

CHEYENNE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

City Municipal Building, Room 208 (virtually on Zoom)
October 12, 2021, 10:00am



Attendance in person and via Zoom

Voting Members:	Andrea Allen	WYDOT Engineering
	Tim Barth	Cheyenne Airport Board
	Molly Bennett, Chair	Laramie County Public Works
	Charles Bloom	City Development Director
	Tom Cobb	City Traffic Engineer
	Jeff Daugherty	LCSD #1 Planning and Construction
	Bryce Dorr	Board of Public Utilities
	Larry Gallagher	South Cheyenne Water and Sewer
	Betsey Hale	Cheyenne LEADS
	Craig LaVoy, for Ms. Nemecek	City Public Works
	Keith McQueen	Cheyenne Transit Program
	Julianne Monahan	WYDOT Planning
	Patti Riesland, for Christy Richardson	Mayors Council for People with Disabilities
	Wayne Shenefelt	WYDOT Resident Engineer
	Sally Stainbank	Lowes Distribution Center
	Jeanie Vetter	Parks and Greenway Planner
Non-Voting Members:	Kevin Erickson	WYDOT Resident Engineer
Guests:	Nathan Silberhorn	Ayres Associates
	Ken Voigt	Ayres Associates
Staff:	Jen Corso	MPO GIS
	Jillian Harris	MPO Senior Planner
	Tom Mason	MPO Director
	Valerie Pickard	MPO Office Manager
	Christopher Yaney	MPO Senior Technician

1. Approval of the May 19, 2021 minutes

Ms. *Bennett* called for a motion to approve the May 19th minutes. Juli Monahan moved to approve. Jeff Daugherty seconded. No discussion, so Ms. Bennett called for a vote. Motion passed.

2. Introductions

Mr. Mason asked all in attendance to introduce themselves.

3. Discussion and Approval of the proposed *Converse Plan* by Ayres Assoc.

Mrs. Harris introduced Mr. Silberhorn from Ayres Assoc. She stated that we have begun the adoption process of the plan, and the presentation will give an explanation of our process and recommendations.

Mr. Silberhorn gave the presentation on the Converse Avenue Improvement Plan. We have finished the final report and now are in committee presentations and approvals. The study developed recommendations for the Converse corridor from Dell Range to Carlson St.

Step 1: Existing Conditions - The goals of the project are to identify the cross sections and improve intersection design and traffic signals. To review access and to identify the communities' vision for the corridor, plus enhance pedestrian and bicycle traffic. The Dry Creek culvert structure is not sufficient and will need to be replaced, this changed how we approached the road improvements over the structure.

Step 2: Opportunities for Improvement - Enhance connectivity and mobility, along with lane continuity issues on the south portion of the project were reviewed. We looked at freight truck traffic at Dell Range and the Post Office. Cost of the project and maintenance impacts (cost and time).

Step 3: Direct public involvement, through focus groups and public meetings; in March and May presentations were made. Next will present to Citizens Advisory Committee, Planning Commission and City Council.

Step 4: Traffic volume projected to double in the next 25 years.

Step 5: Looked at enhanced 3-lane and 4-lane divided roadway options, Signalized intersections, and roundabouts.

Step 6: Evaluation matrix of each template, discussion of Dell Range modifications southbound portion of Converse and turn lane Preliminary recommendations.

Step 7: Preliminary recommendation is the 3-lane template, install traffic signal at the intersection at Mason Way and Point Bluff, roundabout at Carlson. Extend Greenway south to Mason Way.

Step 8: Final recommendations Sept 2021, same as preliminary plan, we added some details based on preliminary comments. The final report includes the documentation of public involvement traffic analysis, engineering explanation of drainage and a construction cost estimate.

Next steps are a final adoption process, a more depth traffic analysis of Dell Range intersection will happen in the future. The City will move to final design and construction and move forward with a project to fix the Dry Creek culvert.

Mr. Mason: next steps, meeting today with the Technical Advisor Committee and tonight with the Citizen's Advisory Committee and then Planning Commission Monday evening for approval. Final approval will go to the Policy Committee at their December 15th meeting.

Mrs. Bennet motioned to adopt the Converse Plan, Betsy Hale first motion to approve, Jeff seconded the motion.

Mr. Bloom: A primary concern is the narrowness of Point Bluff, preference to move traffic to Ogden. We are still showing Point Bluff as the main traffic channel. Second comment: south of the Mason Way crosswalk to the Dry Creek bridge structure might be better served with a 10' sidewalk. More adventitious to direct pedestrians and bicycle traffic to the north.

Mr. Daugherty: Question, hoping for some bus pick up/drop off for high-density areas.

Mr. Silberhorn: There is a relocated bus stop on Mason Way in front of the Post Office. This is the only one that was formally planned, there was discussion to place a bus stop near Carlson, but

it was not included at this time.

Mr. Bloom: Permits could be applied for roundabout at this time. The right of way dedication would happen in the future.

Mr. Daugherty: Advocated for a bus stop at Converse/Carlson Street.

Mr. Mason: This is a 35% preliminary design/engineering plan. Final design will work out additional details.

Mr. Silberhorn: We can evaluate an additional transit stop in the final design.

Mrs. Bennet: Any additional questions or comments?

