

# CHEYENNE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

City Municipal Building, Room 208 (virtually on Zoom)  
February 17, 2021, 10:00am



<b>Voting Members:</b>	Andrea Allen	WYDOT Engineering
	Charles Bloom	City Development Director
	Stephanie Bruhnke	WYDOT Planning
	Dave Bumann	Laramie County Public Works
	Matt Butler	Laramie County EMS
	Tom Cobb	City Engineer
	Jeff Daugherty	LCSD #1 Planning and Construction
	Bryce Dorr	Board of Public Utilities
	Betsey Hale	Cheyenne LEADS
	Renae Jording	Cheyenne Transit Program
	Craig LaVoy-for Ms. Nemecek	City Public Works
	Jef McMann	Black Hills Energy
	Julianne Monahan	WYDOT Planning
	Wayne Shenefelt	WYDOT Resident Engineer
	Jeanie Vetter	Parks and Greenway Planner
<b>Non-Voting Members:</b>	Kevin Erickson	WYDOT Resident Engineer
	Scott Frey	FHWA (Idaho)
	Anissa Gerard	City Traffic Engineer
	Hank Rettinger	FHWA Engineering and Operations Supervisor
<b>Staff:</b>	Jen Corso	MPO GIS
	Jillian Harris	MPO Senior Planner
	Tom Mason	MPO Director
	Nancy Olson	MPO Office Manager
	Christopher Yaney	MPO Senior Technician

## 1. Call the meeting to Order and Approval of the October 21, 2020 minutes

Mr. Bloom, as Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes from Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Gerard, for Mr. Cobb, moved to approve. Mr. Bumann seconded. Minutes approved as printed.

## 2. Introductions

Mr. Bloom went around Room 208 and had everyone state their name. The participants on Zoom can be seen listed on that site.

## 3. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Mr. Bloom asked for nominations of Chair and Vice-Chair or he would entertain a motion to keep the officers as is. Mr. Cobb moved to keep the officers the same as before, with Ms. Bennett as Chair, and Mr. Bloom as Vice-Chair. Wayne Shenefelt seconded. Motion passed.

## 4. Discussion on the proposed modifications to the 2019 Existing Functional Classification and Urban Boundary Map

Mr. Mason shared a map of the proposed Existing Functional Classification and Urban Boundary Map. He said the last time it was updated was in 2015 with amendments in 2019. The MPO staff went through the maps first and made some recommendations. Today he is looking for changes to what is

presented or concurrence. No action is required today. The decision was made to go through the map a few sections at a time. The review began at the northern boundary. On the extreme west side, a couple of sections were added because of Microsoft's continued expansion. Roads through the new sections were also extended. WYDOT did not want the proposed new interchange of I-80 and I-25 shown on this map. Airport Parkway should stay on the map for now. It was suggested to remove the proposed Pattison as a collector to Converse. Mr. Cobb asked about the Terry Ranch Road extension and it was decided to remove that extension as it went through the WYDOT port of entry. Mr. Bloom wants to leave it on the map for now. Mr. Mason proposed getting more information on changes and then revisit the map review in a couple of months. Mr. Bumann suggested that Railroad Road/CR 215 should be major collector and Westedt Road needs to be labeled.

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

### **a. *East Park Greenway and Drainage Plan***

Jillian Harris reported that Summit Engineering's subconsultant, Martin and Martin completed a structural analysis of the tunnel in late December. They were able to propose a cost estimate for repairs. Next, they will be looking at the drainage through the UPRR.

### **b. *Converse Plan***

Ayres is the consultant. Ms. Harris said that she has been working with Mr. Yaney and Ms. Gerard on the traffic analysis of the corridor. They have been holding bi-weekly zoom meetings to discuss progress. Last week they held two focus group meetings with area businesses. One was with USPS and one with the business owners around the intersection of Dell Range and Converse to get their suggestions and challenges. Most important is the upcoming Public Meeting being held on Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> which will be only virtual.

### **c. *Walterscheid Plan***

Ms. Harris reported that Benchmark Engineers was selected as the consultant and the contract is going through the Governing Body. Kick off will occur by end of the month.

### **d. *Transit Development Plan***

Ms. Harris said the MPO is working closely with Cheyenne Transit on the scope of work and RFP and they are hoping to issue the RFP mid-March.

### **e. *Proposed modifications to the MPO Work Program***

Mr. Mason reported that the major change to the work program is the removal of the Avenue C Plan. Several new sections of Ave. C have been or are being planned. The Sweetgrass development is platting Ave. C. in their subdivision. At the South Greeley Hwy. and Terry Ranch Road intersection, Cheyenne LEADS is preparing the Bison Business Park for annexation, design, and platting which will include Ave. C almost to Chalk Bluff Road.

The East Allison Rd. plan from South Greeley Hwy. to College Dr. was also dropped due to adding the East Pershing Plan to be planned from Lincolnway to Christensen Rd. This road has not been planned for a very long time and is needed with all the growth on the east side of town.

