

## Cheyenne Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Committee Meeting

March 23, 2022

Laramie County Commission Meeting Room



### Attendance:

#### Voting Members:

Patrick Collins  
Ralph Tarango  
Troy Thompson

City of Cheyenne, Mayor  
WYDOT, District Engineer  
Laramie Co. Commissioner, Chair

#### Non-Voting Members:

Molly Bennett  
Charles Bloom  
Tom Cobb  
Richard Duran  
Kevin Erickson  
Tim Martin  
Juli Monahan  
Vicki Nemecek  
Jean Parlow  
Ryan Shields  
Brenden Schaefer  
Wayne Shenefelt

Laramie County Public Works  
City Planning & Development  
City Engineer via zoom  
FHWA Community Planner via zoom  
WYDOT Resident Engineer  
WYDOT Maintenance Engineer  
WYDOT Planning  
City Public Works  
FHWA Community Planner via zoom  
WYDOT Construction Engineer  
WYDOT Asst. Transportation Engineer  
WYDOT Resident Engineer

#### Staff:

Tom Mason  
Valerie Pickard  
Christopher Yaney

MPO Director  
MPO Office Manager  
MPO Senior Planning Tech via zoom

#### Guests

Erin Gates  
Darci Hendon  
Rena Jording  
Jean Parlow  
AT Stoddard  
Jeremey Yates

Benchmark Engineers  
Summit Engineering via zoom  
Transit Program Director  
FHWA  
LSC Consultants  
MPO Casper

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Commissioner Thompson
- 2) **Introductions** were made for in-person attendees and those on Zoom.
- 3) Approval of the December 15, 2021, Meeting minutes, motion by Mayor Collins, seconded by Mr. Tarango. No discussion, motion passes.
- 4) Budget Amendment to the *FY '22 Unified Planning Work Program*

Mr. Mason presents budget to committee. Discussion of Rent for 615 W 20<sup>th</sup>, and moving into City Municipal Building. New staff member will start April 26<sup>th</sup>. Powderhouse Plan adjustments after our discussion last meeting. Motion to approve by Mayor Collins, seconded by Mr.

Tarango. No discussion, motion passes.

5) Approval of Citizens' and Technical Committee Membership

Mr. Mason, there was one application for Citizen's Advisory Committee, CJ Brown. Also, the updated list was passed out for the Technical Committee. Motion by Mr. Tarango to approve Mr. Brown and members of the Technical Committee, seconded by Mayor Collins. Motion passes. Mr. Thompson: we are looking for someone from the Southwest Builders Association? Mr. Mason: yes, I sent them an email inviting them to the committee. No response yet.

6) Update on MPO Planning Projects

a) *East Park Greenway and Drainage Plan*

Ms. Darci Hendon: 35% plans for Greenway from Whitney and Pershing south along East Park, crossing the UPRR and then with a proposed trail in the Laramie County Conservation District property. We plan on using an existing masonry structure for a pedestrian path but need to hydraulically isolate the railroad track from any stormwater event. We will use smaller pipes bored under the UPRR to handle the stormwater. We plan on installing a berm on the east side to redirect water, but where it needs to be placed is on private property. We are now in a holding pattern due to the land situation.

b) *Walterscheid Plan*

Ms. Erin Gates: 35% plans for Walterscheid Plans, includes updating the road from a collector to a minor arterial. Sidewalks on the west side are not in place, intersection improvements, upgrades to utilities and conveyance of stormwater are issues encountered. Current constraints include - right of way, I-80 structures, and utilities. A traffic safety and operations analysis were completed as well as a stormwater drainage analysis. We will move forward with a 3-lane minor arterial within the existing 80' right of way. Greenway will be placed on the east side of the road, with sidewalks on the west side.

c) *Transit Development Plan*

AT Stoddard: Our plan is to put some service scenarios together so we can develop recommendations. Project goals are to engage the entire community including underrepresented populations, have a renewed vision, improve the speed of service, build on the existing micro-transit service, add long-term recommendations, grow ridership, and improve efficiency and cost effectiveness. Existing conditions: we are reviewing Public Outreach: Later service hours more direct, improved accessibility. We have a project website, 2 online surveys and a focus group with CTP operators. On-demand service pick up locations are mapped out. We have taken demographic information and identified areas of the community with the most need.

