

CHEYENNE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
City Municipal Building, Room 208 (& virtually on Zoom)
April 22, 2024, 2:00pm



Attendance in person and via Zoom

Voting Members:	Charles Bloom (Chair)	Planning & Development
	Tom Cobb	City Traffic Engineer
	Andrea Allen	WYDOT
	Molly Bennett	Laramie County Public Works (Zoom)
	Matt Butler	Laramie County EMS (Zoom)
	Betsy Hale	Cheyenne LEADS
	Renaë Jording	City of Cheyenne, Transit
	Craig LaVoy (for Ms. Nemecek)	City Public Works
	Juli Monahan	WYDOT Planning
	Kristina Richardson	Mayor's Council for People with Disabilities (Zoom)
	Wayne Shenefelt	WYDOT Resident Engineer
	Craig Cox	WYDOT Resident Engineer
	Sally Stainbank	Lowe's Distribution
	Pat Rudd	Southeast Wyo Builders Assoc.
	Tim Bradshaw	Cheyenne Airport
Non-Voting Members:	Richard Duran	FHWA (Zoom)
Guests:	Paul Bellotti	City Project Manager
Staff:	Jeff Noffsinger	MPO Director
	Christopher Yaney	MPO Senior Technician
	Valerie Pickard	MPO Office Manager

1. Call to Order
2. [Approval of Minutes from February 22, 2024](#)
Add Renaë Jording and Betsy Hale as being present.
Blank by Justin Arnold on pg. 2
Motion to postpone by Bloom by Cobb seconded by Hale. Motion passes.
3. [STP-U Sequencing List](#)
Noffsinger: I met with Tom, Molly and Vicki to update the STP-U planning list to review the projects with updated costs. The group prioritized the projects as follows: #1 High Plains design, #2 Dell Range & US30, #3 Division and Wallick, #4 Converse Ave. We are looking for a recommendation to take this to the Policy Committee. Motion for approval by LaVoy, seconded by Hale. Motion passes.
4. [Passenger Rail Station Site Selection Study](#)
Noffsinger: This study is the first step to work in conjunction with the Front Range Passenger Rail District.
Monahan: Has anyone reviewed these scopes and fees? No response from the committee.

Bloom: Jeff, could you provide some details on the scope?

Noffsinger: We will be looking at three different locations, the Historic Depot, Reed Ave Corridor, and the Visitors Center south of town. The list of variables to consider include parking availability, economics, ridership potential and others. We will be working with UP and BNSF. The main corridor will be the BNSF line from Pueblo to Ft. Collins, which is the easiest to extend to Cheyenne. We are working on an MOU with Front Range MPO.

Rudd: Are you looking for a motion for approval?

Noffsinger: Just looking for any comments that you would like me to bring to the Policy Committee. This study was already considered in the current UPWP.

Bloom: No action necessary.

5. [High Plains RR Overpass Scope and Fee](#)

Noffsinger: Looking for input from the Technical Committee, so that we can take this to Policy Committee and City Council for approval. Are we using STP-U funds or is this a Planning project?

Cobb: When I was in private consulting, I completed a 30% planning study for this. This plan will need to be updated.

Noffsinger: Looking for clarity to ensure that we can go the STP-U route, and what is required? Is Recon Report and environmental review required? Does this need to be on TIP?

Allen: Recon will be the next step in the process to determine what work needs to be done.

Noffsinger: Is there is a reason this was not brought up three months ago?

Cobb: WYDOT is now at the table to move this forward. Let's schedule the Recon.

Allen: It is standard procedure to do a Recon?

Monahan: It was originally a planning study. It came back as a design then it was determined to use STP-U funds. The way to start that process is a Recon.

Bloom: Sounds like a Recon is the next step.

Monahan: We have to have a cooperative agreement between the City and WYDOT before any work can proceed.

Cobb: This is currently in the county but will be in the city soon.

Monahan: This is also private property. We can't use Federal Funds. You can't build a bridge to nowhere.

Noffsinger: Is the Recon part of the scope of the project with the consultant or is that a separate item?

Allen: I can get someone onboard to set up a meeting. Juli was OK with your selection process, but you will have to redo that as the Recon report was not done and you will have to add in the environmental.

Hale: What if we just pay for the plan?

Allen: If \$1 of Federal funds are spent, it will have to go through the whole process.

Hale: Where will Federal dollars be spent? I need to know what it will cost to build the road and the overpass.

Monahan: We need to get a Co-Op going for a Recon, between WYDOT and the City of Cheyenne. WYDOT will manage the Recon.

Bloom: Betsy, could you clarify your financial commitment?

Noffsinger: What would the cost of the Recon be?

Allen: Around \$7k - \$8k.

Bloom: Recommends a subcommittee to discuss this in further detail next week. LEADS, City Engineering, Bloom and Noffsinger present.

Bloom: No motion needed.

6. [TIP Amendment](#)

Noffsinger: TIP amended to increase the construction cost for the transit facility to \$2,054,626.

Jording: Gave an update on increased costs. These are actual cost estimates from the architects and engineers.

Bloom: Most of these costs are from the Building Department through the IBC.

Bennett: How do we amend the TIP? I have amendments to make to the TIP.

Noffsinger: There is some urgency to amend this as Renae is applying for some grant money.

Bennett: An email will be coming out about this?

Noffsinger: Yes.

