## CHEYENNE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Laramie County Library Windflower Room and Zoom March 1, 2023



**Attendees:** Barbara Boyd in-person

C.J. Brown in-person
Dawn Fiscus in-person
Kellie Johnson in-person
Rachel Meeker in-person
Clay Muirhead, Chairman in-person
Boyd Wiggam in-person

**Absent:** None

**Guest:** Renee Jording Cheyenne Transit

Leif Paulson Citizen

A.T. Stoddard LSC Transportation Consultants

Vicki Nemecek Public Works Director

**Staff:** Tom Mason MPO Director

Valerie Pickard Office Manager Ginni Stevens Senior Planner

- **1.** Approval of the January 11, 2023, minutes
- 2. Introductions
- **3.** Presentation and recommendation of the *Colorado/Wyoming Transit Feasibility Study* <a href="https://www.plancheyenne.org/project/co-wy-transit-feasibility-study/">https://www.plancheyenne.org/project/co-wy-transit-feasibility-study/</a>

Tom Mason: Introduces Ian Chase with HDR. Recommending approval to the Policy Committee.

Ian Chase: Study Background: This is a joint study looking at transit between Cheyenne and the Front Range communities. This is a partnership between WYDOT, CDOT, and Cheyenne MPO. We conducted a feasibility analysis to examine a transit connection. We have examined the regional transit markets, service models, route options and technologies and developed recommendations from that. The engagement process was a 3-prong effort. We held several stakeholder interviews, and met with the guidance committee along with a community engagement piece to include the project website, and 2 online open houses with a lot of public comment. The transit market analysis looked at current and future demand for the proposed services. We analyzed the existing travel patterns as well as the demographics. We used StreetLight data to provide trip origin-destination patterns along with data pre-COVID and daily trips between these regions. Trip data was normalized by zones so we didn't have a larger area that skewed the data. The Downtown area in Cheyenne had the highest trip origin-destination patterns going to and from the North Front Range

MPO area.

We looked at the Travel Demand Model with traffic analysis models, the Cheyenne MPO demand area and the NFR MPO model and the CDOT statewide model.

Transit Propensity Analysis: we focused on 9 demographic characteristics of travelers that are more likely to use transit, we used all of that data we scored those zones weighted by population and normalized by the block group area. Key focus areas to consider for transit service are determined through three evaluations. In the Cheyenne Area: we have Downtown, east of Downtown, Frontier Mall and South Greeley. Northern Colorado: Downtown Ft Collins, the I-25 corridor, Downtown Loveland and Greeley, and Wellington. Working with the project team and guidance committee we developed 6 different alignments. The recommended alignment that comes out of this can be adjusted further to potential add additional stops. The screening criteria we are focused on 5 areas, connectivity, feasibility, community support, equity and environmental health. The guidance committee preferred alignments 1, 3 and 2. The online public meeting feedback with a survey at the end. The alignments that were preferred were 5, 1 and 2. Renea Jording and Vickie Nemecek provided insight.

## 4. Other Business

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Next Meeting – May 24 (TIP Approval)

Motion to adjourn Mr. Muirhead motions, Mr. Brown seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:19pm.