

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (CTAB)**  
September 1, 2015

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

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I. **CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM:** Meeting was called to order at 2:33 p.m.

**Members Present:** Brian Risley, Jim Egbert, Mary Washington, Rick Hoover, Steve Murray, Scott Barnhart (Alternate), Kyle Blakely arrived at 2:40

**Staff Present:** Tim Roberts, Sr. Transportation Planner; Travis Easton, Public Works Director; Aaron Egbert, City Engineering; Alex Pellegrino, City Engineering; Kelli Patrick, Admin Tech; Brian Vitulli, Transit Planning Supervisor; Craig Blewitt, Transit Services Manager; Carl Schueler, City Planning; Brenda Roy, City Engineering; Penny Dresselhaus, City Engineering;

**Others Present:** Susan Davies, TOPS

- **II. CITIZEN COMMENT:** Jim Egbert addressed the Board as a private citizen. He advised he had been involved in a focus group for the Downtown Master Plan last week. He stated he believes he was the only one who doesn't live near Downtown. As the City is over 195 square miles, and County is around 2000 square miles, he feels the plan needs to include the transportation system. He stated not everyone is going to walk to ride bikes to get to the Downtown area. He talked to Sarah Harris at the meeting and she would be happy to come to a CTAB meeting and talk about the Downtown Plan.

The Board discussed adding this to the October agenda, as Ms. Harris is presenting to the ATAC at their September meeting and was already planning on presenting at the October CTAB meeting. Tim Roberts mentioned a workshop being held around September 15<sup>th</sup>. There was further discussion regarding what is being included in the Downtown Plan such as parking and Transit.

- Susan Davies stated the team working on the Downtown Plan is a good team and is looking at making the Downtown more walkable and bike friendly.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Copies of comments from Jim Egbert suggesting amendments to the minutes from the last meeting were distributed. Mr. Egbert stated he felt the minutes made it sound like they wanted \$500,000 for an unknown purpose. Also the motion by Mr. Gioia wasn't that an alternative funding source be found to the exclusion of PPRTA money, he wanted to broaden it so in addition to PPRTA funding, other alternatives be considered. He also stated that at the June meeting public transportation doesn't fund itself; Transit is not self-sustaining and the alternative plan would be.
- There were no comments or corrections from other Board members.
- **Mr. Egbert motions to amend the minutes as suggested by Mr. Egbert and approve them. Mr. Hoover seconds; motion passes 5-1 with Ms. Washington opposed.**

#### **IV. CONSENT ITEMS**

##### **A. Transit Report**

- There were no comments.

##### **B. PPRTA CAC Monthly Report**

- Mr. Egbert commented that the May revenues were \$40,000 less than the revised budget, and in June they were \$601,000 greater than the revised budget.

##### **C. ATAC Report**

- There were no comments.

##### **D. Airport Advisory Commission Report**

- Mr. Hoover briefed the Board that they are breaking ground on one of the airplane hangars today, and they are within 1 lease of having the entire West side leased.
- They have to find room to park three 747's.
- There are 147 aircraft registered for the Private Pilots Association event in September. Colorado Springs is one of five in the nation that has this event.
- Passenger numbers are down, but new contracts with the airlines will be in December and they are expecting an increase in 2016.
- Susan Davies asked if these reports could be made available somewhere online.

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Academy/Hancock PEL Study**

- Carl Schueler gave a presentation to the Board about the PEL Study regarding the Academy/Hancock intersection.
- He advised that the intersection has a fairly high crash rate compared to other intersections in the city.
- He further described the alternatives, and what the preferred alternative was after stakeholder meetings.
- There was discussion and questions from the Board regarding Transit facilities, utilities, and subsurface issues.
- He advised that the cost is just over \$1M, and funding options are the challenge.
- The information is on the City's website.

##### **B. Infill and Redevelopment Steering Committee**

- Carl Schueler distributed copies of the recommendation summary.
- He also gave a brief presentation to the Board.
- He advised a Draft Plan should be completed by the end of the year.

##### **C. Public Works Dashboard**

- City Public Works Director Travis Easton advised the Board that when he was looking at the previous Public Works "Dashboard" he had noticed some inaccuracies in the figures that were presented. Therefore, a new Public Works Dashboard has been created.

- Penny Dresselhaus distributed copies of the new dashboard and gave the following definitions:  
Encumbered: the funds are there and identified for a use, often part of a contract that has been set aside with a purchase order.  
Unobligated: not set aside as part of a contract.
- Mr. Egbert asked if the data on the dashboard included operating expenses. Mr. Easton stated it did not. Penny walked the Board through the various graphs and charts.
- The Board will review these and advise if they would like more information.

#### **D. Chestnut Street Sinkhole**

- Aaron Egbert updated the Board on the Chestnut Street Sinkhole.
- Mr. Aaron Egbert described what had occurred, and the extent of the damage.
- He advised this project had been placed on the PPRTA project list.
- Due to the failure, PPRTA has approved \$500,000 to accelerate the project design.
- The decision was made to replace rather than temporarily repair the culvert.
- Mr. Egbert described some of the options.
- He further advised the project will take a while to complete.
- There was discussion regarding detour issues for the citizens and Transit.

#### **VI. OLD BUSINESS: None**

#### **VII. STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS COMMUNICATIONS**

- Parry Thomas is moving and will no longer be able to participate in CTAB.
- Selection of Officers is coming up in October or November.
- Tim Roberts will get the term limit information from City Council staff.
- Kyle Blakely advised that his schedule has not allowed him to attend ATAC.
- Mr. Hoover advised he knows someone who would like to join ATAC. Tim Roberts advised she should contact him.
- Tim Roberts advised the Popcycle Bridge will be opened up this weekend.
- Rick Hoover stated Rock Island trail by Academy and Murray needs to be maintained.

#### **VIII. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE AND TOPICS**

- Downtown Master Plan
- Term Limits
- Ethics Training

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.