

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (CTAB)

November 1, 2016

Transit Administration Building located at 1015 Transit Drive, Large Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM: Meeting was called to order at 2:45 p.m.

Members Present: Brian Risley, Tony Gioia, Kyle Blakely, Scott Barnhart, June Waller arrived at 2:45 p.m., Steve Murray arrived at 2:55 p.m.

Staff Present: Tim Roberts, Traffic Engineering; Kate Brady, Traffic Engineering; Brian Vitulli, Transit; Carl Schueler, Planning; Marc Smith, City Attorney's Office; Aaron Egbert, City Engineering; Ryan Phipps, City Engineering; Kelli Patrick, Public Works

Others Present: Jennifer Valentine (PPACG), Carlos Perez, Dave Nordstrom, Allen Beauchamp, Jonas Hedlind, Roger Reddish, Adam Jeffrey, Stephanie Surch, Dan Krueger, Tom Kennedy, Mary Beth Clark, Rebecca Marshall

II. CITIZEN COMMENT:

- Rebecca Marshall stated she represents 944 people in the Briargate area. She started Restore Research on Facebook and there are 944 signatures on the petition to restore Research to six lanes. They are gaining momentum and do not intend to stop.
- Mary Beth Clark stated she lives on the only street without a signal to turn onto Research. Four lanes make it harder to turn onto Research. She said any time she sees bicycles on Research, they are on the sidewalk. She stated there was no notice that this was occurring.
- Jonas Hedlind stated he knew about the changes through his HOA.
- Allen Beauchamp with Bike Colorado Springs thanked City staff for taking on this pilot project. He supports the demonstration project running its course. The City is collecting data and has made adjustments along the way. This was identified in the PPACG non-motorized transportation study. As bicycle advocate he has gotten a lot of feedback regarding having good infrastructure for bikes. Bike Colorado Springs supports the project.
- Carlos Perez stated he is part of Friends of Research. He stated 30% of residents in the area are under the age of 18. There's a need for safe bike infrastructure for the kids. There is some division within the neighborhood, but wants to make sure the process is followed. If the 6 lanes are restored, they are back to a high speed arterial. The City needs kid friendly infrastructure.
- Adam Jeffry stated he's on the board of directors for Southern Colorado Velo, and would like to echo following the process. He commended the City for taking such a forward thinking step. Hopes the City continued to look to the future no matter how this project pans out. Want a more walkable, more livable city for all modes of transportation.
- Tom Kennedy advised that under Colorado law cyclists have the same rights as motorists. Need to recognize roads are not only designed for automobiles but for cyclists as well. If there were a shoulder on Research where cyclists could ride safely that would be fine, but on a roadway where people are driving an average of 55 mph, it's dangerous, and sidewalks are not an

alternative provided by Colorado law. If there's no shoulder, you are entitled to use the right traffic lane.

- Jennifer Valentine the PPACG has just acquired safety analysis software and they started analyzing all the intersections of Colorado Springs. It was noted that Colorado Springs has an exceptionally high accident rate, especially injury and fatality accidents. One of the main reasons is the local roadways are over built. It's important for the City to continue to collect the data whether right sizing the roads can help with the safety issue.

Board Member Comments

- Tony Gioia asked if, after hearing both sides of this, would it be appropriate for CTAB to put on a future meeting to recommend looking at acceleration lanes, or the lack of.
- Tim Roberts advised the data will be looked at in January, and may be a topic of conversation in February, however this is a safety project and the design elements are really traffic engineering. When you add acceleration lanes, speeds may go up. Traffic Engineering is monitoring the roadway.
- Brian Risley stated his personal opinion is to let the process play out, and not short circuit things.
- Scott Barnhart stated it sounds like everyone wants the same thing; as safe a road as possible. He advised he works in the area and the speeds there were crazy. He's not sure it has slowed down as much as wanted yet, but it has definitely slowed down a little bit. He would like to see at least three months to see how it plays out. Six lanes for traffic volumes that barely justifies four lanes is a recipe for really high speeds.
- June Waller asked about speeds in residential areas.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- The October report from PPRTA was given by Scott Barnhart and Tony Gioia, not Kyle Blakely and Tony Gioia.
- The comment from Rick Hoover in Staff and Board Member Communications was stricken, as this was from the previous meeting.
- **Mr. Gioia motions to approve the minutes as revised, Mr. Murray seconds; motion passes unanimously.**

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Public Works Dashboard

B. Transit Report

- Mr. Risley advised Mountain Metro has been working to identify a new site for a Downtown Station. They are down to three possible sites, and are looking for a CTAB member to be on a steering committee.
- Brian Vitulli advised the steering committee will be appointed by the Mayor. A list of CTAB members interested will be sent to him for vetting.
- Tony Gioia, Steve Murray, and Scott Barnhart volunteered.

C. PPRTA CAC Monthly Report (Verbal Report)

- The minutes from the CAC meeting were given as the Monthly Report.

D. ATAC Report

- There were no comments.

E. Airport Advisory Commission Report (No Report)

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

Chair

- There was discussion regarding Mr. Risley's term expiration and who would serve as Chair if he were not reappointed by City Council.
- There was discussion regarding City Council interviewing finalists for CTAB.
- **Mr. Murray nominates Brian Risley as Chair. Mr. Blakely seconds; motion passes unanimously**

Vice Chair

- **Ms. Waller nominates Tony Gioia as Vice chair. Mr. Barnhart seconds; motion passes unanimously**

2nd Vice Chair

- **Mr. Barnhart nominates Steve Murray as Second Vice Chair. Mr. Gioia seconds; motion passes unanimously**

B. Ethics Provisos

- Marc Smith from the City Attorney's Office gave a brief presentation to the Board regarding an overview on the code of ethics.

C. Consent Item Reporting

- Tim Roberts advised a CTAB member is needed to report on the Airport Advisory Committee.
- June Waller stated she is interested but will need to know when the meetings are to see if she would be available.
- PPRTA CAC report will consist of the CAC meeting minutes. Scott Barnhart will forward the minutes to Tim Roberts or have Rick Sonnenberg send them.
- ATAC – Kyle Blakely stated he has been unable to attend ATAC meetings, and would like to see one of the new CTAB members participate in his place.

D. Shooks Run Master Plan

- Aaron Egbert and Dan Krueger presented a Shooks Run Master Plan update.
- They described some of the challenges.
- The community has been very involved and the neighborhood wants a connection with the water.
- The plan is split into five sections because each one has some character.
- There has been a lot of discussion regarding the privately owned property along the channel and it has not been decided yet whether the City would purchase the property or some other options for maintenance.
- A lot of different funding sources have been identified.
- City staff has reviewed the document.
- This will go to City Council in January.
- There was discussion regarding how development along the channel would be regulated.
- Discussion also ensued regarding how to keep replaced infrastructure from becoming obsolete before completion, and how fast the plan can be completed.
- There were questions regarding how much of the plan would be government projects.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- **None**

VII. STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS COMMUNICATIONS:

- June Waller remarked on the condition of the buses on Route 1.
- June Waller also mentioned it would be nice to have some type of shuttle for bus routes with a high concentration of senior citizens.
- Tim Roberts mentioned El Paso County is wrapping up their major thoroughfare corridor plan so he will send everyone a link to it.

VIII. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE AND TOPICS

- Shooks Run recommendation.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.