

# Cheyenne Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Committee Meeting

October 22, 2020

Virtual Zoom meeting 11:00 AM



## Attendance:

Voting Members:	Buck Holmes Ralph Tarango	Laramie Co. Commissioner WYDOT, District Engineer
Non-Voting Members:	Charles Bloom Dave Bumann Bryan Cawley Tom Cobb Tim Morton Juli Monahan Hank Rettinger Mark Wingate	City Planning Director County Public Works FHWA City Engineer WYDOT WYDOT Planning FHWA WYDOT Planning
Staff:	Tom Mason Jillian Harris Nancy Olson	MPO Director MPO Senior Planner MPO Office Manager

1. Meeting was called to order at 11:12 a.m. by Commissioner Holmes.
2. **Approval of the September 23, 2020 minutes.** Mr. Tarango moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Holmes seconded. Minutes approved.
3. **Approval of the Budget Amendment to the FY `21 Unified Planning Work Program**  
Mr. Mason stated that this will be a quick amendment as the budget was just amended at the end of September. The total budget had decreased once Tom got the final numbers of unencumbered funds. The new budget is now \$1,122,814.00. Also, the MPO knows the exact cost of the Converse Ave. contract with Ayres and Associates; \$120,175. The consultants will be doing more detailed work than what was originally envisioned. AVI also requested more funds to finish up the Whitney Plan but half of what they needed came out of last year's budget, so the other half of \$3,117.00 was included in this fiscal year. Tom M proposed transferring funds from the Ave. C line item. Commissioner Holmes called for a motion to approve the amended budget. Mr. Tarango moved to approve; Commissioner Holmes seconded. Motion approved.
4. **Approval of the Whitney Road Corridor Plan**  
Mr. Mason said this is the final step for the Whitney Plan which the MPO has been working on for over three years. The plan has gone through the City and County Governing Bodies with approval. There are no substantial changes to the plan which the Committee has already seen. Also, WYDOT has already begun final design for this project. Commissioner Holmes

called for a motion to approve the Whitney Road Plan, Mr. Tarango made the motion, Commissioner Holmes seconded. Mr. Mason gave kudos to Mr. Cobb who put his heart and soul into working on this Plan. Motion Passes and the Whitney Plan was approved.

## 5. **Other Business**

### a. *Connect 2045 - Master Transportation Plan Update to PlanCheyenne*

Mr. Mason reported that the MPO is moving rapidly to the completion of this Plan. The Technical Committee met yesterday and approved the plan and recommended that the Policy Committee adopt the Connect 2045 Plan. Tonight, the Citizens' Advisory Committee will be meeting to do the same. The MPO has begun the formal 30-day public comment period. On November 12<sup>th</sup> is the County Planning Commission Public Hearing and on November 16<sup>th</sup> is the City Planning Commission Public Hearing. After the hearings the MPO will be taking the Plan to the County Commissioners and City Governing Bodies for approval in early December and then back to this Committee in mid-December. Mr. Mason suggested dates for the Policy Committee to meet in December on the 16<sup>th</sup> or the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Cawley stated that he was happy to hear that the Plan is on track to be completed by the end of the calendar year, as the Interim Plan expires then. Mr. Morton asked what the plan was for an extension or whatever if a hiccup arrives and we don't get the plan approved. Mr. Mason has no indication that will happen.

### b. *Other Business* Mr. Cawley from FHWA reported that on September 30 the President signed a Continuing Resolution that has three major components. Extension of the FAST act for one fiscal year (September 30, 2021). Also, FHWA was appropriated funds to December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The Highway Trust Fund has been experiencing more outflows than inflows and the continuing resolution transferred from the General Fund \$13.6 billion to the Highway Trust Fund. That amount divided \$10.4 billion to the HTF general account and \$3.2 billion to the Mass Transit account. Also, increase multi-modal cap for Infrastructure Grants from 500 million to 600 million per project, and it also extended the 2017-2018 BUILD Grant obligation deadline dates through September 30, 2021.

*Next Meeting December 16 or 17 for Connect 2045 Adoption.*