Motion to approve by Hale, seconded by Cobb. Motion passes.

7. [MPO Planning Area](#)

Noffsinger: The MPO is looking at possible extension of the MPO boundary out to the Belvoir Ranch from I-80 to county road 102 down to the State line. We are looking to provide planning services to the area.

Bloom: There is some early discussion on uses on the Belvoir, but a potential road connection from Otto Road south to High Plains Road or Terry Ranch Road. This will help us with future corridor studies. We are looking to expand the area.

Bloom: This would include the entirety of Harriman Road.

Cobb: Could we move that boundary north to include Happy Jack Rd?

Bloom: Yes, that can be part of the discussion.

Noffsinger: In the past there was discussion that Laramie County could be the boundary.

Hale: I would like to make sure that Chalk Bluff Road is included.

Cobb: From WYDOT's perspective is there any issue with including the whole county?

Monahan: It is supposed to be a 20-year planning boundary. This will have to be approved by the Governor as well.

Stainbank: What about looking at the county as a whole.

Bloom: I think you change the make-up of the Policy Committee to include Pine Bluffs and other smaller communities.

Monahan: Is there a reason that the entire Belvoir was discussed?

Bloom: It is the potential alignment of exit 2 Terry Ranch Rd and High Plains with connection to Otto Rd.

Bloom: Does it make sense to go all the way up to Happy Jack Rd?

Cobb: Yes, it does.

Bloom: What if we include Boundary Rd to be squared off on the northwest side of the MPO Planning Area. We would have to amend the Major Street Plan and Functional Class map.

Motion to approve adding the Belovir and Southeast section as discussed above by Allen, seconded by Cobb. Motion passes.

8. Project Updates

- East Allison Road Corridor Study

Noffsinger: At Policy Committee we asked if we could do this project in-house. There is 6th Penny money available \$2.4 million available. US 85 to Avenue C, we would extend through the Niobrara Energy Park, looking at the entire corridor as a major collector in the future. Looking to schedule a public meeting for public input.

Yaney: I have collected turning movements at the intersections, for the existing conditions and will be collecting speed through the corridor.

Bloom: Jeanie Vetter arrived 2:54pm.

Bloom: We will be incorporating greenway in the area.

- Southwest Drive

Noffsinger: We will have another public meeting, May 2, 4:30 – 6:00pm to present the study.

Bloom: WYDOT should be at those meetings.

Bennett: Taylor McCort has been attending the past open house meetings.

9. Update on Local Construction Projects

- City of Cheyenne

Cobb: There are a lot of projects on the docket this year. We have \$35.2 million out to bid. Mill and overlays, patch and seal projects, Dell Range Blvd west of College Drive to Sunset. Maintenance totals are \$14.4 million. Airport Parkway is in progress and will be done this year.

Bloom: On Airport Pkwy we are adding a bike lane.

Cobb: Powderhouse and Carlson improvements, thanks to WYDOT we have the TAP grant for the pedestrian safety enhancements. Van Buren storm is out in conjunction with US30 project, \$8.3 million dollars. Vandehei improvements. Storey Blvd extension, looking to detour for future Dell Range projects. 2 Belvoir Ranch projects: Trailhead and trail system and a phase 1 trail that is already out to bid. Cemetery Road improvements this summer. The inherited Paul Smith Way is out for bid now. Lighting on the 1-180 overpass. Dredging this summer and we will be putting the goats out this summer.

- Laramie County

Bennett: Road 142 will be constructed this summer to include the intersection at Road 142 and 215A through Hillsdale. We will have our normal maintenance projects.

- WYDOT

Shenefelt: Terry Ranch Road project is about done; Chalk Bluff Road, punch list items. US85 and I-25 interchange with some mill and overlay. Patching job on Roundtop Rd from Otto to Happy Jack Rd and the US85 Port of Entry parking lot. US30 job to Christensen Road the pedestrian underpass is already completed. Paving starting in May on US30. Overhead warning project on I-80 for the BNSF railroad overpass. I-25 extending southbound access lane starting after CFD. North Cheyenne Road closure gate, moving to the interchange.

Cox: I-80 from Roundtop to S. Greeley Hwy with a mill and over lay with the high-performance course over the ramps. College Dr between I-25 and US85, as soon we get a design. We have some slab replacements at the Loves approach patching. Southwest Drive approach is a possibility. College Dr mill and overlay, and ADA ramps. Slabs on Central Ave beginning after CFD. Stripping on S Greeley from I-80 to College Dr.

- Others (LEADS, Warren AFB, LCSD #1, etc.)

Hale: Started construction on High Plains Road from Hwy 85 to Terry Ranch Rd. Cosmo is mobilized and getting their site ready. We are having weekly meetings with Taylor about US85 traffic signal at Speedway and US85. On the Burlington Trail, we are working with many departments on this. The neighbors are concerned about being able to make left hand

turns. Microsoft has purchased 400 acres south of I-80 and the property was just annexed into the City. The Belvoir is one of the sites for the Shooting Complex.

Vetter: We are working on a Greenway plan for West Crow Creek. First public meeting at the Library on May 16th.

Bloom: June 17th is the notification date for the Shooting Complex. Anticipated final selection on August 13th, 2024. Proposals are due on June 3rd.

10. Other Business Next Meeting - TBD

Motion to close by Charles Bloom

Meeting concluded at 3:28pm