

CHEYENNE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
City Municipal Building, Room 307, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
November 16, 2017



Committee Attendees: Michael Sandidge, Vice Chair
Gene Burchett

Staff: Tom Mason MPO, Director
Nancy Olson MPO, Planner
Darci Hendon Ayres Associates

1. Call Meeting to Order

a. Vice Chair Mike Sandidge called the meeting to order at 3:05pm.

2. Approval of the September 21, 2017 minutes

Mr. Burchett made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Sandidge seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Presentation and approval of the Cheyenne Frontier Days Traffic Study and Transportation Plan

- a. Darci Hendon gave a comprehensive summary of the Plan and showed a Power Point. The study was very comprehensive and looked at the traffic problem in a wide area. Ms. Hendon went over all the recommendations.
- b. Mr. Burchett asked if the study was in response to a problem. Mr. Mason said that the CFD committee came to the MPO to seek our help, i.e. planning funds, to help them solve the conflicts for traffic, pedestrians and park and ride users.
- c. Mr. Mason asked about the future park and ride location that would take the buses off of 8th Avenue. That would be a medium-term recommendation.
- d. Mr. Sandidge asked if the 'bull' lot is going away. Yes, it will be sold within a year or two. CFD is looking for another lot near the interstate.
- e. Mr. Sandidge asked if there might be another gate or entrance off of Hynds Ave.
- f. Mr. Burchett moved to recommend the plan to the Policy Committee for approval. Mr. Sandidge seconded. Motion passed.

4. Presentation and approval of the Southeast Greenway Trails Connector

- a. Darci gave a short presentation on the Southeast Greenway Plan. She summarized the purpose and the planning process that involved choosing an overpass or an underpass and the best location for it. She went over the restraints and costs for each.
- b. During the public process there was a significant number of people who said their desired destination was Walmart. At the 2nd public meeting 85% agreed with the west overpass option.
- c. Gene asked about the development of problems in tunnels. The people responded to us said the biggest problem with tunnels was flooding and them being closed. Gene asked about safety. Generally, there isn't a problem.

- d. Gene moved to recommended for the Policy Committee to approved. Mike seconded. The motion passed.

5. Membership

a. Election of Officers

Discussion was held to explore postponing electing officers to the January meeting, due to low attendance.

- b. Gene volunteered to take a written article about the MPO's role in local transportation and how to get involved by joining the CAC to the WTE and get it in.
- c. Tom suggested we ask the Policy Committee members, e.g. City and County reps to give us names of citizens that have applied for different committees but were not chosen.
- d. Gene suggested that MPO staff screen the members to make sure they have leeway in their schedules to attend.
- e. Gene moved to postpone elections of officers. Mike seconded. The motion passed.

6. Update on MPO Planning Projects

- a. **Whitney Road Plan 10% Design Plan** - Ms. Olson reported on this project. The Whitney Road Plan used traditional means of gathering public input, but the variable message signs really worked. There were 120 people who signed in and the on-line survey the consultants collected 152 responses. Nancy went over the results of the surveys.
- b. **Reed Avenue Rail Corridor** - Tom reported on this project. The public meeting was held on October 3rd with a very good, 65+ turnout. The public was pleased with what they saw. Should have the draft plan in December.
- c. FY '18 Planning Projects that MPO will get started for the rest of the fiscal year.
 - *PlanCheyenne LRTP Update* – get the Scope of work done
 - *East Dell Range and US 30 Update* – WYDOT will be starting to plan 5-6 years out the reconstruction of US 30 so we want to relook at the previous plan
 - *Parsley Blvd.* will need a preliminary plan because the I80 bridge over Parsley will get replaced soon and the width will be determined by the corridor plan.
 - *Greenway Path to Archer* – more GW planning on east side of town from Campstool/Hereford Ranch area out to the Archer Complex.
 - *SafeStreetsCheyenne Campaign* – two more safety campaigns with the public involvement specialists that include older drivers and education about the Transit Program.

7. Other Business

- a. The MPO has moved and we will have an open house soon after the new year.

Next Meeting – February 22, 2017 and the meeting will likely be at the new office.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:28 pm

Respectfully Submitted: Nancy Olson, secretary