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**PPRTA Board Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 12, 2011 – 1:30 p.m.**

**Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Main Conference Room**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**City of Colorado Springs**

**Vice Mayor Larry Small, Vice Chair**  
Councilmember Jan Martin

**El Paso County**

**Commissioner Sallie Clark, Chair**  
Commissioner Dennis Hisey

**City of Manitou Springs**

Mayor Marc Snyder

**Town of Green Mountain Falls**

Mayor Tyler Stevens

**Town of Ramah**

Mayor Pro Tem Keith McCafferty

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**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**City of Colorado Springs**

Mayor Lionel Rivera

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**OTHERS PRESENT**

Staff of Member Governments and Citizens

**PIKES PEAK RTA STAFF PRESENT**

Mr. Rob MacDonald, PPRTA Board Secretary  
Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, Programs/Contract Manager  
Ms. Beverly Majewski, Financial Manager  
Mr. Ed Icenogle, PPRTA Counsel  
Ms. Jacquelyn Puett, Recording Secretary

## **1. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum**

El Paso County Director Clark established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

## **2. Approval of the Agenda**

El Paso County Director Hisey made a motion, seconded by Town of Ramah Director McCafferty, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

## **3. Public Comment Period for Items Not on the Agenda**

There were none.

## **4. Approval of the December 8, 2010, Regular Meeting Minutes**

Town of Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens made a motion, seconded by City of Manitou Springs Director Snyder, to approve the December 8, 2010, meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

## **5. Board Appointments and Administrative Actions for 2011**

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, Pikes Peak RTA Program/Contracts Manager, presented the following items for the Board's consideration.

1) 2011 El Paso County Pikes Peak RTA Board Appointments: Commissioners Dennis Hisey, Amy Lathen, and Peggy Littleton as primary representatives and Commissioners Sallie Clark and Darryl Glenn as alternate representatives.

2) 2011 Pikes Peak RTA Officer Elections: City of Colorado Springs Director Martin made a motion, seconded by Town of Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens, to nominate City of Colorado Springs Director Small as Chair, El Paso County Director Hisey as Vice Chair, and Rob MacDonald as Secretary of the Pikes Peak RTA Board for the year 2011. There were no other nominations.

Town of Ramah Director McCafferty made a motion to close the officer election nominations. City of Manitou Springs Director Snyder seconded the motion.

The motion to elect the nominated officers passed unanimously.

3) The ratification of Mr. Brian L.A. Wess as El Paso County's Highway Advisory Commission representative on the Pikes Peak RTA Citizen Advisory Committee. Town of Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens made a motion, seconded by City of Manitou Springs Director Snyder, to ratify the appointment of Mr. Wess. The motion passed unanimously.

4) The establishment of the Pikes Peak RTA Board Ad Hoc committee to review applications for At-Large Alternate CAC Vacancies. El Paso County Director Hisey and Town of Ramah Director McCafferty volunteered to review the applications submitted for two vacant At Large Alternate CAC seats.

## **6. Citizen Advisory Committee Monthly Report**

Mr. Tom Rogers, First Vice Chair of the Citizen Advisory Committee, reviewed the Committee's selection of officers for 2011, the City of Colorado Springs and El Paso County contract approvals, and the Committee's recommended allocation of an additional \$100,000 for three specialized transportation providers.

## 7. Financial Reports

Ms. Beverly Majewski, Pikes Peak RTA Financial Manager, presented the financial reports. The Pikes Peak PRTA received \$5,378,459 in November Sales and Use Tax receipts, which was \$617,203 or 13% over the amended monthly budget. Year-to-date actual figures compared to budget were \$3,623,988 above budget and 5.28% above last year's actual revenue.

## 8. 2010 Capital, Maintenance, and Public Transportation Contracts

### A. City of Colorado Springs Capital Projects Request for Line Item Transfer

Mr. Robin Kidder, Acting City Engineer, requested approval of a capital line item funds transfer to the Austin Bluffs Interchange at Union Boulevard project (PPRTA Project No. 2). The Austin Bluffs actual project cost requires an additional \$200,000 of PPRTA Capital Funds above the line item budget for this project. These additional project costs are due to a claim filed against the project and the resulting court order, which cannot be appealed.

Mr. Kidder explained that while constructing the Austin Bluffs Interchange at Union Boulevard, the pavement section was paid by the tons of asphalt delivered to the project and placed. The quantity of asphalt on the project was the specific item in dispute with the contractor. Mr. Kidder stated the City staff worked extremely hard to defend the City's position and safeguards are in place to avoid this scenario in the future.

