

CHEYENNE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes Laramie County Library
Windflower Room and Zoom
May 17, 2023



Attendees:

Barbara Boyd	in-person
C.J. Brown	in-person
Clay Muirhead, Chairman	in-person
Boyd Wiggam	in-person
Leif Paulson	in-person

Absent: Dawn Fiscus

Guest:

Adrienne Lemmers	Y2 Consultants
Tristan Cordier	AVI, PC
Kelly Schroder	AVI, PC
Ben Weaver	Stantec

Staff:

Tom Mason	MPO Director
Valerie Pickard	Office Manager
Ginni Stevens	Senior Planner

1. Approval of the March 1, 2023, minutes motion to approve by Muirhead seconded by Paulson. Motion carries.

2. Update on the Van Buren Plan by Y2

Ms. Lemmers – We are in Phase 2 of the 35% construction plan. Our goal is to improve safety, there is a lack of pedestrian safety, no bike lanes or sidewalks. The area is growing quickly, with US30 and Dell Range under design along with drainage designs. Van Buren is a collector, the ROW varies along the corridor, we are looking at a 70' ROW. Detached sidewalk and landscaping on the west side on the east side we will have shared parking. Then, on the west side south of Green River with attached sidewalk on the east side. Rawlins to Laramie, with detached sidewalk and full landscaping buffer. Tie in with new intersection at Dell Range Blvd. Extra attention to intersections of Green River and Rawlins St, these coincide with proposed bicycle boulevards. Proposed a mini roundabout at the intersection at Van Buren and Green River.

Wiggam: will that impede any access to residents?

Lemmers: the roundabout is designed with mountable curb islands.

Wiggam: have you had any specific contact with that homeowner?

At Rawlins St we are proposing street trees, additional pavement markings XXXX South from Rawlins there is a drainage feature that the City will be installing, we will pick up the overflow with underground storm drainage to Crow Creek. On the south side of the corridor, we are trying to prevent pedestrians from going onto US30, pedestrian services will end on Laramie Street. Our website is up, and we will have a 2nd public meeting will be June 1st.

Mason: the City is going to be a major construction project on the north end of Van Buren.

Brown: Which road will have 80' of ROW?

Lemmurs: we are trying to compromise to 70' width of ROW.

Paulson: the bicycle lane will go one way?

Lemmers: the bicycle lane will be on both sides as well as the sidewalks.

Wiggam: with the ROW width, are they multiple function?

Lemmers: there is definitely traffic calming effect, and some drainage retention.

3. Update on the Powderhouse Plan by AVI, p.c.

Mr. Cordier – To develop continuity between City and County. All sections are going to be 3 lanes with sidewalks and bike lanes in the City sections. The rural portion from Four Mile to US Hwy 85, we are recommending pulling back the bank on the west side for snow accumulation and drainage. Based on the traffic study a light is not xxx at Four Mile and Powderhouse, but to make the intersection safer we are recommending to square up the intersection, with an addition of eastbound turn lane on Four Mile and a northbound left turn lane onto Four Mile. 2nd intersection to square up will be at Iron Mountain. The third intersection will be with US Hwy 85, with a northbound right turn only off of US Hwy 85 and addition of a southbound left turn lane.

Eastbound right turn lane at Dell Range and Powderhouse. Reconstruction of the Carlson intersection we are currently working on installing a signal. In the future we will add an auxiliary lane. Brimmer Rd connection may be removed in the future if traffic increases.

Reclassifying as a Minor Arterial following completion. No upgrades to dry utilities.

Recommending to extend wet utilities from Melton St. Gardenia would extend water to Tranquility Rd. Storm systems, there is only 1 inlet at the bottom of Powderhouse south of Carlson, this needs to be upsized to accommodate a 100yr Flood. Cost estimates:

Phase 1, 5 million from Dell Range to Storey, Phase 2, Storey to Four Mile 5.4 million, Phase 3 Four Mile to Iron Mountain 6.6 million, Phase 3b Iron Mountain to US Hwy 85 9.5 million. Land Acquisition costs: Phase 2 two landowners \$6 a sq foot, Phase 3a one landowner total of \$974k Public meeting to be middle of June.

Wiggam: Regarding biking and commuting on bikes was there any discussion.

Cordier: No, there is no discussion. The plan follows the UDC standard design.

Brown: The 6' bike path or shoulder is customary for the County, and 8' for City Greenway.

Weaver: The UDC recommends 6'.

Wiggam: I know you are recommending phasing, is there a recommendation on the southern leg?

Cordier: I suppose the County could jump in and get started before the City. Any phase could be taken on at any time.

4. Presentation and recommendation of the *FY '24 – '27 Transportation Improvement Program*

This is one of our federal requirements to implement this TIP plan. This should be completed at least every 4 years; we do this every other year. This will go through the Technical and Citizen's Advisory with approval from the Policy Committee. Mr. Mason reviews the 2024-2027 TIP.

Wiggam: Are there any projects that will be moving forward.

Mason: Dell Range and Whitney projects shifted years.

Cobb: Storey will be built this fall, Van Buren drainage this fall, US 30 from Pershing to Christensen in FY and
Motion to approve to Policy Committee with note to add Storey Blvd; moved by Brown seconded by Muirhead. Motion carries.

5. Update on other MPO Planning Projects

- a) Southwest Drive – The consultant is nearly complete reviewing existing data and collecting data for the beginning of design. The first Steering Committee is set for June 8th with an open house meeting on June 21st at the Cheyenne Animal Shelter.
- b) West Crow Creek Greenway Plan – This RFP has been advertised with a proposal due date of June 9th. The intent is to have this project kick off with an on-site review of the proposed Greenway locations so the challenges of the terrain and crossings can be understood – prior to the weather turning. Likely in September or early October.

Wiggam: This seems like a wetlands project.

Stevens: We have asked the consultants to be creative with this plan, but to keep it close to the creek while making a connection to the Base.

- c) Laramie County Road Impact Fee Study – We are selecting consultants through an RFQ process now. In review with WYDOT Planning, then will go to County Planning for final review.
- d) Safe Routes to School Plan Update – This RFP received 3 proposals. All consultants were interviewed and Stantec was selected. I'm currently working with Stantec to iron out contract details. We want the contract to be ready to go when we receive our Notice to Proceed from WYDOT. The intent is to have the Policy Committee review and approve the contract in June, and then take the contract through the City Governing Body when we have the Notice to Proceed.

6. Other Business

- a. *None*

Next Meeting – August 9?

Meeting adjourn 7:57pm.