Mr. Cobb: Question, is there something that states that this plan is not 100% complete. The City will be preparing an RFP to reconstruct and widen the Dry Creek structure, remove skew from the intersection and shift the Converse pedestrian overpass.

Mr. Bloom adds motion of document flexibility and to increase sidewalk on East side of Converse to 10' Mr. Cobb seconds the motion.

Mrs. Bennet: All in favor of the amendment? The motion passes. Also calls for the original motion. Motion passes.

Mr. Silberhorn: Has a running change log and these approved recommendations will be part of the final submittal.

Mrs. Harris: There is still opportunity to provide comments at the adoption public meetings.

Ms. Gerard moved to approve; Mr. Daugherty seconded. The motion passes.

4. Updates on MPO Planning Projects

a. *East Park Greenway and Drainage Plan*

Jillian Harris reported that MPO was seeking approval from UPRR for approval of drainage but has not receive approval yet. We are currently working in collaboration with Jeanie Vetter and the East Park Design to coordinate public outreach. This is the last phase before we move into the adoption process.

b. *Walterscheid Corridor Plan*

Ms. Harris reported that we had our first in person outreach at Rossman Elementary, had some computer tech difficulties. Since that meeting, we have been working with City Engineering for a contract amendment to include the intersection analysis at Fox Fam and Walterscheid Blvd. Engineering discovered some issues with utilities at that intersection. Will be going before Finance Committee this coming Monday.

c. *East Pershing Plan*

Mr. Mason said we have hired Y2/Western Research & Development to study Pershing between US 30 and Christensen Road. They are currently in the data collection mode; a public meeting will be the end of October.

d. *Transit Development Plan*

Ms. Harris reported that we have opened, received, and closed the RFP, interviews have been completed and we selected LSC consultants out of Colorado Springs. This is a plan that should be completed every 5 years. Past plans have been based off prior years; this plan will be a stand-

alone brand-new plan.

e. *Transit Feasibility Plan*

Mr. Mason: between Colorado and WYDOT directors, Cheyenne to Northern Front Range MPO Funding will be split 4 ways between CDOT and Front Range MPO, WYDOT and Cheyenne MPO. Contract management will be handled by CDOT and Cheyenne MPO. Front Range MPO has hired HDR for their current transit feasibility plan and this project will continue with HDR.

Next plan: Corridor plan – Van Buren between Dell Range and US 30.

5. Update on current and upcoming local construction projects

a. *CITY*

Mr. Cobb; There is a lot of work coming, but wanted to highlight 5th and Deming. City Engineering is put out an RFP and HDR was awarded the project. Will include Greenway, a new bridge and moving traffic signals.

Mr. Cobb finished the RFP for the camera existing lines to Dry Creek. A critical review of Municipal Code and Unified Development Code in regard to drainage. Nationway project is moving forward.

Mr. Bloom URA Hitching Post and Hampden Inn, will keep WYDOT in the loop.

BOPU – Mr. Dorr reported that we will be adding a new tank next to the north tank site off of Storey Blvd. Connections in Storey.

Greenway Mrs. Vetter - Getting ready to sign contracts with Reiman to build LCCC underpass. Completing the contract with Reiman to complete the Greenway path along Carey and Kennedy. Looking forward to the outcome of the 6th penny ballot, there are projects that we would like to get started on. Airport connector and Downtown connector from Dey Avenue to the Depot Plaza.

b. *Laramie County*

Ms. Bennett reported working on internal restructuring, and other projects are not top priority right now. Working with Benchmark to design Powderhouse from Four Mile to Iron Mountain/Rising Star. Working on gravel and pavement management plan.

c. *WYDOT*

Mr. Shenefelt reported on contract patching job that is complete for the year (from Pershing to UPRR bridge) Will be back next year working on slabs. Bridge rehab project complete on structures with exceptions of Horse Creek Rd and the bridge over Crow Creek, need guardrail and seating. Looking into how to prevent homeless using bridge underpass. I-25 sign upgrades. Jobs for next year: Parsley Bridge replacement (advertised next week), contract patching job on US 85 from Terry Ranch Rd to College Dr. Drainage repair on US 85 near Murray Street; inlets, pipe and retention pond. Bridge repair next year on I-25 structures over UPRR.

Mr. Erickson signal replacement/upgrade on Lincolnway. Slide repair on Central Ave 24th to Lincolnway. Next summer on Lincolnway from Pioneer to Capital. Next year Warren Ave from Lincolnway to 24th. Install new signals at Yellowstone and Four Mile.

6. Others

- a. Mr. Cobb; we have a collaborative effort between CODOT, WYDOT, Cheyenne, Ft Collins and Loveland for American Recovery Plan Build Back Better Recovery for a grant of \$500,000. Interstate collaboration rail simulation modeling UPRR and Santa Fe set the table for passenger

rail on the BNSF line. We would like a letter of support from the County to be a partner as well, not asking for money.

- b. Mr. Mason: we don't have a scheduled meeting before the end of the year. If necessary, we can bring any projects before you in a special meeting.
- c. Mr. Bloom: Questions for WYDOT - How are speeds determined on Highways. There are newly installed Wyoming National Guard signs, what is that program? Does anyone have information? No information from staff.
- d. Mrs. Bennet: meeting adjourned.

7. Other Business

- a. None

Next Meeting – TBD