

CHEYENNE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Room 208 of the Municipal Building, 2101 O'Neil Ave.
September 12, 2018, 10:00am



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| Voting members: | Amy Allen Andrea Allen Dennis Auker Dave Bumann Matt Butler Frank Cole Bruce Hattig Craig LaVoy Kevin McCoy Jef McMann Wayne Shenefeld | City Engineer WYDOT Project Development LCSD #1 Laramie County Public Works Laramie County EMS SEWBA BOPU City Public Works WYDOT Planning Black Hills (Utilities) WYDOT, Resident Engineer |
| Guests: | Kadi Bradfield Sara Casner Tom Cobb Ed Fritz Sarah Rickgauer | WYDOT Pavement Management WYDOT Pavement Management AVI p.c. WYDOT Systems Planning WYDOT Pavement Management |
| Staff: | Jennifer Corso Tom Mason Nancy Olson | MPO GIS Coordinator MPO Director MPO Planner |

Andrea Allen called the Meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

1. **Introductions**

Members introduced themselves and Tom Mason announced that the committee has lost its Chair and Vice Chair, Rob Geringer and Nathan Beauheim so elections will be held at the November meeting. Please let Tom know if you are interested.

Voting Member Update

Tom reminded the committee that the City, County and State have three votes each and the other representatives have one vote.

2. **Approval of the June 13, 2018 minutes**

Mr. Cole moved to approve the previous meeting minutes, Amy Allen seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

3. **Performance Measure and Data Sharing Presentation (Ed & Sarah of WYDOT)**

Mr. Fritz presented on transportation performance targets that FHWA expects the MPOs to set. The FAST Act calls for targets for the following; Interstate pavement in good and poor condition, Non-interstate National Highway System (NHS) pavement in good and poor condition, NHS bridges in good and poor condition, and Level of Travel Time Reliability of interstate and non-interstate roads. The targets need to be established by November 18. MPOs are required to report progress of meeting these goals in their M-

TIP. Sarah Rickgauer reported on how WYDOT measures and calculates pavement conditions. She presented projections for WYDOT road conditions. Ed and Sarah recommended the targets for the MPO should be lower than WYDOTs. Tom M. had a few questions. All the NHS routes in the Cheyenne MPO are WYDOT roads. Ed went over the Bridge Condition ratings and recommended bridge targets. All the NHS bridges are on the WYDOT system and are therefore WYDOT responsibility. Next Ed went over the Level of Travel Time Reliability performance measure and target recommendation. This measure is for all vehicles, and it indicates how often traffic is slowed down. The slowing can be caused by congestion but also by weather delays and construction activities. Mr. Fritz recommended the MPO set their targets either at or lower than WYDOT's.

Mr. Hattig asked if these targets will increase the amount of construction on the city roadways. Ed did not think so and Sarah reminded folks that the STIP projects are already set 6-7 years out, and those 4-yr. targets took that into account.

Dave B. moved to recommend to the Policy Committee the MPO targets be those in red from the PowerPoint. Mr. Hattig seconded. The vote passed.

4. Update on the *Whitney Plan*.

Mr. Cobb stated that there have been complications to completing this work, however, there are some things that have gone right. The project started in the fall of 2017. The main conflict has been the existence of two oil pipelines in the right of way on either side of the 80-foot roadway. He gave a summary of the two public meetings and on-line companion survey distributed with Facebook, which had outstanding attendance. The people's #1 concern was having another way out east or west from the north. The biggest component that contributes to future traffic is the Whitney Ranch Development. The best way to lessen the roadway grade is to swing the road west into the Whitney development, but there is not consensus from the landowners. Tom Cobb said the last two issues to get resolved are with the landowner on the southwest corner as the plan shows needing a small piece for ROW for a proposed roundabout. The RAB could be pushed further to the north and it would not impact him. The second issue is the road alignment with the Whitney Ranch landowners.

Mr. Mason said that this project is looking to be adopted at the November Tech meeting. We will try to have the plan completed and distribute to the committee by the end of October.

