

Cheyenne Metropolitan Planning Organization

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

May 21, 2025

10:00 AM

Conference Room 208



Attendance:

Voting Members:	Charles Bloom	City of Cheyenne Planning & Development Director
	Julianne Monahan	WYDOT Transportation Planner
	Vicki Bonds	Laramie County School District #1
	Craig Lavoy	City of Cheyenne Public Works
	Andrea Allen	WYDOT Project Development
	Molly Bennett	Laramie County Public Works Director
	Justin Arnold	Laramie County Program Planner
	Bryce Dorr	City of Cheyenne Board of Public Utilities
	Kristina Richardson	Mayor's Council – Disabilities Representative
	Sally Stainbank	Lowe's Trucking Industry Representative
Guests:	Erin Johnson	City of Cheyenne Transit Program
	Jeanie Shrednik	City of Cheyenne Parks & Greenway Planner
	Brenden Schaefer	WYDOT Systems Planning Engineer
	Wesley Bay	City of Cheyenne Engineering
	Tom DeHoff	AVI Engineering
	Bryce Sanchez	WYDOT Engineer
Staff:	Christopher Yaney	MPO Director
	Jennifer Corso	MPO Senior Planner
	Athen Mores	MPO Planner Transportation Specialist
	Gisele Pacheco	MPO Office Manager

Item 1: Call to Order/Roll Call

Charles Bloom, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Item 2: Introductions

Item 3: Approval of Minutes: February 19, 2025

Molly Bennett, Laramie County Public Works Director, made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 19, 2025. Jeanie Shrednik, City of Cheyenne Parks & Greenway Planner, seconded the motion.

No further discussion of the February 19, 2025, meeting minutes, and all approved at 10:04 AM.

Item 4: Membership Clarification

Christopher Yaney provided an update on the membership of voting members. He explained the requirement for three voting members each from the City of Cheyenne, Laramie County, and WYDOT. Mr. Yaney then read the current membership list for each of these entities.

Molly Bennett inquired whether designees could serve in the absence of voting members.

Mr. Yaney confirmed that a designated representative may serve in place of an absent voting member.

Jennifer Corso noted that Craig LaVoy would attend the Technical Advisory Committee meetings in place of Vicki Nemecek.

Craig LaVoy confirmed his attendance instead of Ms. Nemecek.

Mrs. Corso asked about the Transit Program, which falls within the City of Cheyenne, and questioned whether there may be an excessive number of voting members representing the city.

Mr. Yaney responded that he was unsure and would follow up with the appropriate person for clarification. He also noted that Jeanie Shrednik is another voting member from the City of Cheyenne, and he would need to verify if the number of city representatives complies with the required protocol.

Charles Bloom mentioned that Dena Hansen, representing South Cheyenne Water and Sewer, is no longer on the committee, Justin Arnold to send name of replacement.

Julianne Monahan asked which two member positions remained vacant.

Mr. Yaney stated that the two vacancies are for a Transportation Safety Representative and a Union Pacific Railroad Freight Representative.

Mr. Bloom asked if there were any further questions or discussion from the members. Hearing none.

Item 5: Safe Routes to School

Christopher Yaney presented updates on the Safe Routes to School contract modification, noting that the following schools are being added to the program:

Public Schools:

1. Willadsen Elementary (K-6) 645 Harriman Road, Granite Canyon, WY

Private Schools:

1. Cheyenne Hills Christian Academy (Pre-K - 6th Grade) 7505 US Highway 30, Cheyenne, WY
2. Cheyenne Classical Academy (K-12) 5200 Ridge Road, Cheyenne, WY
3. Destiny Christian Academy (K-12) 215 E 8th Street, Cheyenne, WY 82007
4. St Mary's Catholic School (Pre-K - 6th grade) 2200 O'Neil Ave., Cheyenne, WY
5. Laura E Mason Christian Academy (K-8) 723 Story Blvd., Cheyenne, WY
6. Trinity Lutheran Church and School (K-12) 1111 E 22nd St., Cheyenne, WY
7. Harvest Time Christian Academy (Pre-K - 4th grade) 4700 Ocean Loop, Cheyenne, WY.

The study of the eight schools are expected to conclude by the end of June 2025.

Molly Bennett asked about the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and noted that it has been signed by both the county and the city, resulting in additional funds being made available.

Mr. Yaney stated that the additional funding totals approximately \$39,000 and will be managed as a 50/50 cost share.

Charles Bloom asked whether a motion was needed for approval of the item.

Mr. Yaney clarified that no motion was required for the Safe Routes to School item.

Mr. Bloom asked if there was any further discussion or questions regarding the item. Hearing none.

Item 6: West Crow Creek Greenway

Jeanie Shrednik provided updates on the West Crow Creek Greenway project. She explained that the project was postponed due to the consultant concurrently working on the 19th Street and Missile Drive intersection project. A meeting was held last week to discuss options for crossing the corridor; however, several challenges have arisen. An open house to discuss the project will be held in July 2025 at the Laramie County Library.

Julianne Monahan asked if the contract had been extended.

Christopher Yaney explained that the contract was placed on hold due to a three-to four-month delay caused by the 19th and Missile Drive project.

Ms. Monahan asked what the new completion date would be.

Mrs. Shrednik responded that the delay may have already been accounted for within the original contract timeframe.

Charles Bloom asked if there was any further discussion or questions regarding the item. Hearing none.

Item 7: Connect 2050

Christopher Yaney provided updates on the Connect 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan, noting that Kimley-Horn is making progress using the data provided by the MPO and that the project remains on schedule for completion. Mr. Yaney also mentioned that Kimley-Horn is making minor adjustments to the model as part of the Connect 2050 program. Additionally, an open house for public input is being discussed, with a date to be determined.

