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CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 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

Citizen-at-Large Alternates

Ms. Ann DeVere

Mr. Jay Lower

Mr. Brian Risley

Colorado Springs CTAB

Mr. Jim Egbert

Mr. Rick Hoover

Town of Ramah

Mr. Dennis Carpenter

Citizen-at-Large

Mr. Tom Rogers, 1st Vice Chair

Mr. Donald Feigel, 2nd Vice Chair

Mr. David Chestnutt

City of Manitou Springs

Mr. Ray Ferguson

Ms. Amy Filipiak

Town of Green Mountain Falls

Mr. Robert McArthur

Mr. Brian L.A. Wess

MEMBERS ABSENT

Colorado Springs CTAB

Mr. John Nuwer

Citizens-at-Large

Mr. Tom Harold, Chair

Ms. Bev Johnson

Town of Ramah

Ms. Cindy Tompkins

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 Rogers 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. Tom Rogers reviewed a request to relocate Item 8B, Discussion of F.O.R.T. Steering Committee Recommendations, to Item 6C.

Mr. Brian L.A. Wess made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donald Feigel, to approve the agenda as revised. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment Period for Items Not on the Agenda

Mr. Brian L.A. Wess stated that he no longer represents the Highway Advisory Commission on the CAC. He is now a representative of the Town of Green Mountain Falls.

4. Approval of the June 1, 2011, Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Jim Egbert made a request to revise Item 7E to include Mr. Andy Garton's explanation that no PPRTA funds are utilized outside of the PPRTA boundaries to provide the FREX transit service.

Mr. Brian L.A. Wess made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donald Feigel, to approve the June 1, 2011, meeting minutes with the above revision. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Financial Reports

Ms. Beverly Majewski, Pikes Peak RTA Financial Manager, presented the financial reports. The PPRTA received \$5,557,482 in April sales and use tax receipts, which was \$542,124 or 10.8% over the monthly budget. Year-to-date actual figures were \$1,661,962 above the 2011 budget and 5.5% above the same period last year.

6. 2011 Capital, Maintenance, and Public Transportation Contracts

A. City of Colorado Springs

Mr. Mike Chavez, City Engineering Staff, requested approval of the following two contracts:

- 1) Land Title Guaranty Company as Escrow Agent for James R. Marmillion and Ted Travnicsek and Craig Hurd, Capital (Hancock Avenue Bridge over Templeton Gap Floodway): \$100,000.00 (PPRTA Portion)
- 2) Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig, Capital (Roadway Safety and Traffic Ops): \$226,949.00

Mr. Donald Feigel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scott Turner, to approve a positive recommendation to the Board for the two contracts. The motion passed unanimously.

B. El Paso County

Ms. Jennifer Irvine, El Paso County Engineering Staff, requested approval of the following two contracts:

- 1) Rocky Mountain Materials and Asphalt, Capital (Stapleton Road-West, Eastonville to US-24): \$135,130.13
- 2) Stantec Consulting, Inc., Capital (County Line Road): \$303,581.00

Mr. Brian L.A. Wess made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jay Lower, to approve a positive recommendation to the Board of Directors for the two contracts. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Discussion of F.O.R.T. Steering Committee Recommendations

Mr. Craig Blewitt, Mountain Metro Transit, City of Colorado Springs, and Mr. Ray Krueger, Green Cities Coalition, Transportation Working Group, gave a presentation on the final recommendations of the 10-month study conducted by a Steering Committee consisting of 25 individuals from key local agencies and non-profit organizations. The purpose of the Study was to engage the community in a discussion to determine the desired role of transit in the region and to build consensus on the most appropriate governance and funding structures to support regional transit services. Public outreach and a close examination of transit services in peer communities were important components of the Study.

The committee engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding a potential change in the governing body and funding source for the region's transit system.

Mr. Scott Turner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jim Egbert, to amend the agenda to change this item from an information item to an action item. The motion passed by a 14/1 vote.

Mr. Jay Lower made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scott Turner, to inform the Board that it is the CAC's opinion that the City of Colorado Springs should restore the transit funding to the 2008 level before there is any PPRTA discussion of the FORT Study recommendations. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Steve Hicks departed the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

7. Member Government and Other Reports

A. City of Colorado Springs Mountain Metro Route 9 Pedestrian/Transit Accessibility and Bicycle Lanes Project – Grant Match

Mr. Andy Garton, Mountain Metro Transit, Transit Business Administrator, presented the City of Colorado Springs request to use \$43,647 in PPRTA local matching funds toward the Mountain Metro Route 9 Pedestrian/Transit Accessibility and Bicycle Lanes Project. The federal grant-funded project will improve pedestrian and bicycle safety by constructing missing sidewalks, installing ADA-compliant curb ramps and transit pads, and complete the bicycle lane corridor along Mount View. In addition, it will improve neighborhood, transit, school, park/trail and UCCS campus access.

Mr. Scott Turner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ray Ferguson, to approve the City of Colorado Springs request. The motion passed unanimously.

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

This was an information item.

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

This was an information item.

D. City of Colorado Springs Transit Services Monthly Update

Mr. Andy Garton, Mountain Metro Transit (MMT), Transit Business Administrator, presented the monthly report and highlighted, in comparison to the same period last year, FREX is up in fare box revenue by 45.7%. May was Military Appreciation Month and approximately 2650 eligible riders were served. Bike to Work Day was held on June 15th and approximately 1150 people signed up to participate, including seven of the nine City of Colorado Springs Councilmembers. The funding for the Ute Pass Express service is depleted and MMT is recommending that service be discontinued. If discontinued, the service vehicles will be utilized for future service expansion.

8. Administrative Actions and Reports

A. Report of Recent Board Actions

This was an information item. There were no questions.

B. Public Outreach Subcommittee Monthly Report

Mr. Brian L.A. Wess reported that the subcommittee met twice over the past month to begin the process of the PPRTA Capital Program renewal and, at the last meeting, the subcommittee adopted a draft timetable which incorporates a timetable from the City as well as some recommendations from PPRTA staff. The timetable is designed to meet the deadline of the 2012 election.

Mr. Brian L.A. Wess made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rob McArthur to change item 8B from an information item to an action item. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Scott Turner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ray Ferguson, to forward the draft timetable to the Board of Directors for their approval, with the caveat that if they see any issues, they bring them back to the Committee for consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Staff Field Review Report

This was an information item.

9. Communications

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, Pikes Peak RTA Program/Contracts Manager, distributed an updated copy of the PPRTA Board policies.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Tom Rogers adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.