

CHEYENNE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Room 307 Municipal Building and Zoom
October 22, 2020



Committee Attendees:	Clay Muirhead, Chair Barbara Boyd Gene Burchett, Vice Chair Rachel Meeker Boyd Wiggam	
Absent:	Steve Ganison Dawn Fiscus	
Guests:	Allison Fluitt Chris Joannes	Kimley Horn Kimley Horn
Staff:	Tom Mason Jillian Harris Nancy Olson	MPO Director Senior Planner Office Manager

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM
2. **Approval of the August 27, 2020 minutes**
Mr. Muirhead called for approval of the August 27 Minutes. Mr. Burchett moved to approve and Ms. Meeker seconded. Minutes approved.
3. **Presentation and approval of the *Connect 2045 – Master Transportation Plan*** by Kimley Horn

Allison Fluitt and Chris Joannes gave the presentation.

Allison went over the agenda: Project Progress, Document Tour of the Long-Range Transportation Plan, Implementation Plan Overview, and Supplemental Regional Planning Tools. The schedule shows they are at the Draft Document stage, with Public Hearings coming next month, and the Final Adoption in December. Public Comment Period is going on now, officially from October 11 to November 18. The Draft Plan is out for review, and the public has options to give feedback on the website or at the Planning Commissions. Another thing to supplement Public Feedback are the two web maps on the MPO website, under Connect 2045. They can be used to review roadway improvements, pedestrian, bicycle, and Greenway improvements.

Next thing Allison spoke about was the Tour of the LRTP document. There are eleven chapters and much of the information has already been presented in one form or another. Allison went quickly through what was in each section.

Mr. Joannes gave an overview of the Implementation Plan which gives the MPO and partners guidance on how to spend the allocated funding. There are five chapters of the Plan that mirror the projects lists by mode. The roadway capital projects have four tiers. Tier 1 spans two

years. Tier 2 and 3 are five-year time frames. And Tier 4 is a ten-year time frame. Chris J. showed the map with all the projects and then the numbered tiers maps and tables with project numbers, routes, costs and funding sources. The consultants deliberately inflated the costs over the expenditures as this is the trend that has been happening over the last few years. The maps of developer funded projects and the projects of opportunity were shown and discussed. Also, the Master Transportation Plan map for future roadways and their classifications was shown.

The Transit System recommendations include updating the Transit Development Plan (TDP). Mr. Joannes said it was clear this community is ready to transition from transit as a social service agency to one that is providing benefits to folks who have a choice of modes. Suggestions will need to be considered during the TDP development to make it a more integral part of the transportation network. Some ideas would be to have some routes directly serving shopping areas and others might be used by commuters to access jobs in business parks. The Pedestrian and On-Street Bike projects were determined by considering recent land developments and working with the Greenway coordinator.

The Policies update list was discussed. Supplemental Regional Planning Tools is a new section that was developed with the purpose of supplying ongoing regional transportation support. The Regional Travel Demand Model is one tool to evaluate roadway specific growth or land use scenarios. The Project Prioritization Tool spreadsheet can be used by inserting a few inputs then it will reprioritize projects. The Future Land Use and Transportation Map can be conveyed to developers where roads should go and what land uses are appropriate. Allison added that this is a lot to take in. Please reach out to the consultant through Mr. Mason with questions and comments.

Mr. Mason said that the Plan will be going to the County Planning Commission on November 12th at 3:30 and on November 16th at the City Planning Commission at 6:00PM. It then will move forward for adoption at the City and County Governing Bodies in early December and then to the MPO Policy Committee in mid-December.

Ms. Meeker said that there has been projected a lot of growth in the next few years and there will be pressure on the existing road network especially on the east side of town. She asked if the model took this into consideration. The consultants said it did. She also wanted to know which budget the recommended projects might come from. Mr. Mason said the City projects would be funded by the City 5th penny sales tax. Mr. Mason also said the difference with this update versus the one 5-6 years ago is that the Plan has identified the roads and their classifications that will be developer funded.

Mr. Wiggam had several questions for the consultants. He had questions about the developer built Storey Blvd. and the land use that is projected east of Ridge around Storey Blvd. as urban residential. He also was not sure about the percentage of retail funding coming to the area. He thought it was higher than 31%. Another question centered around the area growth rate. Mr. Mason confirmed that they used 1.28%. He also wanted to know more about the 21% of jobs that were being held by folks coming from outside our MSA. He wanted to know about how close we are to getting meshed in with the North Front Range MPO (NFRMP)? Ms. Flutt said she thought it was more about land use. Mr. Mason said that the NFRMPO has now added the Town of Wellington to their MPO boundaries. But he does not think it will be urban densities the entire way north to the state line.

Mrs. Boyd stated that Van Buren north of Dell Range is becoming very busy as lots are sold, and houses are being built.

Mr. Wiggam was concerned that the Transit Improvement Heatmap was missing significant input from residents in the South Greeley Highway area. Mr. Joannes said that the TDP would have a component that would capture resident's input who use transit much better than this public input map. Mr. Wiggam also stated that some of the crashes were not recorded. The crash data was only from 2013-2017. The committee will be able to view the final draft when it is going through the Governing Bodies.

Mr. Muirhead had questions regarding additions that were noted. Mr. Mason stated that the draft plan will be adding edits and changes that will go into the final draft plan. Mr. Muirhead called for a motion to recommend approval of the Draft Connect 2045 with small additions and tweaks to the Policy Committee. Mr. Wiggam moved to approved and Mrs. Boyd seconded. Motion passed.

4. Update on MPO Planning Projects

a. East Park Greenway and Drainage Plan

This project has begun and the MPO hired Summit Engineering. They will be looking at the drainage from the Pershing and Whitney area to the UPRR. The city has purchased land at Pershing and Whitney for a new Community Park. It will look at rerouting the Dry Creek drainage to allow an existing historical stone tunnel of (UPRR) to be used for the Greenway. This would connect to the LEADS open space area with future trails and connect to the Laramie County Conservation District's trails.

b. Converse Ave. Plan

This projects contract with Ayres Associates is going through the City Governing Body. The consultants will study Converse from the Dell Range intersection north to the future Carlson Ave. intersection. A 600-unit apartment complex is planned and moving forward for the southwest corner of Carlson and Converse. The City wants to get Converse widened and the ditch drainage added to the stormwater system, as well as, the Greenway completed before the complex is substantially finished. Carlson will be going through Section 20 westward to the intersection at Powderhouse and Carlson. A new 5/6 Elementary School is planned there.

c. Walterscheid Blvd Corridor Plan

This will be the MPO's next project to study Walterscheid, between Deming and 1st Street south over the hill through the Fox Farm intersection and then farther south to College Dr. Mr. Wiggam asked if there were capacity issues with that road? Mr. Mason answered that the road is divided down the middle by jurisdiction, and we need to rebuild from a two-lane mixed road to at least an urban three lane.

5. Other Business

Next Meeting –December 10, 2020

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy Olson