

Cheyenne Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Committee Meeting

June 26, 2019

County Commissioners Conference Room, Third Floor, 19th and Carey
3:00pm



Attendance:

Voting Members:	Marian Orr, Chair Amber Ash Tim Morton, for T. DeHoff	City of Cheyenne, Mayor Laramie Co. Commissioner WYDOT, District
Non-Voting Members:	Amy Allen Wes Bay Dave Bumann Bryan Cawley Juli Monahan Tim Morton Vicki Nemecek Walt Satterfield	City Engineering City Engineering County Public Works FHWA WYDOT Planning WYDOT Construction Engineer City Public Works FHWA
Staff:	Tom Mason	MPO Director
Guest:	Lee Filer	WYDOT District 1 Transportation Commissioner

Meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Mayor Orr

- Approval of the March 27, 2019 minutes.** Commissioner Ash moved to approve the March 27th minutes and Mr. DeHoff seconded. Motion carried.
- Discussion and Approval of an Amendment to the FY `19 UPWP**
Mr. Mason spoke about the budget amendment before them. The changes included: 1) the contract amount for the HPMS counts will be \$12,150; 2) TransCAD Training for \$7,000 is for the trainer to come to Cheyenne and four MPO staff members receive 3-days of training for the Travel Demand Forecast Model; 3) the Wayfinding Phase III cost of \$4,200 is for the preparation of a design/bid document for the next phase of Wayfinding; 4) all the \$329,006 undesignated funds were moved to PlanCheyenne's budget. The PlanCheyenne's contract amount is approximately \$350,000 and the rest of the amount needed will come out of next fiscal year's budget. Commissioner Ash moved, and Mr. DeHoff seconded. Motion passed.
- Discussion and approval of the FY `20 - `23 Transportation Improvement Program**
Mr. Mason referred to the TIP document handed out. All transportation projects that are going to be built in the Cheyenne urban area within the next four years are listed. The

projects are categorized by the City, County and State DOT, and are not just federally funded projects but other sources. The proposed TAP application from the City; Carey and Kennedy sidewalks which came from the CFD Parking Study done a couple of years ago is within. For public input the MPO advertised and went to the City and County Planning Commissions for a presentation with the help of representatives from the City, County and State to describe the projects in the TIP and answer any questions. There were no concerns or comments by the public. We did receive changes from WYDOT on project years, so those amendments are included. In the TIP there are explanations of performance measures and targets. The chart shows the adopted targets and where the area is in comparison to the targets. Some of the projects list which performance measure they are helping to meet. Table 1 is the projects that are scheduled to begin this fiscal year. Table 4 lists every project that are being done over the four years and then the last table is the dollar amounts each entity is spending for each of the four years. The total is impressive \$111,388,120! The last page is the self-certification that we do as a small MPO.

Mr. Cawley asked about federal funding that was designated for the Prairie roundabout. Mr. Mason pointed out that it is in Table 1 and Ms. Allen and Mr. Bay assured him it will be allocated before the deadline but won't be constructed until next year. Mr. DeHoff interjected that WYDOT became involved because there was extra right-of-way needed and that held the project up. Mr. Cawley also said that there are discretionary grants that could be applied for some of the FY 2020 projects. Commissioner Ash asked which projects might be eligible for that funding. Mr. Mason said the Reed Railroad Corridor project, once far enough along, would be eligible for that type of grant funding, or the reconstruction of the I-80 and I-25 interchange. Ms. Ash asked what about damage from the heavy oil trucks? Mr. Cawley said he was not aware of that eligibility. Commissioner Ash moved to approve the TIP and Mr. DeHoff seconded. The motion was approved.

4. **Update on Planning Projects**

The Archer Trails Connector and Parsley Blvd. Corridor Plan are complete and have begun the approval process by going through the City and County Planning Commissions for Public Hearings. The Whitney Road Corridor and the E. Dell Range & U.S. 30 Plan are in draft form or very nearly completed. The Municipal Complex Pedestrian Plan will be a little later. The Archer Trails Connector and Parsley Blvd. Corridor Plan will be up for approval by the Policy Committee at the September meeting. Mr. DeHoff asked if the plans on the website are the most up to date. Parsley and Archer are but not the other three. Commissioner Ash asked if the shoulders for the Dell Range plan were 8 ft or narrower? She was concerned about cyclists.

