

CHEYENNE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

City Municipal Building, Room 208 (virtually on Zoom)
August 19, 2020, 10:00am



Voting Members:	Andrea Allen	WYDOT Project Development
	Molly Bennett	Laramie County Public Works
	Charles Bloom	City Development Director
	Dave Bumann	Laramie County Public Works
	Larry Gallagher (for Dana Hansen)	SCWSD
	Betsey Hale	Cheyenne LEADS
	Bruce Hattig	BOPU
	Craig LaVoy (for Ms. Nemecek)	City Public Works
	Jef McMann	Black Hills Corporation
	Julianne Monahan	WYDOT Planning
	Mary Richey	Mayor's Council for People with Disabilities
	Wayne Shenefelt	WYDOT, Resident Engineers
	Sally Stainbank	Lowes Distribution Center
	Jeanie Vetter	Parks and Greenway Planner
	Paul Whalen	Laramie County Planning
Non-Voting Members:	Steven Call	FHWA
	Kevin Erickson	WYDOT, Resident Engineers
	Anissa Gerard	City Traffic Engineer
	Kristin Kenyon	FTA
Guests:	Allison Fluitt	Kimley Horn
	Chris Joannes	Kimley Horn
Staff:	Tom Mason	MPO Director
	Jennifer Corso	MPO Senior GIS Tech
	Jillian Harris	MPO Senior Planner
	Nancy Olson	MPO Office Manager
	Christopher Yaney	MPO Senior Technician

1. Ms. Molly Bennet called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.
2. **Approval of the June 3, 2020 minutes**
Andrea Allen moved to approve the minutes and Dave Bumann seconded. Motion passed
3. **Presentation and approval of the *Whitney Road Corridor Plan***
Mr. Mason gave the presentation and outlined the study area. He said that nothing much has changed since the last presentation of this plan to the Committee. Some details have been worked out with some property owners in the area. We are ready to have the MPO Tech Committee recommend approval to the MPO Policy Committee. The study area is Whitney Road from US 30 to Storey Blvd./Beckle Rd. The primary goals are to understand the community and neighborhood vision for the road, improve the roadway and intersection safety and function, and address drainage and snow drifting. There were numerous meetings throughout the development of the plans. The MPO is going

to the Planning Commissions in Sept. and the Governing Bodies in Oct. to get their approval. At the end of Oct. will be coming to the MPO Policy Committee.

The typical section from Beckle to Storey will be a rural section. From Beckle to Dell Range it will be an urban 3-lane section with a Greenway on the west side. Then from Dell Range to US 30 it will be an urban section but due to the narrowness of the right of way the sidewalks might have to be attached. Recommendations were made and some safety improvements were done by WYDOT before the plan was finished. Funds are lined up to build the project. The Dell Range and Whitney intersection had two alternatives that work well. The County decided to move forward with the roundabout. The Whitney and US 30 intersection will be straightened out to a more 90° intersection for better safety. A median on the north leg will improve operations for turning movements because the businesses on the service road have other ways in and out. Mr. Mason showed the places for storm water detentions. Utilities will be coordinated. \$6,730,00 is estimated cost for all the corridor. Bruce asked about the timing for construction. Ms. Allen answered that WYDOT's design will be finished in March of 2022 and go out to bid soon after.

Mr. Bloom asked about the choices of intersection and the final plan for construction. Since the county recommended moving forward with the roundabout that will be what WYDOT will design. Molly called for a motion to recommend approval. Andrea moved to approve, and Julianne seconded. Motion passed.

4. Presentation on the *Connect 2045 – Master Transportation Plan* by Kimley Horn

Chris Joannes started with Allison Fluitt joining in later.

Chris did a quick review and told the group what was done since the last meeting. He went over the goals, and recommendations. The plan will guide of investments by the Federal Government. He reviewed the Eight Goal Statements: Safety – transportation facilities provide safe travel option for all residents & visitors; Growth-promote growth in the economy, development and tourism by providing a transportation system that accommodates current and future demand for the movement of residents, visitors, and goods; Integration- integrate transportation and land used decisions to create and preserve neighborhoods that promote vibrant community character and encourage active living; Choices-provide travel choices that are accessible to all travelers, promote local mobility and reduce the impacts of transportation on the environment and neighborhoods; Efficiency – optimize the use of existing infrastructure as well as opportunistic funding options to make effective investments in the transportation network; Connectivity- develop and maintain a multimodal transportation system that provides direct, continuous, and safe connections between local and regional destinations and services; Resiliency- design transportation facilities and networks so they are secure and resilient to impacts from manmade or natural disasters; and Maintenance – extend the life of the transportation system and promote fiscal responsibility by emphasizing maintenance or system expansion.