The City has completed the Fillmore/El Paso Street Improvements project (PPRTA Project No. 39) and final totals indicate a budget remaining of \$132,320. The City is requesting this entire amount be transferred from the Fillmore/El Paso Street Improvements project to the Austin Bluffs Interchange at Union Boulevard project. In addition, the bid recently received on the Vincent Drive Bridge and Extension (Phase I) project came in 23% below the engineer's estimate. The City is requesting \$67,680 be transferred from the Vincent Drive Bridge at Cottonwood Creek project (PPRTA Project No. 30) to the Austin Bluffs Interchange at Union Boulevard project. The City is requesting the combined total of \$200,000 be transferred in order to fund and finalize the Austin Bluffs Interchange at Union Boulevard project as described above.

City of Colorado Springs Director Small made a motion, seconded by City of Manitou Springs Director Snyder, to approve the capital line item transfer as outlined in detail above. The motion passed unanimously.

### B. City of Colorado Springs

Mr. Robin Kidder, Acting City Engineer, requested approval of the following five contracts:

- 1) Multiple, Capital and Maintenance (City/PPRTA Annual Contracts): Task Orders not to exceed \$100,000
- 2) Tezak Heavy Equipment, Maintenance (Bridge Repair and Maintenance Program): \$49,310.22
- 3) Precision Concrete Cutting, Maintenance (Curb/Gutter/Sidewalk Program): \$27,880.00
- 4) Speedy Demolition, Capital (Vincent Drive Extension): \$60,330.00
- 5) Clerk of the El Paso County District Court, Capital (Austin Bluffs Interchange at Union Boulevard): \$374,475.00 (PPRTA Portion)

City of Colorado Springs Director Small made a motion, seconded by Town of Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens, to approve the five contracts. The motion passed unanimously.

### C. El Paso County

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

- 1) URS Corporation, Capital (Hodgen Road – Contract Amendment): \$65,023.00
- 2) Ban, LLC, Capital (Marksheffel Road – Property Acquisition): \$134,205.00
- 3) Ideal Concrete Company, Maintenance (Concrete Surface Drainage – Contract Renewal): \$700,000.00
- 4) Schmidt, Maintenance (Laying Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement – Contract Renewal): \$4,000,000.00

El Paso County Director Hisey made a motion, seconded by Town of Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens, to approve the four contracts. The motion passed unanimously.

## 9. Administrative Actions and Reports

### A. Annual Report of CAC Activities

Mr. Tom Rogers, PPRTA CAC First Vice Chair, read aloud a portion of the Annual Report of CAC Activities and stated the CAC member comments contained in the report were submitted anonymously.

The Board of Directors engaged in a detailed discussion with Mr. Ed Icenogle, Pikes Peak RTA Legal Counsel, regarding the Capital program renewal of the RTA, including the ability of the Board and CAC members to initiate and advocate for an extension, the expenditure of funds for that effort, possible changes to the inter-governmental agreement (IGA), RTA boundary expansion and RTA sales tax differential, transit governance, and recent changes in the RTA statute. Mr. Icenogle will research these matters and report back to the Board of Directors.

El Paso County Director Clark encouraged the public to determine which political candidates are aware of the importance of the RTA when voting in the upcoming City of Colorado Springs elections. City of Colorado Springs Director Martin stated the PPRTA is an example of a successful program that would not have occurred without the assistance of local politicians.

Mr. Tom Rogers expressed appreciation for the Board's consideration of the Committee's recommendations and, also, thanked Mr. Rick Sonnenburg for the assistance he offers the Committee.

### B. Designation of Posting Places for Meeting Notices

El Paso County Director Hisey made a motion, seconded by Town of Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens, to approve the designated posting places for Board and CAC meeting notices.

### C. Staff Field Review Report

This was an information item. There were no questions or comments.

## 10. Other Reports

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

This was an information item. There were no questions or comments.

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

This was an information item. There were no questions or comments.

### D. City of Colorado Springs Transit Services Monthly Update

Mr. Craig Blewitt, Interim Manager, Mountain Metropolitan Transit, provided the monthly report and an update on the progress of the Future of Regional Transit Study. As part of the process, meetings have been

held at various places throughout the region. In the coming months, presentations on the findings will be made to area agencies and municipalities.

The City of Colorado Springs increased their transit budget by \$1 million, and March 12, 2011, will be the commencement date for the restoration of weekend transit service. City of Colorado Springs Director Martin clarified the increase in transit funds is due to an increase in sales tax revenue through 2010.

FASTER funds have been received for various transit projects, including FREX and the joint call and dispatch center for human service providers. The majority of the FASTER funds are being used to match federal grants.

There is a new State Division of Transit and Rail, with Mr. Mark Emhoff appointed as Division Manager. Mr. Blewitt has been accepted as a member of the Transit and Rail Advisory Committee by the CDOT Director. The Pikes Peak region is one of only two urban transit agencies that are represented.

## **11. PPRTA Member Announcements**

The Directors commented on El Paso County Director Clark's positive contribution to the Pikes Peak RTA.

## **12. Adjournment**

El Paso County Director Clark adjourned the meeting at 2:48 p.m.