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CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 6, 2011 – 1:30 p.m.

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Main Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT

El Paso County HAC

Mr. Scott Turner
Mr. Steve Hicks
Mr. Brian L.A. Wess

Citizen-at-Large Alternates

Ms. Ann DeVere
Mr. Mitch Christiansen
Mr. Jay Lower
Mr. Brian Risley

Colorado Springs CTAB

Mr. John Nuwer
Mr. Rick Hoover

Citizens-at-Large

Mr. Tom Harold, Chair
Mr. David Chestnutt
Mr. Donald Feigel, 2nd Vice Chair
Ms. Bev Johnson

Town of Ramah

Ms. Cindy Tompkins

City of Manitou Springs

Mr. Ray Ferguson
Ms. Amy Filipiak

Town of Green Mountain Falls

Mr. Robert McArthur

MEMBERS ABSENT

Citizens-at-Large

Mr. Tom Rogers, 1st Vice Chair

Town of Ramah

Mr. Dennis Carpenter

Colorado Springs CTAB

Mr. Jim Egbert

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff of Member Governments and Citizens

PIKES PEAK RTA STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, Program/Contracts Manager
Ms. Beverly Majewski, Financial Manager
Ms. Jacquelyn Puett, Program Assistant

1. Call to Order

Mr. Tom Harold established a quorum, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., and read the objectives of the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority Citizen Advisory Committee.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Scott Turner made a motion, seconded by Mr. John Nuwer, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment Period for Items Not on the Agenda

Ms. Lynn Hopeman, Chair of the PPACG Coordination Committee on Specialized Transportation (CCOST) and President of Accessible Coordinated Transportation (ACT) of the Pikes Peak region, provided the Committee with an update on the progress of ACT.

Mr. Ray Krueger, Green Cities Coalition, Transportation Working Group, announced the group is launching a program for lightweight unmanned vehicles for use in neighborhood settings (within a 5 mile radius of a shopping center or community center). The vehicle is currently being built in Spain based on a design by MIT.

Mr. Scott Turner thanked Mr. Mitch Christiansen, a current RTA CAC member, and Mr. David Munger, a previous RTA CAC member, for their run in the recent City of Colorado Springs mayoral election.

4. Approval of the March 2, 2011, Regular Meeting Minutes

Ms. Beverly Johnson requested the following correction be made to item 5B on page 2: the minutes do not reflect whether the motion passed or failed.

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, Pikes Peak RTA Program/Contracts Manager, stated his notes show the motion passed unanimously, and the minutes will be revised to reflect the outcome.

Mr. Donald Feigel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ray Ferguson, to approve the March 2, 2011, meeting minutes with the above change noted. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Financial Reports

Ms. Beverly Majewski, Pikes Peak RTA Financial Manager, presented the financial reports. The PPRTA received \$4,525,800 in January sales and use tax receipts, which was \$104,003 or 2.4% over the monthly budget. Year-to-date actual figures compared to budget were \$23,706 or .52% below the same period last year.

6. 2011 Capital, Maintenance, and Public Transportation Contracts

A. City of Colorado Springs

Mr. Mike Chaves, City Engineering Staff, requested approval of the following four contracts:

- 1) COBITCO, Inc., Maintenance (contract to furnish emulsified asphalt): \$500,000.00 (Not to Exceed)
- 2) CMS, Capital (construction contract for Highway 24 and 26th Street intersection improvements): \$127,964.00
- 3) AM Signal/Wesco Distribution, Maintenance (Citywide Safety and Traffic Operations – Vendors will furnish all labor, materials, equipment, tools, supplies, and services required to provide 2011 Traffic Signal Equipment for school flashers and pedestrian poles.): AM Signal - \$28, 712.50 (Not to Exceed) / Wesco Distribution - \$14,937.50 (Not to Exceed)
- 4) T-P Enterprises, Maintenance (on-call maintenance of completed PPRTA capital projects): \$82,355.00

Mr. Mitch Christiansen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Steve Hicks, to approve a positive recommendation to the Board for contracts one, two, and three. The motion passed unanimously.

