

# CHEYENNE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

City Municipal Building, Room 208  
October 16, 2019, 10:00am



<b>Voting Members:</b>	Andrea Allen, Chair	WYDOT Engineering
	Charles Bloom	City Planning Director
	Dave Bumann	Laramie County Public Works
	Matt Butler	Laramie County EMS
	Tom Cobb	City Engineer
	Frank Cole	Private Development, SEWBA
	Bryce Dorr (for Mr. Hattig)	BOPU
	Dan Kline	WYDOT Planning
	Craig LaVoy (for Ms. Nemecek)	Cheyenne Public Works
	Jef McMann	Black Hills Corporation
	Wayne Shenefeld	WYDOT, Resident Engineer
	Sally Stainbank	Trucking Industry, Lowe's
	Richard Zita	Greenway/Trails Coordinator
<b>Non-Voting Members:</b>	Walt Satterfield	FHWA
<b>Guests:</b>	Wes Bay	City Engineering
	Kevin Erickson	WYDOT, Resident Engineer
	Anissa Gerard	City Traffic Engineer
	Troy Russ	Kimley Horn
<b>Staff:</b>	Tom Mason	MPO Director
	Nancy Olson	MPO Office Manager
	Christopher Yaney	MPO Senior Technician

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

## 1. Approval of the July 17, 2019 minutes

Richard Zita moved to approve the minutes. Dave Bumann seconded. Motion passed.

## 2. Presentation and approval of the *E. Dell Range & U.S. Highway 30 Plan*

Mr. Mason introduced Mr. Troy Russ from Kimley Horn to do the presentation. Mr. Russ began with the project limits: Dell Range from College to the intersection of Dell Range with US Highway 30. And US 30 from College to the UPRR bridge to the UPRR Overpass near the Archer Interchange. This is an update to the 2008 MPO Plan. Outreach was extensive. The main changes of the existing conditions will be doubling of ADT on the corridor due in part to the second phase of Saddle Ridge and Whitney Ranch. Level of service at intersections are now good with only the intersections of Dell Range and US 30 with Whitney Rd. being the two that are LOS D. With the extension of Christensen to I-80, the 20-year traffic will be allocated differently but a number of the intersections will start to fail. Study looked at crash rates prior to 2018 where the largest number of crashes were between College and Pershing. In 2018/2019 there were several crashes with some fatalities in the study area farther east adding to the urgency of this study. In addition to the crashes, there is

a need to design for pedestrians and bicyclists as there are five schools in the area. Public Outreach started with the road-building entities such as the City, Laramie county and WYDOT, and continued with the stakeholder group comprised of business and property owners, as well as special interest groups; and finally, three community workshops and meetings. Congestion of some intersections and lack of roadway network extensions were the primary concerns in the beginning, but it changed to safety with several tragic deaths at intersections in the project area. Recommendations on Dell Range Blvd. east of College were shown and described within the existing 80' of right of way. This would include an extruded concrete bike lane out from the curb, two travel lanes each direction and raised medians to restrict access to all but properly spaced intersections. The Dell Range and Whitney Rd. intersection as two options; roundabout and signalized, to be determined during final design. Memo from Anissa Gerard to the Mayor regarding the roundabout option has been acknowledge, however the governing body paying the local match at the time of final design will make that decision. Heading east, the road cross section goes to three lanes with buffered bike lanes. The Dell Range and US 30 intersection has already been decided by the previous 2008 plan; it was confirmed. The US 30 highway design: Eastward from College Dr. the five lanes will have a median to restrict access except at the fire station. At the intersection of Pershing there will be a protected left turn and the additional roads coming into that intersection will be closed or diverted. The cross section will we urban and frontage roads will be removed, and medians installed and trail for pedestrians on both sides. In the future between Pershing and Whitney, there can be one more signal intersection, at Van Buren. East of Christensen will be no median and five lanes. Also, all intersections will get redesigned to eliminate the skew and make them more 90°. Another important recommendation is to work with the City and the UDC and the County with the Land Use Regulations to complete secondary roadway network throughout the area. Funding has been allocated for most of this project. Christensen Road/ Overpass: already begun (Fiscal Year 2019/2020) City of Cheyenne 6<sup>th</sup> Penny. Dell Range Blvd. Intersection of U.S. 30 and Dell Range Blvd. (Fiscal Year 2020) -Surface Transportation Program (STP) – Urban. Whitney Road (North right-of-way U.S. 30 to Dell Range Blvd.) (Fiscal Year 2021) STP – Urban. U.S. 30 Reconstruction (College Drive to Railroad Road) (Fiscal Year 2024) National Highway Program (NHP).

Mr. Mason reported the progress, and adoption process. Three steering committee meetings, three public meetings. County Planning commission last week; next Monday the City Planning Commission. Today's Technical and tomorrow is the Citizens'. Resolutions go to County and City governing bodies in November and Policy committee in December.

Mr. Cole said he feels that the City should get more right away. Mr. Bloom reminded Mr. Cole that the Plan is guidance and the final design is governed by the UDC.