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

### **a. *City of Cheyenne***

Mr. Cobb reported from the City that they will be doing eleven million dollars' worth of projects and are putting out more work than they have for about 4 years. East 12<sup>th</sup> Street has been let to Simon contractors. The City misc. concrete Phase 1 will be done by Knife River. Nationway from Logan to College, will be done with a mill and overlay, signal upgrade and work on the Ridge intersection. The 2021 City Overlay Part 1 will do many streets in Buffalo Ridge. Next will be 24<sup>th</sup> St. from Missile Dr. to Warren done by Simon Contractors. Then the 2021 City overlay project,

Part 2 with more streets in Western Hills, will let on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Then misc. concrete at 18<sup>th</sup> and Rawlins. And the 26<sup>th</sup> St. interceptor will be let on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The LCCC underpass is being done this year, work at Frontier Park, work on the US 30 Underpass, and a College Dr. regional detention pond will be constructed to help with Thomas Heights drainage issues. Work on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> St. as well as Capitol and Carey will be done.

Anissa Gerard reported on the signal projects: Fox Farm at Walterscheid has been pushed to 2022. Powderhouse and Carlson is waiting for the 5/6 school to get finalized, and the Storey and Ridge signal is ready to go.

b. *Laramie County*

Dave Bumann reported that they are doing about 25 miles of regrading gravel roads and spreading mag chloride. With their pavement preservation program, they will do 22 miles of chip seal on roads that have just been overlaid. This includes Yellowstone, Iron Mountain Rd., and Venture Dr. Mr. Bumann mentioned the Quarry (Gravel Pit, Asphalt Specialties) east of Cheyenne. Since it is not in the zoned area, the Supreme Court ruled that the County cannot enforce anything out there. They cannot even comment on nuisance and littering. Now the commissioners are being tasked with considering County-wide zoning, an idea that has not been popular in the past but may be necessary now. The County will issue an access permit off Harriman Rd. The County can also do a structural inspection. Air and land quality will go through DEQ. Mr. Daugherty is concerned on behalf of Willadsen school parents, about dust and safety for kids walking to school. There will be explosives used to quarry, and the school district will take measurements on the foundation of the school now before they open. The truck traffic will be 160 trucks minimum per day between the quarry and interstate. The trucks will certainly increase traffic on I-25.

c. *WYDOT*

Mr. Shenefelt reported on his projects. This summer bridge rehab jobs include: Reiman - Horse Creek Structure with total deck replacement and guard rail repairs which will shut down the bridge; Country Club bridge over I-25 with minor concrete & overlay; I-25 1 mile north of Terry Ranch Rd. the structure over UPRR will get concrete and overlay with lane closures; I-180 the structures on Deming Dr. with minor repairs; the pedestrian overpass will get minor repairs. S&S builders has 3 structures; the Crow Creek bridge on Lincolnway will get ADA improvements, curb and gutter as well as overlay & concrete repairs; On I-80 Southwest Dr. bridge but no closures; Allison Draw box structure at US 85 with repairs on the box and slab replacement and guard rail repairs; Contract patching will be on College Dr from Pershing to UPRR bridge to include concrete slab replacement, curb & gutter and sidewalk repairs and ADA upgrades. Next there will be a sign replacement on I-25. Upcoming in 2021-2022 the Parsley Bridge will be replacement and the Cheyenne streets project will be the US 30/Whitney/Dell Range project.

Kevin Erickson's projects: Currently finishing work on I-25 Missile Dr and BNSF structure. Signal replacement, ADA and concrete repair on Evans and Lincolnway, Warren and Central intersections with 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. Slab replacement will happen on Central Ave from 22<sup>nd</sup> to Lincolnway and on Lincolnway from Snyder to Capital. Will be doing a signal replacement and ADA upgrades on Warren Ave. and adding a new signal at Four Mile & Yellowstone.

Ms. Allen reported she has finished grading plans for I-25 and I-80 if anyone wants to review.

d. *Others*

*Greenway* – Ms. Vetter reported they are getting ready to let the Dey Ave. connection project from the Lincolnway bridge to Ames Ave. Will be completed prior to Frontier Days. She is also working on the East Cheyenne Park gravel parking lot. Keeping track of the LCCC underpass and

finishing up the wayfinding signage phase 2 to be let this spring.

*BOPU* - Mr. Dorr said most of the work they are doing is the design of an elevated storage tank north of Converse and Storey. BOPU will need access from Storey to the north. Also, some rehab work along Yellowstone north of Dell Range, and a crossing of I-25.

*LEADS* - Ms. Hale thanked Mr. Cobb, and Mr. Bloom for their help with getting the annexing and platting done for the Bison Business Park.

*LCSD#1*- Mr. Daugherty said the District has been working on the final construction drawings for Coyote Elementary and should have a contract in July. Dildine will be done in time for next school year.

*FHWA* – Scott Frye said he was listening for Functional Classification and Boundary discussion and thought everything is in order. Hank Rettinger is local but has no report.

## **7. Other Business**

- a. Mr. Mason reported that Ms. Corso from the MPO will be contacting all agencies soon with a TIP request for all project in the next four years and asked for all data to please be as accurate as possible.
- b. Ms. Allen moved to adjourn, and Ms. Hale seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Next Meeting – May 19 (Transportation Improvement Program)