

CHEYENNE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Laramie County Planning Office, 3966 Archer Parkway
November 14, 2018, 10:00am



Voting Members:	Frank Cole Todd Eldridge Kevin Erickson Anissa Gerard Bruce Hattig Chris Hout Craig LaVoy Wayne Shenefelt Mark Wingate	SEWBA F.E. Warren Community Planner WYDOT, Resident Engineer City Engineering BOPU Laramie County School District #1 City Public Works WYDOT, Resident Engineer WYDOT Systems Planning
Non-Voting Members:	Kevin McCoy Walt Satterfield	WYDOT Planning FHWA
Guests:	Joe Patterson Bill and Connie Holgerson	Guardian & Whitney Ranch LLC. Whitney Ranch Landowners
Staff:	Tom Mason Tom Cobb Jennifer Corso Nancy Olson	MPO Director MPO Senior Engineer/Planner MPO GIS Coordinator MPO Planner

As Secretary, Tom Mason called the Meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

1. Approval of the September 12, 2018 minutes

Mr. Mason called for a motion to approve the September 12 minutes. Mr. Cole moved to approve the previous meeting minutes, Bruce Hattig seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for the MPO Technical Committee

- Mr. Mason reminded the committee that with the recent departure of Rob Geringer and Nathan Beauheim, the Chair and Vice-Chair positions need to be filled. He asked for nominations from the floor for Chair. Mr. Cole nominated Andrea Allen. Andrea was approved as Chair.
- Mr. Cole nominated Dave Bumann for Vice Chair. Dave was approved unanimously.

3. Presentation of the *Whitney Corridor Plan*

- Mr. Cobb stated many challenges have been encountered with the project including confluences of jurisdictional control, private development coordination, local business access, and oversized business vehicle access. Specifically, WYDOT for the potential new access of Woodhouse on US 30, the Whitney-Gysel property developer for the north Whitney Road horizontal and vertical alignment, and the US 30 Service Road businesses, Jolly Roger's and Restway Travel RV Park for access and

sustainable business viability. He summarized the project's recommendations as he went over new alignments for Whitney Ranch, the US 30 and Whitney intersection and how the Woodhouse extension to US 30 will help the businesses, and Restway & Jolley Rogers access. Major challenges included the two pipelines on either side of the road in the right of way. Both pipeline companies have quoted the moving of the pipelines will cost a million dollars. A proposed 5% grade for Whitney would daylight both pipelines. The City has a goal to provide an accessible route for non-motorized transportation users and to address the drifting snow.

- b. Whitney Ranch: The Whitney Ranch developer's goals are to not impact the barn and not bifurcate the property. Mr. Cobb went over all options. 1) Do nothing, 2) Keep the existing horizontal road alignment and lower the existing vertical profile from 13% grade to 8% while creating a pedestrian pathway that could stay at 5% or under that would skirt the ranch house and barn to the west of them, 3) Use the existing alignment with the accessible profile which impacts adjacent property and petroleum pipelines. 4a) Build a southbound alignment west of the barn property using an accessible 5% vertical profile along with a northbound lane within the existing right-of-way with an 8% vertical grade; 4b) Southbound lane where the horizontal alignment is between the barn and the existing roadway at 5%, with northbound lane within the existing right-of-way at an 8% vertical profile, 5) a three-lane roadway horizontally aligned between the existing roadway and the barn complex. This would require a ¼ mile retaining wall with significant impact to the adjacent property, 6) Swing the three-lane section west all the way around the barn and ranch house. This would bifurcate the development, but it provides a place for snow storage. This option reimagines the use of the barn area with a potential for park, playgrounds, playing field, etc.
- c. US 30 Frontage Road: Interviews with Big Al's Auto & Exhaust and Big Al's Towing, Pinnacle Cabinets, as well as, other businesses revealed an issue for extra-long towed vehicles if a cul-de-sac was to be built on the frontage road as originally recommended. Since a majority of the material deliveries and towing vehicles access the businesses from I-80/ I-25 via U.S. 30, the business group suggested a right-in right-out for the frontage road intersection with Whitney might work but would require a full access at Woodhouse that would connect directly with U.S. 30. This idea was verbally presented to WYDOT for discussion. Early indications from WYDOT appeared favorable for an access to be granted at Woodhouse Road to U.S. 30 since it meet or exceed the criteria for an urban principal arterial with a two-way left turn lane 660' apart. However, after further review by WYDOT, the access policy states the access spacing must be 1,320' for major access and 660' for commercial access with a speed range on Principal Arterial of 55 mph. WYDOT is requesting Laramie County and the MPO to submit an Access Permit which includes a Traffic Impact Study demonstrating existing and projected traffic volumes along with vehicle types to justify a variance to deviate from the Access Policy Criteria. Mr. Eldridge asked if opening Woodhouse would just shift the problem somewhere else.