5. **Update on current and upcoming projects**

a. *City of Cheyenne* – Ms. Allen reported that the city is working on the punch list for

Civic Commons. The Christensen project still has a land acquisition and the County will need an MOU regarding emergency response and roads being shut down. Pavement management is continuing. Still working on Miller Lane and Sunset Dr. and they will be done this summer. Allison and Cribbon might get pushed to another year. The 26th St. interceptor is getting ready to bid and the Reed Rail Corridor design has a consultant selected. Engineering is looking forward to getting the model up and running. Mr. Bay said Evers is going well. Ms. Allen said there is the public hearing for the annexation of U.S. 30 on July 8th.

- b. *Laramie County* – Mr. Bumann said they are catching up with cold patching the roads all around. They finished the recon with WYDOT for the U.S. 30 and Dell Range intersection. They have a couple of big developments north of town that will increase traffic. Now he is working with the developers to partner with and get road improvements done.
- c. *WYDOT* – Mr. Morton reported that they have recently completed rehab in three areas. Damage repair on Walterscheid and another bridges. Slab repair on I-80. Bridge repair on I-25. I-180 structures needs rehab. North on US 85 there is another few miles of paving. Overlays on College near LCCC entrance and Lincolnway in front of Holliday Park. Central Ave. in front WYDOT headquarters. Fiber optics upgrade on Central and Yellowstone. Right turn decel lanes on US 30 are done. We had a stakeholder meeting in May regarding the I-25, I-80 interchange and there will be a couple more meetings.
- d. *Others* – Mr. Satterfield said their office resource center is working with several adjacent states to set up a Peer Review for MPOs. Probably in October and travel will likely be covered; possibly Billings or Rapid City.
Mr. Cawley gave us a heads up on the restructuring the consolidated planning grant (easier for one entity to manage rather than two) which has been administered by FTA in the past. Want to change it so the local FHWA office is the administrator for that program.

6. **Other Business**

- a. Mr. Mason repeated the request for projects for 2020's UPWP.
 - i. Consultant doing the modeling work for PlanCheyenne is in town and there is potential big growth coming so it is important to know our projected growth rate.
- b. Mr. DeHoff told the committee that WYDOT met with Sweetgrass developers recently. The 2020 to 2025 STIP meeting for Laramie County is July 15th. Included is the issue to upgrade College Dr. for expanding to 5 lanes from Fox Farm Rd. to S. Greeley Highway due to Sweetgrass development and the Convention Center which will be built in 2022.
 - i. He met with Joe Shafer at LCCC who is pushing to get the pedestrian underpass built under College Dr. Mr. DeHoff was encouraging the College to kick in some funds because the project will likely be \$1-1.5 million. Sweetgrass are

thinking of using some of the LCCC parking during big events so the underpass needs to be wider than 12ft. Ms. Ash said that the discussion has occurred in her planning projects from Archer to LCCC, for the idea that young females need to feel safe and secure when using the underpass. Mr. DeHoff has stated that this is the intention and it needs to be very well lit. Also, projects in the 2025 STIP includes plans to remove the curve and add a t-intersection to College Dr. Also, they are planning on a couple of other underpasses as the development heads east.

ii. The I-25 & I-80 interchange is looking better to get funded. It will be a 3-5 year project. They plan on putting in for the BUILD grant from the Federal Government. Since it will be addressing freight, congestion and safety it should compete very well with other national projects. Still need to get the railroad to the table. The mayor said she would be happy to make a call to the railroad.

iii. With the construction of Christensen underway, the county wanted to put in for the funds to replace, tear down, or make a pedestrian bridge only. The Pershing Bridge replacement is set for FY '24-'25

iv. The Mayor mentioned that LEADS are talking to businesses that have a low number of employee but huge water needs.

c. Next meeting Tuesday, September 24th, 2019 at the Mayor's Conference Room.