

CHEYENNE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

County Building, 309 W. 20th St., Room 1200
June 15, 2016, 10:00am



Voting members:	Brad Brooks Matthew Butler Brandon Cammarata Frank Cole Rob Geringer Kevin McCoy Pepper McClenahan Jef McMann Tim Morton Vicki Nemecek Jeff Purdy	BOPU Laramie County Fire City Planning & Development SEWBA County Public Works WYDOT County Planning Black Hills Corp. WYDOT City Public Works FHWA
Ex-Officio Members:	Deanne Widauf Jeff Wiggins	Housing & Community Dev. City Parks & Rec
Staff:	Tom Mason Sreyoshi Chakraborty Nancy Olson James Sims	MPO, Director MPO, Senior Planner MPO, Planner MPO, Engineering Tech.
Guests:	Darci Hendon	Ayres Associates

-Rob Geringer, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

1. Approval of the February 17, 2016 minutes:

- The February 17, 2016 minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Presentation and approval of the *Freight Mobility Plan*:

- Mr. Mason explained the plan and the reason for doing it. Mr. Mason also went over the next steps for the project. He is looking for a recommendation of approval from the Technical Committee today. He introduced Ms. Hendon from Ayres Associates. Ms. Hendon presented a PowerPoint presentation. She explained the federal actions and reasons why this project was so important. Ms. Hendon discussed the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Specific routes were discussed. She also went over the goals and final pieces of the project.
- Mr. Purdy thinks this plan is great. The Feds are asking for the designation of the Critical Urban Corridors in the state and within the two MPO areas. Once those routes are determined they will be sent to WYDOT for approval. The Cheyenne MPO will then add

them to the Freight Plan.

- Burlington Northern Railroad through the base was discussed.
- The Freight Mobility Plan was approved unanimously.

3. FY '16-'19 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Approval:

- Mr. Mason reported. There are some changes to the TIP from the contributing agencies.
- Mr. McCoy asked to change the title to "FY '17 TIP Amendment".
- The FY '16-'19 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment (FY '17 TIP) was approved unanimously.

4. Update on other MPO Planning Projects:

- a. High Plains Road Plan:** Ms. Olson reported. This project is almost complete and has progressed well. They had a great turnout at the public meeting on May 18 and received great feedback. Ms. Olson showed some sample maps they showed at the public meeting. She also discussed some of the questions the public had. AVI is working on the final recommendations and they should have the draft plan soon for internal review. They should be going to the County Planning Commission for a public hearing by the end of the summer. The full plan should come back to the Technical Committee by the next meeting.
- b. Downtown Strategic Parking Plan:** Ms. Chakraborty reported. She handed out an informational sheet and explained the project further. This project just started in May. They are already receiving a lot of input from various stakeholders. The last study like this was done in 1991, so there have been many changes since then. The first public meeting was on June 7 and was very well attended. There will be a large public engagement focus with this plan. Ms. Chakraborty explained the various studies they will be doing with this project.
- c. Converse Plan and Converse/Dell Range Intersection Traffic Safety Plan:** Ms. Olson reported. This is also a new project. HDR was selected as the consultants. They will do a 35% design plan for the intersection of Converse and Dell Range as well as a 35% design plan for the completion of Converse north of Dell Range to Ogden. The steering committee will be formed and meet soon. Mr. Cole mentioned to move the center lines because it is very hard to see oncoming cars at Ogden. There needs to be a storm sewer under the street as well.
- d. Speed Study and Intersection Counts:** Mr. Mason reported. The first portion was completed in the spring. They collected around 143 turning movement counts at all of the traffic signal intersections in the community. They are waiting on the data and report. The next study will be collecting traffic counts along with speed data on selected streets in the community. This will be done in the fall.
- e. Storey Official Mapping:** Mr. Mason reported. The MPO budgeted a study for Southwest Drive, but after much discussions and consideration, it was decided that the County already knows what the needs are to improve access to Southwest Drive. Any improvements would be very expensive to do, so the County and Policy Committee decided to hold off on conducting anymore planning work until funding options were more eminent. Instead, the MPO is going to do an official mapping project (pending

Policy Committee approval) for the eastward extension of Storey-Summit-Beckle (a mile north of Dell Range) to plan that connection from College Drive to Whitney Road. The county and city want to lock that alignment in before too much development occurs.

5. Update on current and upcoming local construction projects:

a. City of Cheyenne:

- Mr. Mason reported that John Hall has taken another job and is no longer the City Engineer.
- Mr. Cammarata reported. The West Edge 15th St. Wetlands and West Edge Commons are getting kicked-off. He further explained those projects. The West Edge Commons project Open House will be June 23 at the Library. The residential projects going on currently are: Thomas Heights is building North of King Soopers, Waterford Square is at Fox Farm and Morrie, Saddle Ridge is constructing more residential units. The Sweetgrass annexation is starting, which is east of College and south of I-80, approximately 900 acres. The platting process probably won't happen until early next year. The airport terminal is nearing the end of the site plan process. The parking lot got reduced in size. Hopefully, they will be ready to start late this summer.
- Mr. Wiggins reported they are coming to the end of the design phase for the Saddle Ridge greenway connector.
- Mr. Brooks reported that the southern sewer interceptor and southern water transmission main are both about 90% designed and will go out to bid in September and the project will be done around January of 2018. He further explained the project. There are some other rehab projects going on right now as well.
- Ms. Widauf reported. There were recently two affordable housing projects approved. The application process will start up again in October.

b. Laramie County:

- Ms. McClenahan reported. They are finishing up on Maverick plans on S. Greeley Highway. A few small subdivision plans are coming in, but a lot of residential permits are being submitted.
- Mr. Geringer reported. They are wrapping up their overlay project on CR 213. The City-County Health parking lot is about done. The CNG station is about done; they are pumping gas into the tanks currently. There is a little activity from the oil fields. Renewals on some of the oil and gas leasing will be starting.

c. WYDOT:

- Mr. Morton reported. They are doing an overlay and pipe replacement on US-85. Lincolnway and US-30 will be getting an overlay. A District One bridge rehab will be starting on I-25/I-80 southbound lane. They will be installing more flexible delineator posts. I-25 N will be getting an overlay, a few more slab repairs and some signal updates are going on as well. W. Allison is moving ahead and the new waterline is almost done.

d. Others:

- Mr. McMann reported for Black Hills. They are doing a system upgrade near Converse. Also they have started the Chukker Ridge development and waiting to get going on Saddle Ridge.
- Mr. Cole reported for SEWBA. The single-family homes in the Bluffs are going for around \$375,000 - \$425,000, which is the highest average in the city.

6. Other Business:

- Mr. Mason reported. Sara Thompson Cassidy from UP is supportive of the Freight Plan. He also informed the committee that Mr. Purdy will be heading to D.C.

- Next Regular Meeting: August 24, 2016 at the City

-Rob Geringer, Vice-Chair, adjourned the meeting at 11:26am.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katrina Petersen, MPO Office Manager