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CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 1, 2012 – 1:30 p.m.

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Main Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT

El Paso County HAC

Mr. Steve Hicks
Mr. Scott Turner

Citizen-at-Large Alternates

Mr. Jay Lower
Mr. Brian Risley

Colorado Springs CTAB

Mr. Jim Egbert
Mr. Rick Hoover
Mr. John Nuwer

Citizens-at-Large

Mr. Tom Rogers, 1st Vice Chair
Mr. Donald Feigel, 2nd Vice Chair
Ms. Bev Johnson
Mr. David Chestnutt

Town of Green Mountain Falls

Mr. Robert McArthur
Mr. Brian L.A. Wess

City of Manitou Springs

Ms. Amy Filipiak
Mr. Ray Ferguson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Citizen-at-Large Alternates

Ms. Ann DeVere

Town of Ramah

Mr. Dennis Carpenter
Ms. Cindy Tompkins

Citizens-at-Large

Mr. Tom Harold, Chair

El Paso County HAC

Dr. James Null

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

First Vice Chair Tom Rogers established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

There was a motion by Mr. Don Feigel, seconded by Mr. Scott Turner, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment Period for Items Not on the Agenda

Mr. Ray Krueger, Green Cities Coalition, announced a special meeting with State Transportation Commissioner Les Gruen on Wednesday, February 8, 2012, 1:30 p.m. at City Hall, council chambers.

Mr. John Nuwer stated the Colorado Biking Summit will be held in Denver on February 6th and 7th.

Ms. Amy Filipiak announced a new Snow Angels Program, a pilot program to clear sidewalks around six schools in the region, and requested residents near those schools network to obtain volunteers for the program.

Mr. Ray Krueger announced that the State had released the final draft of the State Rail Plan. Public comments for the plan must be made by February 10, 2012.

Mr. Tom Rogers distributed "10 firsts for Colorado Springs community in 2011" as an example of positive publicity in relation to possible PPRTA public outreach.

Mr. John Nuwer mentioned the May or June CONO meeting would be devoted to discussing the PPRTA's accomplishments. The meeting may be held at PPACG.

4. Approval of Minutes from January 4, 2012, Regular Meeting

There was a motion by Mr. Donald Feigel, seconded by Ms. Bev Johnson, to approve the January 4, 2012, regular meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Financial Reports

Ms. Beverly Majewski, Pikes Peak RTA Financial Manager, presented the financial reports. The PPRTA received \$5,488,444 in November sales and use tax receipts, which was \$138,600 or 2.5% below the amended monthly budget. Year-to-date actual figures were \$711,892 below the amended 2011 budget and 3.42% above the same period in 2010.

6. 2012 Capital, Maintenance, and Public Transportation Contracts

A. City of Colorado Springs

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

- 1) Stewart Title as Escrow Agent for Cecil H. Brown, Capital (Vincent Extension and Bridge): \$121,084.00
- 2) Schanel Construction, Inc., Maintenance (Bridge Repair and Maintenance): \$ 415,892.00 (\$165,892 PPRTA Portion)
- 3) US Standard Sign, Maintenance (Citywide safety and Traffic Operations): \$203,968.30

Mr. Brian L.A. Wess arrived at the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

There were questions on all three contracts: 1) the land acquisition settlement in contract one; 2) the railroad's responsibility in relation to the bridge repair in contract two; and 3) the sign work in contract three. Mr. Dan Krueger, City of Colorado Springs, was present to address questions on contract two, which was discussed at length.

Mr. Scott Turner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brian L.A. Wess, to approve a positive recommendation to the Board for the three contracts. Mr. David Chestnutt requested the vote for the contracts be bifurcated in order to consider contract #2 separately.

Mr. Scott Turner amended his motion to approve a positive recommendation to the Board for contracts one and three. Mr. Brian L.A. Wess seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Don Feigel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jim Egbert, to approve a positive recommendation to the Board for contract two. The motion did not pass, with seven members in support and eight opposed.

B. El Paso County

Mr. André Brackin, County Engineer, requested approval of the following contract:

1) Various vendors, Maintenance (Aggregate Contract): \$480,000.00

Ms. Bev Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scott Turner, to recommend the Board of Directors approve the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Member Government and Other Reports

A. Maintenance of Effort Presentations

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, Pikes Peak RTA Program/Contracts Manager, requested the Committee provide a recommendation to the Board for the maintenance of effort reports as provided by the member governments.

Mr. Brian L.A. Wess made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scott Turner, to recommend the Board accept the maintenance of effort reports from the Town of Ramah, El Paso County, the Town of Green Mountain Falls, and the City of Manitou Springs as having met the maintenance of effort provision.

Mr. Jay Lower inquired about El Paso County's operations expenditures, the decrease in the mill levy for "road and bridge" from 2004, and the increase in insurance and pension funds. Mr. André Brackin replied to the budget inquiry and the shift in funds with respect to adjustments in the County's services and operations. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Scott Turner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brian L.A. Wess, to recommend the Board of Directors decline to accept the City of Colorado Springs' report asserting that it did not meet the maintenance of effort provision. The motion passed by a 10-5 vote.

B. City of Colorado Springs Request to Use PPRTA Funds for a Grant Match on the Woodmen Road Corridor Project

Mr. Dan Krueger, City of Colorado Springs, was on hand to answer questions regarding the City's request to use PPRTA funds as a grant match for the Woodmen Road Corridor Phase 2 project.

Ms. Bev Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jay Lower, to recommend the Board of Directors approve the request from the City of Colorado Springs. The motion passed unanimously.

C. City of Colorado Springs Transit Services Monthly Update

Mr. Craig Blewitt, Transit Division Manager, Mountain Metro Transit, presented the monthly report including information on service changes in local and FREX routes. The Mayor's Transit Solutions Team is having success testing smaller buses on three out of four of the test routes. Feedback will be obtained from riders, drivers, and dispatchers as to whether the smaller buses meet capacity needs. Mr. Blewitt stated there would be a price change for the City's vanpool service and transit service to the City of Fountain will cease at the beginning of April 2012.

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

This was an information item.

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

This was an information item.

8. Administrative Actions and Reports

A. Report of Recent Board Actions

This was an information item.

B. Draft Annual Report of CAC Activities

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, Pikes Peak RTA Program/Contracts Manager, presented the draft 2011 Annual CAC Report to the Board of Directors for the Committee's consideration along with comments received from several CAC members. Mr. Don Feigel noted a typo which needs to be revised.

Mr. Brian L.A. Wess made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jim Egbert, to approve the Annual Report of CAC Activities, as revised, for presentation to the Board of Directors at their February 8, 2012, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Staff Field Review Report

This was an information item.

9. Communications

Mr. Brian Risley commented on the Chamber of Commerce's committee designated to investigate the reauthorization of the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority. The Committee discussed public outreach efforts and a legal issue in relation to the reauthorization.

10. Adjournment

First Vice Chair Tom Rogers adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.