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**PPRTA Board Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 9, 2011 – 1:30 p.m.**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**City of Colorado Springs**

**Vice Mayor Larry Small, Chair**

**City of Manitou Springs**

**Mayor Marc Snyder**

**Town of Ramah**

**Mayor Pro Tem Keith McCafferty**

**El Paso County**

**Commissioner Dennis Hisey, Vice Chair**

**Commissioner Amy Lathen**

**Commissioner Peggy Littleton**

**Town of Green Mountain Falls**

**Mayor Tyler Stevens**

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**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**City of Colorado Springs**

**Mayor Lionel Rivera**

**Councilmember Jan Martin**

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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**

City of Colorado Springs Director Small established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

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

City of Manitou Springs Director Snyder made a motion, seconded by El Paso County Director Hisey, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Jim DiBiase, Olive Real Estate Group, discussed proposed West Fillmore Corridor improvements and stated that the Veterans' Administration has selected the site owned by Colorado Springs Health Partners on the West Fillmore Corridor as the location of their new clinic. The Clinic is scheduled to be open in approximately two years while the corridor improvements are scheduled to be complete in 2014. Mr. DiBiase requested the PPRTA Board consider reprioritizing the improvements to be complete prior to the opening of the clinic, which will serve 14,000 Veterans in the region.

Mr. Robin Kidder, City of Colorado Springs, stated the City can escalate the design phase of the project, but available funding is currently committed to contractors on the Woodmen and Proby Parkway construction projects.

## **4. Approval of the January 12, 2011, Regular Meeting Minutes**

Town of Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens made a motion, seconded by City of Manitou Springs Director Snyder, to approve the January 12, 2011, meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Tom Harold, Chair of the Citizen Advisory Committee, reviewed the highlights from the Committee's February meeting.

## **6. Financial Reports**

*El Paso County Director Littleton arrived at the meeting at 1:42 p.m.*

Ms. Beverly Majewski, Pikes Peak RTA Financial Manager, stated the PPRTA had not received the sales and use tax for December and proceeded to discuss the distribution of carryover revenue to the member governments. The Board agreed by consensus to approve a two step process for amending the 2011 budget in order to advance available funds for public transportation improvement projects.

## **8. 2011 Capital, Maintenance, and Public Transportation Contracts**

### **A. City of Colorado Springs**

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

- 1) AM Signal, Maintenance and Capital (Roadway Safety and Traffic Operations): \$430,380.00
- 2) URS, Capital (Proby Parkway, Phase I): \$249,700.00
- 3) Earthwork Solutions, LLC, Maintenance (Roadway Resurfacing Program): \$724,875.00
- 4) Alco Construction, Inc., Capital (Roadway Safety and Traffic Operations): \$316,338.03

5) Blue Ridge Construction, Capital (Vincent Drive Extension): \$140,550.00

City of Manitou Springs Director Snyder made a motion, seconded by El Paso County Director Hisey, to approve the five 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, Maintenance (Annual Maintenance – Gravel): \$307,500.00
- 2) Killion Enterprises, LLC, Maintenance (Annual Maintenance – Asphalt Crushing): \$65,400.00

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

### 8. Administrative Actions and Reports

#### A. Allocation of Additional \$100,000 for Specialized Transportation Providers

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, Pikes Peak RTA Program/Contracts Manager, reviewed the Board's decision to allocate an additional \$100,000 of PPRTA Transit funds from reserves to three specialized transportation providers, Fountain Valley Senior Services, Silver Key, and Disability Services/Amblicab, and the Board's direction to allow the RTA CAC and the CCOST to make recommendations on how the funds should be allotted between the three providers.

At its February 2, 2011, meeting, the RTA CAC approved a recommendation to the Board that the additional funding be divided as requested by the three providers: \$54,000 for Silver Key, \$36,000 for Amblicab, \$10,000 for Fountain Valley Senior Services.

On January 25, 2011, the CCOST approved that \$95,000 of the \$100,000 be used for the three providers as recommended by the CAC on the same 54/36/10 percentages for the three providers, but the remaining \$5,000 be given to the A.C.T. (Accessible Coordinated Transportation) non-profit specialized transportation organization for potential future grant matching, subject to A.C.T. becoming designated by the City of Colorado Springs as a "City-sponsored transit activity" contractor, and subject to the Pikes Peak RTA Board granting an exception to its directive of December 8, 2010, that all of the \$100,000 be used to satisfy unmet service needs.

Mr. Sonnenburg also mentioned that the Colorado Springs City Council approved a third funding option, which granted \$94,000 of the \$100,000 for the three providers on a 54/36/10 split, with \$5,000 to be held in reserve for A.C.T. for potential future grant matching, and \$1,000 for A.C.T. funding.

El Paso County Director Hisey made a motion, seconded by Town of Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens, to approve the Colorado Springs' City Council's recommendation outlined above. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### B. Public Outreach Policy Clarification

Mr. Dave Krauth, City of Colorado Springs Engineering Office, gave a presentation outlining why a public education program is required to inform citizens of a new technology pedestrian hybrid beacon traffic crossing device and why the City staff feels it should be allowed in the City's section of the approved PPRTA maintenance budget.

El Paso County Director Hisey made a motion, seconded by Town of Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens, to approve the \$20,000 request from the City to implement the public education campaign but directed the PPRTA Staff to bring back a draft policy for the Board to consider at their March meeting

regarding such future expenditures. The motion passed by a 5-2 vote, with El Paso County Directors Littleton and Lathen opposing the motion.

### C. Appointment of Representative to Rocky Mountain Rail Authority

El Paso County Director Littleton made a motion, seconded by Town of Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens, to appoint El Paso County Director Hisey as primary representative to the RMRA Board. The motion passed unanimously.

El Paso County Director Hisey made a motion, seconded by Town of Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens, to appoint El Paso County Director Littleton as secondary representative to the RMRA Board. The motion passed unanimously.

## 9. Other Reports

### A. Maintenance of Effort Presentations

The Directors reviewed the provided materials and heard Maintenance of Effort Presentations from the City of Colorado Springs, the City of Manitou Springs, the Town of Green Mountain Falls, the Town of Ramah, and El Paso County.

Town of Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens made a motion, seconded by El Paso County Director Hisey, to find that all member governments, except the City of Colorado Springs Transit budget, maintained at least the FY 2004 level of transportation and maintenance funding for their respective FY 2011 budgets, and that the City of Colorado Springs Transit budget budgeted less in the FY 2011 budget than in FY 2004.

### B. Future of Regional Transit Governance and Funding Study Update

Mr. Craig Blewitt, Interim Transit Director, Mountain Metropolitan Transit, gave a detailed presentation on the objectives and progress of the Study and the possible recommendations that are scheduled to be provided to City Council in the month of April.

### C. Update of Academy Boulevard Corridor Great Streets Plan Recommendation

Mr. Carl Schueler, AICP, Senior Planner, City of Colorado Springs Land Use Review Division, gave an updated presentation on the Plan to improve a six-mile stretch of Academy Boulevard between Maizeland Road on the north and Drennan Road on the south. More information is available at [www.AcademyBlvdGreatStreets.com](http://www.AcademyBlvdGreatStreets.com)

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Craig Blewitt, Interim Manager, Mountain Metropolitan Transit, provided the monthly report.

## 10. PPRTA Member Announcements

There were none.

## 11. Adjournment

City of Colorado Springs Director Small adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.