

CHEYENNE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Laramie County Library, Windflower Room
September 12, 2018



Committee Attendees: Michael Pearlman
Gene Burchett
Barbara Boyd
Dawn Fiscus
Clay Muirhead

Absent: Steve Ganison

Staff: Tom Mason MPO Director
Nancy Olson MPO Planner

Guest: Tom Cobb AVI p.c.

- 1) Call Meeting to order – Mr. Pearlman called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM
- 2) Election of remaining Officers –Mr. Pearlman opened the floor to nominations for the office of vice-chair. Mr. Burchett volunteered. Hearing no other nominations, Mr. Pearlman asked for seconds, Barbara seconded. Motion passed, 3-1 with Mr. Burchett voting no.
- 3) Approval of May 24, 2018 Meeting Minutes – Mr. Burchett moved to approve the last meeting's minutes, Mrs. Fiscus seconded. Motion carried, and minutes were approved.
- 4) Presentation of the *Whitney Road Plan*
Mr. Tom Cobb gave the presentation via PowerPoint on the Whitney Road Planning Project to date. The Plan started in 2017 and the project took a couple of turns that have made it go on a little longer. Mr. Cobb went over the purpose and goals of the project and what has transpired for steering committee, stakeholders and public meetings. He then went over the public involvement results and what the plans recommendations were. Mrs. Fiscus was concerned about the roadway next to her having sidewalks. Mr. Cobb explained as a long-range plan, the area will gradually become more urban and require them. A discussion ensued about trees and tree lawns. Tom also gave recommended intersection designs. Discussion about roundabouts occurred regarding the Dell Range/Whitney intersection. Traffic current and future were shown as well as crash data. Tom showed realignment options to lessen the grades on Whitney.
Mr. Mason pointed out that all the needed utilities within the right of way the Plan may need to recommend securing additional right of way.
Mr. Pearlman stated that as this plan goes through the hearing process the public will likely be focused on the Dell Range and US 30 corridors, based on the recent events.
Mr. Muirhead asked how this project will get past the pipeline issues. Mr. Cobb explained that the easement for Plains All American Pipeline is very loose and the cost of moving could be shifted totally on them; but he doesn't want to necessarily do that.
Mr. Cobb stated that the two things left to resolver are the Whitney Ranch folks and the pipeline,

so this should be going through the planning commissions in October. Nancy told the committee members that she will distribute the draft doc as soon as she can, so they can either email vote or approve to the Policy Committee at the next meeting.

5) Current Planning Projects

- *Archer Trails Plan* - Nancy gave a short review by showing a map of the general area, the existing trails or imminent ones that might connect out to Archer. She talked about public involvement so far. The next work will be to choose alignments and propose routes to keep bicyclists and equestrians separated due to safety concerns of mixing the two. The Plan should be finishing up in a few months. Nancy asked for committee feedback. Michael agreed with the separation, Dawn wondered if other cities had equestrian facilities.
- *US 30 – Dell Range Plan update* - Tom stated that this is tying in with the Whitney plan because of the two intersections that are in common. The limits are East US 30 /Lincolnway and Dell Range from College Drive out to the intersection with US 30 and then all the way to Archer. WYDOT is planning to rebuild US 30 in 2024 so our plan will help them figure out how to rebuild it. Dell Range is getting added to the next 5th Penny ballot to rebuild. Kimley Horn is on a fast tract do this project and will finish by February. AVI is the subconsultant. Steering committee and one public meeting so far. The MPO is collecting traffic counts in whole area as well as turning movement counts.
- *Parsley Blvd. Corridor Plan* – AVI is the consultant, with Kimley Horn as the subconsultant. Data is being collected now and what is pushing it is WYDOT is replacing the Parsley Bridge soon. Our plan will inform them of how wide the road should be, what the profile/ cross section should be and looking at major intersections like Ames and College Dr. The plan will also go down to Wallick Road which is a north/south connection that will be needed in the near future.
- *Municipal Complex Pedestrian Routing Plan* – Tom indicated the area that is being studied is behind the City building and Civic Center, in front of the Burke Highrise and between the Library and the County Complex connecting to the Cox parking structure. The idea is to make it more inviting and safer for pedestrians. Russell Mills is the principal and Ayres is the sub consultant.
- *Safe Streets Cheyenne* – Tom asked folks to get on the website to view the Safe Streets Cheyenne website. They consultants are working on raising awareness of the downsides of speeding. Now they are focusing on High School drivers.
- *PlanCheyenne Update* – Still writing the scope of work for this project. It is the number one job that MPO's are required to do. Producing a Master Transportation Plan for all modes looking 20-30 years in the future. What will the land use and traffic volumes be and determine what the transportation network improvements should be? The last plan was completed in 2013.

6) Discussion of Items of interest by committee –

i) Mr. Pearlman had a few questions:

- (1) When will Storey Blvd. will be connected to Whitney? Mr. Mason said it will be eventually built, but it is the responsibility of the developer to do it. He predicts the County will step in before that to find funding to build it, because of fire response times from the Station on College will be too great.

- (2) At Ridge and Storey where the 4-way stop is; are they adding turn lanes? Tom doesn't think so.
- (3) The County chip sealed Powderhouse. South of the corner of Powderhouse and Four Mile they just stopped. Tom will ask the County
- ii) Mr. Muirhead expressed his thanks for being asked to be on the Committee.
- iii) Mr. Mason announced that Mr. Cobb will be joining the MPO as Senior Engineer and Planner.

Next Meeting– November 15, 2018

Minutes transcribed by Nancy Olson, secretary