, two travel lanes and raised medians to restrict access to all but properly spaced intersections. The Dell Range and Whitney Rd. intersection as two options; roundabout and signalized, to be determined during final design. Heading east, the road cross section goes to three lanes with buffered bike lanes. The Dell Range and US 30 intersection has already been decided by the previous 2008 plan. The US 30 highway design: Eastward from College Dr. the five lanes will have a median to restrict access except the fire station. At the intersection of Pershing there will be a protected left turn and the additional roads coming into that intersection will be closed or diverted. The cross section will be urban and frontage roads will be removed, and medians installed and trail for pedestrians on both sides. In the future between Pershing and Whitney, there can be one more signal intersection, at Van Buren. East of Christensen will be no median and five lanes. Also, all intersections will get redesigned to eliminate the skew and make them more 90°. Another important recommendation is to work with the City and the UDC and the County with the Land Use Regulations to complete secondary roadway network throughout the area. Funding has been allocated for most of this project. Christensen Road/ Overpass: already begun (Fiscal Year 2019/2020) City of Cheyenne 6th Penny. Dell Range Blvd. Intersection of U.S. 30 and Dell Range Blvd. (Fiscal Year 2020) Surface Transportation Program (STP) – Urban. Whitney Road (North right-of-way U.S. 30 to Dell Range Blvd.) (Fiscal Year 2021) STP – Urban. U.S. 30 Reconstruction (College Drive to Railroad Road) (Fiscal Year 2024) National Highway Program (NHP). Mr. Wiggam asked if the internal network in Saddle Ridge can handle the channelized morning peak time. He also had questions about how the network in the area would work with access restriction and removal of the US 30 service roads. Mr. Muirhead called for a motion. Mrs. Boyd moved to accept this plan and recommend the Policy Committee approve it and Mrs. Fiscus seconded. Motion passed 5-1.

4) **Update on MPO Planning Projects**

- a) ***Whitney Road Corridor Plan*** - Mr. Mason reported that Mr. Cobb will complete this plan, and have it done by the end of the month.
- b) ***Municipal Complex Pedestrian Routing Plan*** – Tom reported that for this project deals with the public space behind the municipal building has slowed down because the Cheyenne Community Events hiring a consultant to look at the Civic Center with a possible remodel and expansion which could change the footprint of the building. Mr. Wiggam asked if it considered crosswalks on 20th Street and around city hall?
- c) ***PlanCheyenne Master Transportation Plan*** – Mr. Mason. reported that work has begun, and it is an eighteen-month schedule. The primary consultant is Kimley Horn and EPS out of Denver. There is the first public open house scheduled for November 5th at the Kiwanis Community House, 5:30 to 7PM. There will be rebranding it will be called Connect 2045 a Transportation Planning Update to PlanCheyenne. Travel Demand Forecast Model will tell us

what streets need to be built in 25-30 years.

5) **Other Business**

New traffic counts (165 total) have been done and Mr. Yaney from the MPO office is working on an interactive map using GIS. One can click on the road segment and see the historical and current counts.

Mr. Muirhead asked if the solution for the congestion heading east on Dell Range on west side of College at the light is part of this current study. Already identified during the freight plan, that there needs to be two lanes continuing eastward past the intersection. Also, the northbound left turn at Dell Range will have two turn lanes added. No time line for when this will happen.

Mr. Wiggam also asked about finishing Storey to Whitney. Woods Landing platted their half of Storey to Whitney. The developers are responsible for building the road. However, the Commissioners and others are interested in getting Storey built sooner than later.

Next Meeting – November 21, 2019. **6:30 Start time** Laramie County Library

Minutes transcribed by Nancy Olson, MPO CAC secretary