Charles Bloom asked if there were any further questions or discussion regarding the item. Hearing none.

Item 8: Online Citizens Advisory Committee

Christopher Yaney explained the process and reasoning for transitioning the Committee to an online platform. He noted that the new platform will allow citizens to provide input by completing surveys, reviewing projects, and submitting comments on plans without the need to attend evening meetings. The online platform is intended to encourage greater public engagement. Since the launch of the online Committee, 20 members have signed up. Additionally, the Committee's Bylaws have been revised to reflect the transition to the online format and now require adoption. He also noted that a clause in the Bylaws states that if the online platform does not function as intended, the matter will be brought back to the Policy Committee to consider reestablishing a Citizens Advisory Committee that meets four times per year.

Julianne Monahan suggested that the Bylaws include a provision stating that nonparticipation may be grounds for dismissal.

Mr. Yaney responded that individuals who no longer wish to participate have the option to unsubscribe from committee emails, as outlined in the current guidelines.

Charles Bloom asked if there were any further questions or discussion regarding the item. Hearing none.

Item 9: Title VI

Jennifer Corso provided information regarding Title VI, a federally mandated program addressing nondiscrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or income status. She also mentioned that Title VI must be updated every three years, and the new document is available online.

Charles Bloom asked whether the attachments in the document had been changed.

Mrs. Corso responded that the attachments are the originally adopted versions, but the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be updated to reflect the new TIP document

Julianne Monahan, WYDOT Transportation Planner, made the motion to approve the Title VI Plan as presented, noting that Exhibit B will be updated to include the revised Transportation Improvement Program document. Molly Bennett, Laramie County Public Works Director, seconded the motion.

Mr. Bloom asked if there was any further discussion or questions regarding the item. Hearing none.

Roll Call: The motion to approve the item was passed unanimously.

Item 10: Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Jennifer Corso provided information regarding the Transportation Improvement Program, a federally mandated document outlining a four-year project list for the city, city transit, county, and WYDOT.

Charles Bloom asked if there were any highlights that should be shared.

Mrs. Corso highlighted the maps included in the update.

Erin Johnson commented on the Transit Asset section, noting that the lighting project has been removed as an active project for the time being. The project will proceed, but not for several years.

Jeanie Shrednik asked about the numbers related to the four-year grants on page thirty-three and how those figures were calculated.

Mrs. Corso explained that the numbers are calculated using data from the city, transit, and county to determine the cost for each item specifically associated with the grants.

Mrs. Shrednik added that the document lists all estimated funds expected to be available from the federal government. She also noted that the document does not specify how much is being requested over the next four years but rather outlines the federal funding that will be available.

Julianne Monahan commented that the document also includes state and local cost allocations.

Molly Bennett noted that the section on the four-year grant amounts is a summary page reflecting the total funding available within those grants.

Mr. Bloom asked if there were any further questions or discussion regarding the item. Hearing none.

Justin Arnold, Laramie County Program Planner, made the motion to approve the Transportation Improvement Program Plan as presented, noting the amendment to remove the statement regarding the bus station lighting and to allow for any additional edits. Craig LaVoy, City of Cheyenne Public Works, seconded the motion.

Roll Call: The motion to approve the item was passed unanimously.

Item 11: Local Construction Projects – Update

Wesley Bay, City of Cheyenne Engineer, noted that an additional mill and overlay project will take place on Cheshire, located north of Pershing and south of the airport.

Molly Bennett, Laramie County Public Works Director, reported that paving at Archer Parkway, near the Events Center at the Archer Complex, has been completed. Paving on Road 142 is also complete. The design for Wallick and Division is still in progress, and while updates on the associated grant opportunity have not been received, design and right-of-way negotiations are ongoing. Ms. Bennett also noted that Laramie County is currently in the design phase for the Chalk Bluff Road construction project, but the construction timeline is still uncertain.

Construction on Road 164, part of the 6th Penny Project, is anticipated, though the schedule has yet to be determined.

Charles Bloom asked if there were any further questions or discussion regarding the item.

Erin Johnson asked whether the listed projects are part of the current fiscal year.

Christopher Yaney confirmed that the projects are part of the current fiscal year.

Bryce Dorr, City of Cheyenne Board of Public Utilities, noted that a new tank project and pipeline work on Storey Boulevard will require the closure of multiple lanes.

Mr. Bloom asked if a timeline had been established.

Mr. Dorr responded that mobilization is expected around August 2025, though it is still unclear whether the project will begin on Storey Boulevard or Western Hills Boulevard.

Mr. Bloom provided an update on Transit Program development planned for next year on Westland, noting that funding will soon become available.

Erin Johnson added comments on the process of securing funding and the collaboration required with FTA funding sources.

Mr. Bloom asked if there were any further questions or discussion. Hearing none.

Item 12: Other Business

Charles Bloom opened the meeting for any other business from staff or members.

Molly Bennett asked about additional projects.

Christopher Yaney provided an overview of additional ongoing projects, detailing recent changes and the corresponding funding sources.

Mr. Bloom asked if there were any further questions or discussion.

Julianne Monahan asked whether the county had provided updated figures for the STPU Sequence List or if those numbers were still outstanding.

Mr. Yaney stated that, following a discussion with Molly Bennett regarding the county project, the current figures have been updated and aligned with the grant submittal.

Ms. Monahan also noted that the dollar amount for the High Plains reconstruction project has been updated to a total of \$12,626.00.

Mr. Bloom asked if there were any additional questions or discussion. Hearing none.

Next Meeting: August 20, 2025

Item 13: Meeting Adjourned: 10:45 AM