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PPRTA Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 12, 2014 – 1:30 p.m.

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Main Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT

City of Colorado Springs

Councilmember Joel Miller, Vice-Chair
Councilmember Jan Martin
Councilmember Merv Bennett

Town of Green Mountain Falls

Trustee Tyler Stevens

Town of Ramah

Mayor Keith McCafferty

El Paso County

Commissioner Amy Lathen, Chair
Commissioner Dennis Hisey
Commissioner Peggy Littleton

City of Manitou Springs

Mayor Marc Snyder

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff of Member Governments and Citizens

PIKES PEAK RTA STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Rob MacDonald, Secretary
Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, Program/Contracts Manager
Ms. Beverly Majewski, Financial Manager
Mr. Ed Icenogle, Legal Counsel
Ms. Jennifer Ivey, Legal Counsel

1. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum

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

2. Approval of the Agenda

Town of Ramah Director McCafferty made a motion, seconded by El Paso County Director Littleton, to approve the agenda with the following revisions: 1) add a potential Item 10 – Executive Session, 2) change Item 7B to Colorado Springs walk-on contract item and Item 7C becomes the El Paso County Contracts, and 3) add Item 8E, an information item to discuss a press release for the PPRTA. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment Period for Items not on the Agenda

There were no comments on items that were not already on the Board's agenda.

4. Approval of the Minutes from the January 8, 2014, Regular Meeting

City of Manitou Springs Director Snyder made a motion, seconded by El Paso County Director Littleton, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Citizen Advisory Committee Monthly Report

Mr. Tom Harold, Chair of the PPRTA CAC, presented highlights from the Committee's February 5 meeting. El Paso County Director Littleton made a motion, seconded by City of Manitou Springs Director Snyder, to accept the report as presented.

6. Financial Reports

Ms. Beverly Majewski, Pikes Peak RTA Financial Manager, presented the financial reports. The PPRTA received \$7,352,430 million in sales and use tax receipts for December, which was \$215,561 or 3% above the monthly budget. Year-to-date actual figures compared to budget were \$3,321,915 million above the 2013 budget and 4.6% above the same period in 2012. The \$3,321,915 in excess sales use taxes will be added as carryover in the 2014 mid-year budget amendment.

Vice Chair Joel Miller directed staff to compile a report outlining remaining expenditures in the completed capital projects. PPRTA Finance Manager, Beverly Majewski, asked member government's staffs to each write a memo for the April CAC and Board meetings detailing the available funds and outstanding expenditures by completed or substantially completed capital projects so that the Board could determine available funding to move forward with the remaining capital projects on the PPRTA Capital "A" list.

7. 2013 Capital, Maintenance, and Public Transportation Contracts

A. City of Colorado Springs

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

- 1) A Higher Power Electric/C & D Electric, Capital/Maintenance (Congestion/Incident Management - Roadway Safety/Traffic Operations – Citywide Safety/Traffic Operations): \$130,000/\$90,000, respectively.
- 2) Ross Electric, Capital/Maintenance (Congestion/Incident Management – Roadway Safety/Traffic Operations – Citywide Safety/Traffic Operations): \$200,000
- 3) C & D Electric, Capital/Maintenance (Congestion/Incident Management – Roadway Safety/Traffic Operations – Citywide Safety/Traffic Operations): \$300,000

City of Colorado Springs Director Bennett made a motion, seconded by Town of Ramah Director McCafferty, to approve the three contracts. The motion carried unanimously.

B. City of Colorado Springs Circle Bridge over Fountain Creek (walk-on)

Mr. Chaves presented the City's request to use up to \$199,000 in its PPRTA funds to upfront the cost of work on piers under Circle Bridge that were washed out by the summer's rain season/flooding. The project is eligible for grant funding through the Federal Highway Administration and the funds will be reimbursed to the PPRTA account when the grant monies are received.

City of Colorado Springs Director Miller made a motion, seconded by City of Manitou Springs Director Snyder, to approve the City's request. The motion carried unanimously.

The motion to approve was conditional upon the satisfaction of the PPRTA staff that the reimbursement will be submitted to the PPRTA.

C. El Paso County

Mr. John Clack, El Paso County Construction Service Manager, presented the following two contracts for approval:

- 1) Various vendors, maintenance (Aggregate/Purchase Order): \$68,000.00
- 2) Various vendors, maintenance (Asphalt/Maintenance Materials): \$313,000.00

El Paso County Director Littleton made a motion, seconded by El Paso County Director Hisey, to approve the contracts. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Other Reports**A. City of Colorado Springs Transit Services Monthly Update**

Mr. Richard Marcus, Transit Planning Supervisor, Mountain Metro Transit, presented the monthly report and reviewed ridership statistics. MMT will be adding Sunday service on select routes and a new route on Powers Boulevard. Public meetings were held to gather public input on route changes and the new services. Fare structure for vanpools will change to zone-based instead of people-based.

