

CHEYENNE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Cheyenne Regional Airport, Airport Parkway
July 17, 2019, 10:00am



Voting Members:	Andrea Allen, Chair	WYDOT Engineering
	Dennis Auker	Laramie County School District #1
	Dave Bumann	Laramie County Public Works
	Wes Bay (for Ms. Amy Allen)	City of Cheyenne Engineering
	Charles Bloom	City of Cheyenne Planning
	Matt Butler	Laramie County EMS
	Frank Cole	SEWBA
	David Cole (for Mr. Hattig)	BOPU
	Craig LaVoy (for Ms. Nemecek)	Cheyenne Public Works
	Jef McMann	Black Hills Corporation
	Juli Monahan	WYDOT Planning
	Wayne Shenefeld	WYDOT, Resident Engineer
	Richard Zita	Cheyenne Greenway Coordinator
Non-Voting Members:	Kevin Erickson	WYDOT, Resident Engineer
	Walt Satterfield	FHWA
Guests:	Anissa Gerard	City Traffic Engineer
	Scott Cowley	AVI p.c.
	Darci Hendon	Summit Engineering
Staff:	Tom Cobb	MPO Senior Engineer/Planner
	Tom Mason	MPO Director
	Nancy Olson	MPO Office Manager/Planner
	Christopher Yaney	MPO Senior Technician

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

1. Approval of the May 15, 2019 minutes

Ms. Allen called for a motion to approve the May 15th minutes. Mr. Cole moved to approve the previous meeting minutes, Mr. McMann seconded. Minutes approved.

2. Presentation and approval of the *Parsley Blvd. Corridor Plan*

Scott Cowley, AVI pc, reported; the study area was from Ames Ave. to College Drive and then south to Wallick Road. The key intersections are Ames, 4th, 3rd, Jefferson, Pinto and College Drive. Kimley-Horn was the traffic engineer and did counts and traffic projections. The reason for this project is WYDOT's I-80 bridge replacement plans in 2022 estimated to cost over \$4 million. The bridge will only be wide enough to have Greenway on the east side due to many existing utilities and grade conditions at alleys that restrict just how wide the new bridge can be. Now is a good time to look at the entire corridor and make sure it accommodates the area's expansion and growth. The estimate for corridor improvements is a little over \$7 million. A three-lane section is recommended for safety with left-hand turns. At Ames the current configuration works well now and into the future, while a roundabout

works slightly better at 2040. Bicycle and pedestrian improvements were well received by the public. The sections where individual property owners on the eastside were accessing their back yards and garages directly from the Parsley right-of-way will be recommended to be separated from the road and the Greenway with a fence and curb and then gravel the new alley. There will be controlled places at streets for this new alley to access Parsley. Between 4th and Pacific there will be sidewalk on the west side because of the commercial activity in that location. The Greenway will continue all the way around Romero Park to the intersection with Ames. As per the 1988 storm sewer master plan he shows three 10' x 6' box culverts under Parsley for Clear Creek crossing. At College there will be more lighting, a left turn lane and a center merge lane on College eastbound. Lastly, the alignment south of College Drive to Wallick Rd. was shown with the cell tower and Black Hills gas facility to go around. Land owners are okay with that preliminary alignment.

Ms. Allen called for a motion to recommend approval to the MPO Policy Committee. Mr. Cole moved to approve. Ms. Gerrard seconded (for City Engineering), Motion passed unanimously.

3. Presentation and approval of the *Archer Trails Plan*

Darci Hendon from Summit Engineering reported. She said that given all the growth to the east and out at the Archer, the MPO wanted to address non-motorized trail planning in this area. The plan specifically looks at connecting the Greenway that ends at Campstool and HR Ranch Road to the Archer Complex. At this time, there is no funding in place to build this plan.

First, we needed to find out if the public was interested in a trail and how would they use it. The Laramie County Fair was the first opportunity to ask the public these questions. Answer was yes, they would like a trail and for all types of uses including equestrian.