- Mr. Cobb said he hoped not. The radii will be wider to assist large vehicles. The Service Road would be a right-in right-out. Woodhouse at Hinesley is a 10% grade and unimproved.
- d. RV Parks: Interviews with Jolley Roger was less problematic because he was willing to give up 4700 sq. ft., if compensated, at fair market value. Tom C has met numerous times with Restway Travel Park. They were resistance of giving property, 5237 sq. ft. of land needed. Tom discovered what the impacts would be: a mobile home, an RV clean out station and a tent site used during CFD. They don't want the median to restrict the left turn because many folks come from the North East area of Cheyenne. Tom C has an idea to move their access to the north which would then keep the median.
 - e. Mr. Mason reported on the schedule for getting this plan adopted. The MPO is moving forward with December Planning Commission meetings. MPO & AVI will get the document finished and out to you and everyone, in a couple of weeks. Likely will ask the committee to read the report and then approve by electronic voting.

4. Update on MPO Planning Projects

- a. *East Dell Range and US 30* -Tom M reported that this Plan ties in with the Whitney Plan because they have common intersections. The Whitney Plan will establish how the Whitney & Dell Range and Whitney & US 30 intersections will be built, while the Dell Range Plan will take care of the corridor and the other intersections on Dell Range and US 30. The first Open House workshop was held in August. The Steering Committee has met a couple of times. Flyers were handed out for the next Open House on December 4 at the Cheyenne Hills Church. WYDOT has added larger stop signs with flashing red lights along with stop bars on Whitney and US 30.
- b. *Parsley* – Tom M reported on this project. The corridor is from Ames to College Drive and is being done by AVI. They are now compiling info from the first public open house and from the businesses on the west side of the Corridor. This is important to do because WYDOT has the bridge replacement scheduled in 2022 or 23. They will raise the bridge over I-80 and replace it. Issues are how wide the bridge should be, which side or both sides should sidewalks or multiuse paths be on, and how much traffic should the road be prepared to accommodate future traffic, and what alignment Parsley should take south of College. No future meetings are scheduled at this time.
- 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. The main direction now is providing a walking or equestrian route from HR Ranch Road and Campstool to Archer and taking road cyclists via paved surfaces, north on Campstool and then east on the I-80 frontage road to make the crossing to Archer. Waiting to hear from Mr. Griesbach at WYDOT with his thoughts on this option. It will require widening shoulders or adding shoulders and

widening bridges. A public meeting will be scheduled soon.

- d. *Municipal Complex Pedestrian Routing Plan* – Tom said the pedestrian area between the Civic Center, the City Building, the Cox Parking Structure, and the Burke Senior Center could use improvements of pedestrian amenities and create a more inviting space. With the Civic Center Commons construction, County jail expansion, and with the Library on the north it will generate more pedestrian traffic. The hope is that when the city gets around to finding money to renovate the Municipal Building, they can find money to renovate the outside space as well.

5. Update on current and upcoming local construction projects

- a. *City of Cheyenne* – Mr. Mason reported that Mr. Cobb, Ms. Gerard, and city engineering have been working to change the Greenway crossing south of US 30 on Whitney. The current location has been problematic. City engineering will soon put out the bid for Christensen. Prairie Avenue had some environmental concerns and a small reevaluation will be done.
- b. *BOPU* – Mr. Hattig reported that there are normal water/sewer rehab projects to wrap up at the end of the season. The large southern water project has finished, and the large southern sewer project is wrapping up. Mr. Mason asked about Sweetgrass. Mr. Hattig said they have looked at some drawings and commented. Now it has gone to DEQ to get approval. The original timeline to break ground was October but they missed that so it will start as soon as they can in the spring.
- c. *Laramie County* – no representative
- d. *WYDOT* –
 - i. Mr. Shenefelt reported on the WYDOT projects. The last project on I-80 is wrapping up. They completed the I-80 sign replacements through town and the I-180 signal modification. The Parsley recon is done. They will address the sign structure repair at the I-25 and I-80 interchange. Upcoming work for District 1 as night time work includes; patching Dunn to Morrie on Lincolnway and College Dr. from the west entrance of LCCC to Crow Creek; Intersection of Bishop Blvd. and Central; and south US 85 and a couple of bridge replacements on WYO 215.
 - ii. Mr. Erickson reported this crews just finished signal upgrades to Wavetronix in 16 locations. Finishing up Horse Creek. Next year is a bridge rehab project downtown for the Central and Warren Ave. structures. Also, I-25 bridge rehabs for Missile Dr. and the BNSF structures. There will be slab repair on I-80 between Central and Warren and for College Dr. over by Walmart. Warren, Central at 8th Ave. chip seals. Then work on US 30 between College and Pershing and on Greeley Highway between the state line and Terry Ranch Rd. Tom asked if Central and Warren viaduct work will be completed before the Parsley bridge gets shut down. WYDOT will not

have them closed at the same time.

e. Others –

- i. LCSD #1 –* Mr. Hout reported that they have broken ground on the new Carey Jr. High. It will be open for start of school in August of 2020. Tom asked if the traffic signal is being added on Pershing with the construction. Yes.
- ii. F.E. WARREN –* Mr. Eldridge reported the base is waiting on a bunch of funding. The new weapon storage area is on hold. The new helicopter facility by the Army National Guard is another one they are waiting on. They are still talking about opening gate #2 off Missile Dr. Still haven't decided about closing Gate #1. The Enhance Use Lease, south of Happy Jack Road still in the works but they need more funding.
- iii. Mr. Mason asked Mr. Wingate if there was any update regarding the redesign of I-25 and I-80 Interchanges. They are still preparing the scope in Environmental Services.*

6. Other business

Next Meeting – February 20, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted:
Nancy Olson