B. Maintenance of Effort Presentations

The member governments provided their maintenance of effort presentations for their 2014 budgets in the following order: City of Colorado Springs, El Paso County, City of Manitou Springs, Town of Green Mountain Falls, and Town of Ramah.

Mr. Tom Harold, Chair of the CAC, provided information on the four-sentence motion (see attached) that was approved by the CAC regarding the City of Colorado Springs' Maintenance of Effort for Transit. Mr. Jim Egbert of the CAC authored the motion and Mr. Harold summarized the Committee's viewpoint on it.

There were several public comments made at the conclusion. Ms. Courtney Stone, The Independence Center, Citizens Carl Rippel, Dave May, and Jim Egbert, spoke in support of approving the CAC's four-sentence motion and the vital need for transit.

Town of Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens made a motion, seconded by City of Colorado Springs Director Bennett to enter into an Executive Session (24-6-402-4b) to receive legal advice on specific legal questions regarding the interpretation of the Establishing IGA. The motion carried by majority vote, with City of Colorado Springs Director Joel Miller in opposition, stating that he would prefer it be considered in open session.

The Executive Session began at approximately 3:05 p.m. and ended at 3:50 p.m.

Town of Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens made a motion, seconded by El Paso County Director Littleton, to accept the member governments' maintenance of effort reports, with the exception of the report from the City of Colorado Springs, and to direct staff and legal counsel to prepare a response based upon input from the Citizen Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Memorandum of Understanding Between Pikes Peak RTA and Douglas County for PPRTA Funding of County Line Road Project

Ms. Jennifer Ivey, PPRTA Legal Counsel, presented the Memorandum of Understanding to memorialize that Douglas County consented to the financing (by the PPRTA) and construction (by El Paso County) of the County Line Road Upgrade (I-25 to Furrow Road) within Douglas County.

El Paso County Director Hisey made a motion, seconded by El Paso County Director Littleton, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Pikes Peak RTA and Douglas County for PPRTA Funding of County Line Road Project. The motion carried unanimously.

D. El Paso County Change Order and Property Acquisition Report

This was an information item.

E. PPRTA Press Release

PPRTA Secretary Rob MacDonald discussed the Board's potential desire to publish a press release regarding the Authority's contribution to Mountain Metro Transit's new transit service along the Powers corridor. The service was being funded by the City of Colorado Springs General Fund money - \$78,000, JARC funding of \$173,000, and \$577,000 of PPRTA reserve funding.

There was a consensus by the Board to publish a press release to announce to the public the PPRTA's contribution and to have the press release include language that the vast majority of the new service was being funded by PPRTA tax dollars.

9. PPRTA Member Announcements

There were none.

10. Adjournment

El Paso County Director Lathen adjourned the public meeting at 4:02 p.m.

PEPANRES: Annual Estimates of the Resident Population: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2012

Geography	April 1, 2010		Population Estimate (as of July 1)		
	Census	Estimates	2010	2011	2012
Calhan town, Colorado	780	780	786	795	798
* Colorado Springs city, Colorado	416,427	416,433	419,294	426,083	431,834
Fountain city, Colorado	25,846	25,885	26,094	26,519	26,891
* Green Mountain Falls town, Colorado	640	640	644	653	661
* Manitou Springs city, Colorado	4,992	4,992	5,031	5,108	5,172
Monument town, Colorado	5,530	5,530	5,573	5,663	5,742
Palmer Lake town, Colorado	2,420	2,420	2,440	2,479	2,512
* Ramah town, Colorado	123	123	124	125	126
Total Incorporated El Paso County	456,758	456,803	459,986	467,425	473,736
El Paso County, Colorado	622,263	622,263	626,682	636,456	644,964
* Unincorporated El Paso County	165,505	165,460	166,696	169,031	171,228
* PPRTA Member Governments	587,687	587,648	591,789	601,000	609,021
PPRTA as % of Total El Paso County	94.4%	94.4%	94.4%	94.4%	94.4%
Colorado Springs as % of PPRTA	70.9%	70.9%	70.9%	70.9%	70.9%
Colorado Springs as % of Total El Paso County	66.9%	66.9%	66.9%	66.9%	67.0%

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