Next, they needed to look at an alignment. The two main landowners are WYDOT with their training facility and the HR Land Company. The trail would follow that HR Ranch road on the south side and then work up to the WAPA corridor and then east to Road J and Prairie Center Circle. There is a planned trailhead on the west side of that intersection. Another trailhead could be near the Campstool and HR Ranch Rd. intersection. The public was asked to provide input on this alignment at a public open house and with an on-line survey that was advertised through the MPO Facebook page and MPO website. The survey revealed that people were also interested in a trail on the north side of I-80; with the Christensen Road and Overpass project building a Greenway the length of the project and the LEADS GW Trail coming closer to reality, they wanted connectivity from said trails to Archer. Road cyclists said they were not interested in sharing a trail with equestrians and wanted a bike lane or wide shoulder on the north side.

Recommendation for the south side of I-80 was a dual trail including a 10' concrete Greenway and a 3' soft surface trail that could be used for horses or mtn. bikes with a min. of 2t. separation. The minimums are included because most of the trail will be on private property. Much of the area is hilly so to meet ADA requirements for the Greenway, there are some areas of switchbacks. The soft surface proceeds uphill at whatever the grade is. The estimate for the dual trail is \$2.6 million including a bridge and a box culvert. There was also a fiscally constrained option with just a soft surface trail which would save about one million dollars.

Recommendations for the northside of I-80 were made including an additional GW path constructed that connects both the LEADS and Christensen trails to the Archer. Many things would have to occur including bridge replacement on Archer Parkway because it doesn't

have sidewalks or enough room for a bike lane. Also, to bring road cyclists on a hard surface shoulder/bike lane beginning from the intersection north on Campstool then under I-80 to Venture Dr. and then down the I-80 service road to Archer Parkway, then back south over I-80 to the Archer Complex. With this option, shoulders would need to be widened and bridges would need to be replaced. Another issue the plan addressed was the desire of some folks to ride their horses from LCCC and the future Sweetgrass development to the Archer Complex. The MPO will add a task to PlanCheyenne consultants' scope to look at the feasibility of this idea.

Mr. Zita asked what criteria would trigger WYDOT the desire to widen the bridge to Archer. It would have to be structurally deficient or some other reason. Mr. Mason said with PlanCheyenne modeling for future growth, he guessed it will show a need for widening the bridge. Mr. Zita asked if the trails could be separated further in the WAPA corridor. Mr. Zita asked if the connection from Sweetgrass/LCCC to Archer would be a soft or hard surface. Both unknown at this time. Mr. Bay wanted the group to be aware that along the north side of the frontage road, as development happens, a multiuse path will be built.

Ms. Allen called for a motion to recommend approval to the MPO Policy Committee. Ms. Monahan moved to approve. Mr. McMann seconded, Motion passed unanimously.

4. Update on MPO Planning Projects

- a. *Whitney Corridor Plan* – Mr. Cobb reported and said he has one last chapter to finish and coordination efforts with Jolley Roger and Restway. No draft yet.
- b. *East Dell Range and U.S. 30* – Tom reported that it is being reviewed by the steering committee and due by Friday at noon. These two plans will be provided to the MPO Committees by the end of this month. Will be going to the Planning Commissions at the end of August. And at the next meeting of this committee both plans should be ready for approval. The US 30 planning project by WYDOT is moving fast on the reconstruction of that corridor and also the realignment of the US 30 and Dell Range intersection along with the reconstruction of Whitney between Dell Range and US 30.
- c. *Municipal Complex Pedestrian Plan* – Tom Mason said the MPO office has met with the consultant, Russell Mills who will be providing a draft plan soon. It will go to the steering committee for review and be wrapping up.
- d. *PlanCheyenne Master Transportation Plan* – Tom M. reported that Kimley-Horn has an aggressive agenda (18 months) including the update to the Travel Demand Forecast Model. MPO staff did a training on the modeling software, TransCAD and the consultant and the MPO office will be working together to clean up the model and get it ready to calibrate. Also, the MPO is developing the public input process for the plan. WYDOT, has hired Jacobs Engineering to do a 60% design plan to improve safety at the I-25, I-80 and Lincolnway Interchange. Since this plan will be informed by the PlanCheyenne Travel Demand Forecast, the intention is to join up with WYDOT and Jacobs Engineering and do the public involvement at the same events and meetings.