5. Update on MPO Planning Projects

a. *East Dell Range and US 30* -Tom reported that this project ties in with Whitney, because they have common intersections. It is being done by Kimley Horn. The project limits for US 30 are College Dr.to the railroad overpass at Archer. For E. Dell Range it will be from College Drive to US 30. The MPO has programed funds to rebuild the intersection of Dell Range and US 30 as well as, Whitney between US 30 and Dell Range. As these plans get finished they will help WYDOT with the reconstruction of US 30 from Pershing/College all the way to Archer. This plan is scheduled to be done in February.

b. *Parsley* – Tom reported on this project. The MPO has signed a contract with AVI. We are collecting more data including 24 hr. and Turning Movements. WYDOT is anxious to get this planning project moving along due to WYDOT's schedule for the I-80 bridge replacement.

- c. *Archer Greenway Connector* – Nancy reported that the project is a trail connector between Campstool Road and Laramie County Archer Complex south of I-80 and is being done by Ayres. There has been public involvement conducted during the Laramie County Fair that was held out at Archer at the end of July/first of August. The consultant set up a table and asked citizens if they would use a trail that connected to the existing Greenway and how would they use it. There was a companion on-line survey that was pushed out through Facebook. The citizens at the fair were interested in a soft surface which they could ride horses on, but the entire survey favored a path for bicycling.
- d. *Municipal Complex Pedestrian Routing Plan* – Tom said with more use of the Civic Center and the Parking Structure, it is important to improve safety and create a more inviting space between the City building, the Cox Parking structure, the Senior Center/Burke High-rise and the Library. The Civic Center Commons construction will generate more pedestrian traffic as well. Russell Mills and Ayres are the consultant team. A kickoff meeting has occurred.
- e. *SafeStreetsCheyenne Campaign* – This spring the MPO webpage, SafeStreetsCheyenne.com kicked off a program to help reduce speeding. This fall we are now focusing on school age drivers and attempting to make them more aware of speeding dangers.
- f. *PlanCheyenne Update* – Tom told the Committee that we are in the process of writing the scope of work and it will be our main project for next year. We will be updating PlanCheyenne, the area’s long-range Land Use and Transportation Plan. Potentially City Parks will update their master plan as well, just as they did in 2006. Mr. Hattig asked about Stakeholder involvement. There will be many opportunities with many players.

6. Update on current and upcoming local construction projects

- a. *City of Cheyenne* – Ms. Allen reported that they are working with WYDOT for pedestrian easement agreements regarding the Prairie/Frontier Mall intersection. The project might get delayed until the spring. The City will be holding a pre-bid meeting next week for Christensen and they are hoping that the project stays on track for this fall. They are working on bringing back the 26th street storm water interceptor project and hoping to get a FEMA grant to do storm sewer from Duff to the west in 2019-20. Engineering is working on the Reed Ave. Rail RFP to get design done for the public infrastructure portion.
- b. *Laramie County* – Dave Bumann reported that the County is still booming and that they are issuing a new residential permit per day. Microsoft is constructing their new expansion. Oil and gas development is very strong and the road crews can’t keep up with the dust. Ranchers in the eastern part of county are making more profit selling water to the fracking companies than growing crops. The Iron Mtn Road project is finishing paving and widening shoulders from Geronimo out to Whitney Rd. by October.
- c. *WYDOT* – Mr. Shenefelt reported on the WYDOT projects. There were three projects on I-80 this summer and the last one is wrapping up. Parsley bridge got hit again so there will be another repair in the works. They started on the bridges and pipes as well as nine miles of paving on Horse Creek. Signal upgrades around town are occurring. Next year there will contract patching on Lincolnway by the YMCA and on College Dr. from Ave. C to I-80. Mr. Cole interjected that the bridges that

WYDOT are removing now were designed by Frank 50 years ago.

d. Others –

- i. Black Hills –*Mr. McMann reported that they are keeping busy with taking care of new residential housing services. They have started replacing overhead powerlines on Dell Range from College east to Van Buren. They just finished a feed up Van Buren from Highway 30 to support the Whitney Ranch development. Rerouting underground for the Commons project. There are more requests for electricity for the reuse of big boxes as Data Centers around town.
- ii. LCSD #1 –*Mr. Auken reported that the new Carey Jr. High will be out to bid soon and will start in early November. It will take two years to construct and it will be open for start of school in the fall of 2020.
- iii. BOPU –*Mr. Hattig reported that there are normal water/sewer projects to wrap up in November.

7. Other business

Tom announced the new employee for the MPO senior planner/engineer position will be Tom Cobb starting next week.

Next Meeting – There may be a Special Meeting in October for final Whitney approval and then on November 21, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted:
Nancy Olson