Ms. Gerard spoke to the memo; she said "the city" is not in favor of the medians and against the roundabout. She said that there were people at the public meetings that did not like the medians and that the plan should state that more rights of way are needed on Dell Range. Clarifications were called for: Dell Range medians can be built soon or added later. Whitney intersection; the Roundabout has a slight preference, but either will work. Mr. Mason stated that there is not a timeline for reconstruction of Dell Range. When the traffic doubles on Dell Range, having an intersection every block will be too unsafe. Mr. Russ reminded the committee that there are other modes of travel and the medians keep it safer.

Ms. Stainbank asked when Christensen gets connected, will heavy truck traffic be restricted on Dell Range. No, they will not.

Ms. Andrea Allen called for a motion to approve the Plan. Mr. Bumann made the motion to approve. Mr. McMann seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **3. Consideration of changing U-4047 (Jackson and Carla between Hilltop and College) from a Minor Collector to a Local Street**

Mr. Mason discussed this project. There is a proposed residential subdivision on the north side of Jackson St. in east Buffalo Ridge. The Alliance Church wants to replat their parking and add residential lots with driveways accessing directly onto Jackson. The UDC does not allow this on Classified roadways and it is currently classified as a Collector. Mr. Bloom clarified that they are requesting the street be downgraded to a local street. Mr. Mason said with the transportation plan update, part of the process will be to examine and update the Existing Roadway Functional Classification Map. The latest ADT counts are less than 500 which is low for a collector.

Mr. Mason stated that the intention of bringing it to the committee is to make a recommendation to the Policy Committee to change it to a local. Mr. Cole moves. Mr. Cobb, seconded. Mr. Dorr stated that BOPU still needs to evaluate the water and sewer availability to see if the project was feasible. Motion passed.

### **4. Update on MPO Planning Projects**

#### *a. Whitney Corridor Plan*

Mr. Mason stated that the MPO will hope to receive the plan by the end of the month. The next MPO Technical meeting will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> to approve this Plan. Then it will be going through the Planning Commissions in early November.

#### *b. Municipal Complex Pedestrian Routing Plan*

On hold right now because the City Community Events has hired a firm to evaluate and make changes to the interior of the Civic Center to make it more ADA friendly and to expand it for future needs. This may change the footprint of the building, therefore when they are finished, the consultants will finish the ped routing plan.

#### *c. PlanCheyenne Master Transportation Plan*

The Plan is moving along. There will be a Public Open House at the Kiwanis Community House on November 5<sup>th</sup> and steering and stakeholder meetings that day and the next day. West Edge Collective has come up with a new slogan: *Connect 2045 Transportation Update to PlanCheyenne*. We have the new forecast projections for the City and County and have shared it with the steering committee.

### **5. Update on current and upcoming local construction projects**

#### *a. City of Cheyenne*

Mr. Cobb reported that Christensen Rd. is 29% complete and scheduled to be done by Oct. 2020. Evers Blvd. is still scheduled for completion next year. Civic Commons still has a few outstanding punch items. 2019 pavement management is still going. Wearing course in Downtown will happen this fall. 20<sup>th</sup> Street mill and overlay next year.

Mr. Bloom stated that a long-range planning staff person will be in place next week and they are fully staffed now and ready to implement some long-range plans such as the West Edge Plan.

#### *b. Laramie County*

Mr. Bumann said the County has been working on patching and paving out on

Railroad Rd. They are overlaying Venture Dr. today. More work on Yellowstone Rd. farther north. Just hired a new senior planner Paul Waylon, who will start in two weeks.

c. *WYDOT*

Mr. Shenefelt reported they have finished up a lot of projects now. US 85 from mm 36 to 47 is half done and the other half will be done next year. Central/ Warren, Lincolnway and College have fiber projects half done and the other half in the next 6 months. Next FY will be projects on I-25, and the Southwest Dr. signals. Flashing beacons at Whitney and Dell Range on US 30 will be installed this fall. Mr. Erikson reported on slab repairs on I-80. Nov. letting for Central and Warren Viaduct repairs. Andrea reported TriHydro is designing the Dell Range section. US 30 design is progressing. There is a recon on College Dr. this afternoon and Jacobs is doing the I-25/I-80 interchange design and the website is [www.I25I80.com](http://www.I25I80.com) . Andrea stated that they could use the freight input.

d. *Others (LEADS, Warren AFB, LCSD #1, etc.)*

Mr. Zita said construction started today on Powderhouse to connect Greenway from Storey to Gardenia and five other segments are getting designed by Summit Engineering. Working with Engineering and paving departments to get more bike lanes striped and evaluated from the 2012 Plan. The Avenues Connector will not go through the Airport property. Will try to get it through the Cemetery now.

Freight representative Sally Stainbank has been with Lowes Distribution Center since 2002 when they opened. She is now the Transportation Manager for the last 10 years. Lowes is growing and she would like it to grow more especially down to Swan Ranch with Rail access. Denver market is too challenging with congestion. They have 60 stores with 500 FTE. They serve Montana, N. and S. Dakota, Idaho Utah, Colorado and New Mexico. Back haul market is a challenge here.

BOPU – Bryce working to coordinate with other entities.

**6. Other Business**

- a. Interim PlanCheyenne – Mr. Mason stated that PlanCheyenne has expired so no new projects can be added to the TIP or STIP He is now preparing an interim transportation plan until the major update is completed in Dec. 2020.

Next Meeting – November 13, 2019

Respectfully Submitted:  
Nancy Olson