Regarding contract four, the Committee discussed at length whether the snow and trash removal portion of the contract qualified as a valid use of PPRTA maintenance funds on the completed PPRTA-funded capital projects or whether it is the City's responsibility to fund snow and trash removal. Numerous motions were made and rescinded or died for lack of a second.

The Committee postponed the vote on contract four until later in the meeting so that additional background information could be presented.

7. Member Government and Other Reports

A. City of Colorado Springs Project Delivery Processes for Capital Projects

At the Committee's request, Mr. Mike Chaves, City Engineering Staff, presented a series of flow charts outlining the basic steps involved in delivering a complete PPRTA Capital Improvement Project.

Chair Tom Harold requested the Committee members review the information over a period of time and ask for further clarification at a subsequent meeting.

B. City of Colorado Springs Bridge Program Overview Presentation

Mr. Brian L.A. Wess arrived at the meeting at 2:39 p.m.

Mr. Dan Krueger, along with Mr. Aaron Egbert and Mr. Fred Popovich, City of Colorado Springs, gave a presentation on the City of Colorado Springs' Bridge Program, which included the status of the bridges in the City as well as the scope of repairs needed. Mr. Krueger discussed the need for a long-range plan that will determine which bridges will be listed a priority for repair.

Mr. Brian Risley departed the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

C. City of Colorado Springs Monthly Change Order and Property Acquisition Report

This was an information item.

D. El Paso County Monthly Change Order and Property Acquisition Report

This was an information item.

E. City of Colorado Springs Transit Services Monthly Update

Mr. Craig Blewitt, Interim Director, Mountain Metropolitan Transit, presented the monthly report, highlighting increased FREX ridership, local fixed route and limited Saturday service, ADA ridership, and Ute Pass Express figures.

6A. City of Colorado Springs 2011 Capital, Maintenance, and Public Transportation Contracts

The Committee resumed discussion of contract four (on-call maintenance of completed PPRTA capital projects). Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, Pikes Peak RTA Program/Contracts Manager, distributed a copy of PPRTA Policy #15 as well as a PPRTA memorandum, dated November 14, 2007, and a City of Colorado Springs memorandum, dated October 26, 2007, which discuss the magnitude of maintenance needed for completed PPRTA Capital Projects.

After discussion, Mr. John Nuwer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scott Turner, to recommend the Board of Directors approve contract four. The motion failed with an 8-8 vote. Chairman Harold stated he would advise the Board of the CAC's concerns.

8. Administrative Actions and Reports

A. Report of Recent Board Actions

This was an information item.

Mr. Mitch Christiansen departed the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Ms. Amy Filipiak departed the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Mr. Robert McArthur departed the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

B. Draft 2011 Annual Report to the Citizens

The Committee members reviewed the draft 2011 annual report and offered comments regarding the content and layout of the report.

Mr. Don Feigel requested a “bullet” be added to the Metro Transit page regarding specialized transportation. Mr. Craig Blewitt of Mountain Metro Transit offered the wording for the “bullet.”

Mr. John Nuwer stated he felt the document was far too technical for the purpose of public outreach.

Mr. Jay Lower suggested the report be divided into the following four categories: 1) Congestion relief; 2) Safety enhancements; 3) Public transit; 4) In design.

Mr. Scott Turner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Bev Johnson, to recommend the Board of Directors approve the 2011 Annual Report to the Citizens as presented with the addition of the “bullet” regarding specialized transportation offered by Mr. Craig Blewitt. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Public Outreach Subcommittee Monthly Report

This item was postponed until the May meeting.

D. Staff Field Review Report

This was an information item.

9. Proposed Resolution by CAC Member

This item was postponed until the May meeting. Mr. Christiansen, the CAC member proposing the resolution, requested the item be moved up on the May agenda so that it would not be postponed again.

10. Communications

There were none.

11. Adjournment

Chair Tom Harold adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m.