d) *East Pershing Plan*

Mr. Mason (on behalf of Skyler Helfrich): The corridor between US 30 and Christensen Rd. Existing Road section promotes speeding, 80% of people are speeding west of Taft on Pershing Blvd. This will continue to be a 3-lane section all the way to Christensen, add curb and gutter, bike lanes and detached sidewalks. Short-term treatments will be for pedestrian accommodations, safety and a four-way stop at Whitney and Pershing. Long-term treatments will be right-of-way acquisition, access management and geometry realignment with a roundabout at Whitney and Pershing. Drainage review included Dry Creek, private property issue, East Park and Christensen Rd. Our second public open house will be tomorrow night then further public comment opportunity on a social pinpoint website.

e) *Transit Connection Feasibility Analysis: Northern Colorado – Southern Wyoming*

This project has just started, earlier today we had our first meeting.

f) *Powderhouse Plan*

The scope of work and RFP have been prepared, we are waiting on County Public Works and City Engineers for their response and then I can advertise.

7) *Connect 2045 - Master Transportation Plan Map Amendment Approvals*

After the Connect 2045 map was completed the next step is for the City to amend their official map. There were some corrections needed to be made on the Master Transportation Plan in Connect 2045, and we have taken these to both the City and County Planning Commissions, and after their amendments it has been taken and approved by the governing bodies. The final step is approval from the Policy Committee. Motion to approve by Mr. Tarango, seconded by Mayor Collins. Motion passes.

8) Update on current and upcoming local construction projects

- a) City of Cheyenne – Carryover projects: Carey Avenue Multi-use path, 26<sup>th</sup> Street Interceptor Project, 24<sup>th</sup> Street mill & overlay, Meadow Drive mill & overlay and LCCC pedestrian underpass. For FY 2023 projects include - 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Crow Creek, Storey Blvd at College Dr signalization and Van Buren Ave Storm Interceptor. Pavement Maintenance on Nationway, Airport Parkway; City mill and overlay on Rio Verde St./ Green River St., Pierce St., and Sullivan St. Yellowstone at Central – slab, median and curb and gutter repair. We have miscellaneous concrete project and crack seals in the spring and fall. And finally, we will have a patch surface treatment. FY 2024 City TIP projects: Carlson & Powderhouse signalization, Windmill Rd at Pershing intersection and signalization, 18<sup>th</sup> Street Rehabilitation, East Dell Range Blvd and Yellowstone Rd and Dell Range intersection reconstruction and rehabilitation project, additional turn lanes to the east on Dell Range.
- b) Laramie County – Mrs. Bennett, our 6<sup>th</sup> penny projects will be going out for RFP and also on our Master Transportation Plan. No major construction projects for this summer.
- c) WYDOT – Mr. Shields, Parsley Blvd is being taken down now and demolition will be completed next week. Project should be completed by the end of the year. Slab repair on Lincolnway between Capital and Pioneer. Warren Ave Project to begin mid-April. College Dr Intersections, concrete slab repair. Bridge rehab on I-25, lane closures this summer. Drainage repair project on S. Greeley Hwy. FY 23 – I-80 marginal project through town, overlay project. Terry Ranch Rd project and the Whitney Dell Range project. FY 24 we will have our big US 30 (E Lincolnway) project.

d) Others

9) Other Business

a) Preparation of a new *Master and Financial Agreement* Schedule

Ms. Monahan: We are still waiting on for the urban population to be calculated from the Urban Economic Analysis Division for our new Urban Population. We are also waiting on guidance for the new bill, maybe by the end of the summer.

Mr. Mason: Last week I received the table from the FHWA. Our PL funding was 1.69M and has increased to 2.09M, beginning in FY22. This includes 208,563 specifically for Safety Projects by the 2 MPO's. MPO budget increase a minimum of \$310,000, 1/3 split.

Transportation Alternatives Direct Allocation, \$359,415 to Cheyenne. STGB – Urban Areas was 1.1M and increased to 11.2M to Cheyenne and Casper. Another direct allocation is the Carbon Reduction Program, 1.29M for both MPO's. Tom Cobb mentioned that we want to update the Safe Routes to School plan, our hope is to complete the entire City plan and the needed construction project on Western Hill Blvd.

*Next Meeting June 22, 2022 – Mayor's Conference Room*