

CHEYENNE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
City of Cheyenne Municipal Building Room 104
September 18, 2024**



Attendees:	Barbara Boyd	Zoom
	C.J. Brown	Zoom
	Boyd Wiggam - Chair	in-person
	Leif Paulson	Zoom

Absent: None

Guests: None

Staff:	Chris Yaney	MPO Interim Director
	Jen Corso	GIS Technician
	Valerie Pickard	Office Manager

1. **Approval of the June 12, 2024**, motion to approve by Barbara Boyd, seconded by C.J. Brown, motion passes.

2. **Presentation from Stantec on Safe Routes to School Project**

Yaney gave an update on this project. We had 3 open houses one at each High School triad. Stantec will take the data, compile information from the surveys to finish plan in October. This document is online for review.

Wiggam: What are the high-level interests from those meetings?

Yaney: Stantec is working on a priority list for each school.

Wiggam: I know South High School was limiting access for pedestrians due to security issues.

3. **Update on other MPO Planning Projects**

○ *West Crow Creek Greenway Plan*

Yaney: We have Jeanie Shrednik our Greenway Planner managing this project. This project is on hold due to an Engineering project at 19th. Now that Engineering has the notice to proceed, we are starting this project again in conjunction with the City Engineering.

○ *Laramie County Road Impact Fee Study*

Yaney: This study is being done by TischlerBise to help the County with Road improvements. Funds would be assessed at permitting, these funds would be for new improvements.

Paulson: Would this impact existing residences? How is it going to be assessed?

Yaney: They are trying to determine how the fees will be assessed. These fees would be assessed to a Developer and new construction.

- *East Allison Road Corridor Study*

Yaney: This project was started in-house. We are looking at hiring a consultant to review the data and complete the project.

- *Travel Demand Model Update*

Yaney: We have hired Kimley Horn for this project and will take about 3 months to complete. Jen Corso and I have gone through the TAZ maps, and this will be handed over to the CONNECT2050 project.

Wiggam: Is this where we will take into consideration the COSMO project?

Yaney: Yes, they are looking at each data center and the amount of traffic. This will be reflected in the report.

Wiggam: What about the displaced residential that was going in that area?

Yaney: We will update the data; we are looking at the displacement and areas to the east that were not in the model in 2019.

- *CONNECT2050*

Yaney: This will be an update to the CONNECT2045 plan, we will use the data from the Travel Demand Model, to update the long-range transportation plan. We have four firms interested in this with a unanimous decision from the selection committee to choose Kimley Horn.

Wiggam: What about the Community Plan in PlanCheyenne?

Yaney: We have not yet addressed the Community Plan, just the future land use plan.

Wiggam: When the maps are presented could we call out the anticipated changes? Also, are we sticking with the anticipated growth changes.

Yaney: We will be discussing this with the consultant and have them validate the data.

- *Passenger Rail Site Selection*

Yaney: We have had several meetings with Quandel the consultant on this project. We started with 6 sites, Quandel has created a matrix break all sites down on whether we are going to move forward or not.

The UP is utilizing all their rail through the yard, their main line is the closest rail line and does not support passenger rail at the Depot.

The Reed Ave corridor is that the RTD rail system would need a length of 400' to load passengers. Amtrak could come through Cheyenne along 3 tracks and they need 800' to load passengers. The consultant is recommending that it is close to downtown for walkability to the tracks.

Wiggam: I would like to see the site at the Depot or on the Reed Rail corridor.

Yaney: It is unfortunate that UP is using all their rail systems and does not want to make changes. We will have an Open House on October 8th at the Library.

Wiggam: Is UP saying no passenger rail?

Yaney: UP has 40-60 trains a day on their lines and are expecting more. BNSF is happy to have passenger rail on their lines.

Wiggam: Is there still political risk with this?

Yaney: The FRPR in Colorado has been put on hold until 2026, we are looking to get an MOU with FRPR. Amtrak is still planning to reestablish old routes.

Paulson: What about parking at the Depot?

Yaney: The dropping off of passengers has not been addressed yet. We are just identifying a site location. We will then have another study for parking and walkability.

Wiggam: Is this something we should have on the matrix? Should parking be part of this current study?

Yaney: We are looking for suggestions on what to include.

Brown: How do people get around after they get to their destination.

Wiggam: I think we are looking at parking here.

Brown: I would think our parking would be almost free.

Yaney: Once to the destination, there is private transportation companies and public transportation.

Boyd: We need to charge something for parking, but not as much as Denver.

Yaney: So, at least an overnight stay.

Yaney: At this point they are looking at parking on the street, of-site or parking garages and drop off. This is mostly for the site selection.

- *UPWP FY25*

Yaney: We have reviewed the budget and the future projects. We are looking for 4 ½ staff members, current projects and future projects, we are hoping to finish all plans in 2025 possibly carryover into FY26.

Wiggam: Any major changes from before?

Yaney: No significant changes, the budget has increased by 14k.

Motion to approve by CJ Brown, seconded by Barbara Boyd

4. **Other Business**

None

Next Meeting – November 6, 2024

Meeting adjourned 7:32pm.