5. Update on current and upcoming local construction projects

- a. *City of Cheyenne* – Mr. Bay reported that the Prairie Ave./ Frontier Mall Drive roundabout and the W. Allison Rd crosswalk and medians will be pushed back to 2020 due to school district requests and grant timing. Christensen Road is in full force and the bridge will be completed by end of summer. Evers Blvd. will be completed by the end of the summer. Miller and Sunset Dr. is having issues with property

acquisition but hopefully will go forward this construction season.

- b. *Laramie County* – Dave Bumann said that County Road are continuing with ongoing maintenance. The oil and gas industry is still booming, and the county is chasing down agreements to get reimbursed for repair. 194 new single-family home permits. The VA came to them with plans and water request to build a 6000 burial plot cemetery near Roundtop.
- c. *WYDOT* – Mr. Shenefelt reported. Still working on another section of U.S. 85; doing pipe replacement then mill and overlay in late Aug. The Central and Bishop intersection will get an overlay mostly at night. Patching on College Dr. from the west entrance of LCCC to Fox Farm will be night work, also, night work on Lincolnway near the YMCA mill and overlay to Morrie. Parsley Bridge damage repair will be in the Aug. letting. The fiber optics on Central Ave. and Lincolnway and College, are still waiting on a preconstruction meeting. Work on I-25, Randall out to Horse Creek with slab repair with high performance wear course in Sept. letting. Signals are going in at College and Southwest Drive for the CFD new Park-n-Ride location with a Nov. letting. The Dell Range and US 30 and US 30 and Whitney Rd. intersections will be getting flashing overhead beacons and let that job in Sept. Kevin reported the paving on Horse Creek is done. District wide chip seals on E. Lincolnway and S. Greeley are finished. They have a slab repair starting in Aug. by S & S with locations on I-80 from Roundtop to Central, College and Campstool, College and Lincolnway, College and Pershing, also 8th Ave. at Central and Warren completion June 2020. There is also a bridge rehab on I-25 with Missile Dr. and BNSF structures done by S & S with a completion date of Aug. 2020.
Mr. Andrea Allen reported that in Aug WYDOT will be having a meeting with the utility companies for the I-80 and I-25 interchange project. WAPA, High West and Black Hills primarily. Also, Sinclair pipeline and the RR. Aug. 19th at 10 a.m. is the proposed date.
- d. *City Planning and Development* -Charles Bloom reported that the City is currently working on updating the Landscape Ordinance for Street Trees.
- e. *LCSD #1* – Mr. Auker reported the construction of Carey Jr. High continues and completion is planned for next July. They have just started designing the new swimming pool for East High School.
- f. *BOPU* – Mr. David Cole had a heads up for the Committee. Our FY ‘19 water rehabs are under construction. Locations near Dell Range in front of the Verizon store. Then through the Mall and onto Prairie Ave. On Stillwater and Lincolnway on private property. Bidding their 2019 sewer rehabs in residential area. On Dry Creek and going down the Greenway also near Yellowstone. Larger conceptual project is the southern sewer interception Phase 2. Conceptual is 26th St. Storm Phase 2.
- g. *LEADs* – Mr. Cowley reported that LEADS bid their Greenway last week and Reiman was the low bidder. The extent is from Sierra Trading Post to Dry Creek Open Space.
- h. *FHWA* – Mr. Satterfield stated that next week the FHWA is hosting a Transportation Performance Measures workshop in Denver.
- i. *Parks and Greenway* – Mr. Zita reported that they are looking for 20-50 acres for the East Regional Park location. The ideal location would be south of Dell Range and east

of Polk Ave. Access to the Park from roadway network will be critical. Also designing 6 small sections of GW connectors. One of interest is the Powderhouse section connecting the Pointe Park with the Greenway on Storey. It will involve quite a bit of drainage. Built this fall. Hopefully working to get an underpass near Ames under UPRR to connect to Depot. Looking to get more on-street bicycle system completed. Ms. Andrea Allen said the recon of US 30 was done last week and it was discussed as to where the GW underpass could be moved. Ms. Allen asked Mr. Zita for his input.

6. Other business

- a. Mr. Mason introduced Christopher Yaney, who used to work for the MPO 16 years ago.
- b. The MPO is developing the work program and budget for next fiscal year. Please let the MPO know if you have a great idea for projects.

Next Meeting – August 14, 2019 (was moved to October 16)

Respectfully Submitted:
Nancy Olson