Mr. Joannes went over the recommendations. They are categorized as roadway capital improvements, pedestrian and bicycle projects, transit system recommendations, (need to update the TDP as many things have changed and a relocation of the transit transfer station), travel and tourism recommendations, and additional recommendations like livability, 5G and freight.

Allison went over the prioritization process and the financial plan overview. Mostly this will be roadway projects. Other modes already have project priorities that were done with other plans or ongoing committees. She said the road project will be prioritized with high, medium, and low priorities so it will be easier to match with potential funding streams. The process for priorities matches with the goals. Allison showed a map of the project priorities. The financial plan for the roadway projects was done using constraint determination. The bike and pedestrian projects traditionally cost less and are implemented when funding and opportunities present themselves. Transit and Aviation is through other efforts. Transportation revenues were forecasted from 2024

through 2045 and come from different buckets of money. Also assumed a 2% inflation rate. Looking at the revenues will lead to the financially constrained plan. She showed the project funding status map then.

Chris went through the different tiers of projects. Tier 1 spans two years. Tier 2 and 3 are 5-year time frames. And Tier 4 is a 10-year time frame. The I-25 and I-80 interchange will be a larger federally funded project.

Kristin Kenyon is concerned with the lack of transit in the priority list for funding. No funding for local match to move the transit center. Please try and include funds for transit in our community.

There might need to be another conversation with Tom, Renae, Chris and Allison as well as, Kristin. Chris went over next steps.

Kristin asked about performance measures for Transit. Yes, they are and will be included.

Mr. Mason told all to be prepared for the 170-page document soon.

5. Update on MPO Planning Projects

- a. *East Park Greenway and Drainage Plan* – firm selected was Summit Engineering to do the project. It will be a new Greenway plan after the drainage of Dry Creek gets worked out. This plan will get the Greenway from the new East Park at Whitney and Pershing under the UPRR to the Leads Open Space.
- b. *Converse Ave. Plan* - north of Dell Range to Carlson – road widening, traffic control and extension of the Greenway. This is needed because of a future 600-unit apt. complex that will be going in on the west side on Converse south of Carlson.
- c. *Walterscheid Plan* - between Deming and First Street south to College Dr. MPO is working on a Scope of Work and RFP.

6. Update on current and upcoming local construction projects

- a. *City of Cheyenne* – Mr. Bloom said that Christensen is wrapping up and open in early November. Evers is being completed. Pavement markings next week. Allison Rd. medians being constructed now between Johnson Jr. High and South High and completed by end of Oct. Prairie Frontier Mall ROB is under construction next week and done this fall. Mr. Hattig said that BOPU is doing a water rehab job for Dell Range wrapping up this month on Dell Range but will still be on side streets through Oct.
- b. *Laramie County* - Dave Bumann reported they are doing 18 miles of chip seal on CR 213 and CR 162 which will start tomorrow and be done in two weeks. A big project is 5.2 miles reconstruction of County Rd. 215, aka Railroad Road which is a big feeder to the US 30 project.
- c. *WYDOT* – Wayne said WYDOT's I-25 slab repair from Randall to Horse Creek is almost done. I-180 is ongoing and they have more work to do on bridge joints. Bridge Rehab program is completed. Permanent signals are up on Happy Jack intersection. Thermoplastic job had a lot of failures. Kevin said that the District 1 bridge rehab is wrapping up. Next year projects will be slab repairs on Central Ave. between 22nd and Lincolnway. Also, on Lincolnway between Pioneer and Central. There will be signal replacements at Central and 8th and Warren and 8th Ave. and Evans and Lincolnway.
Charles asked about College Ave. traffic light timing because all the lights catch you. Kevin said that he will get in touch with the traffic dept. to have them look at it.
- d. *Others (LEADS, Warren AFB, LCSD #1, etc.)*
LEADS Betsey Hale reported the Board adopted their new strategic plan. Business retention and expansion. Incentive strategy has been developed. She said they are working with more than 35 active prospects (new to Cheyenne). There are 16 companies looking at expanding or

growing.

Jeanie reported she is currently finish Henderson connector. Next year she will work on Dey Ave. connection and hopefully get to the South Park Connector.

7. Other Business

a. none

Next Meeting – September 23 (Connect 2045)

Respectfully Submitted:

Nancy Olson