

MINUTES

PUEBLO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

OCTOBER 27, 2016

A meeting of the Pueblo Area Council of Governments was held on Thursday, October 27, 2016, at the Pueblo County Department of Emergency Management, 101 West 10th Street, 1st Floor Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ed Brown, Chairman, at 12:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Those members present were:

Ray Aguilera
Ed Brown
Nick Gradisar
Terry Hart
Terry Kraus
Frank Latino

Judy Leonard
Ted Lopez
Tony Montoya
Steve Nawrocki
Lori Winner

Those members absent were:

Larry Atencio
Buffie McFadyen
Chris Nicoll

Sal Pace
Bob Schilling

Also present were:

John Adams
Sam Azad
Scott Hobson

Dan Kogovsek
Louella Salazar
Greg Styduhar

CONSENT ITEMS:

Ms. Louella Salazar, PACOG Recording Secretary, reported there were two items listed on the agenda under the Consent Items. She summarized the Consent Items for PACOG.

Chairman Brown asked if there were any additions or amendments to the Consent Items or if any of the members or audience would like an item removed or discussed that was on the Consent agenda. There were no additions or amendments.

It was moved by Terry Hart, seconded by Tony Montoya, and passed unanimously to approve the Consent Items listed below:

- Minutes of September 22, 2016 Meeting; and
- Treasurer's Report (Receive and file September 2016 Financial Report).

REGULAR ITEMS:

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

(A) Lunch Appreciation

Chairman Brown thanked the Colorado City Metropolitan District for providing lunch for today's meeting.

(B) Schedule December Meeting

Chairman Brown asked the PACOG members whether December 1 or 8, 2016 would work better for the next meeting. This would combine the November and December meeting dates because of the holidays.

After discussion, it was agreed that the next PACOG meeting would occur on December 8th.

(C) Schedule PACOG Budget Committee Meeting

Chairman Brown stated a meeting of the PACOG Budget Committee to discuss the 2017 PACOG budget needs to be scheduled sometime in November. Those members sitting on the PACOG Budget Committee include: Messrs. Nick Gradisar, Treasurer; Terry Hart; and Larry Atencio.

Mr. Hobson stated the consultant, who is working on the restructure study, would need to provide their information prior to Thanksgiving. Mr. Gradisar asked how long it would take for the consultant to provide the draft report, and questioned if this is a consideration which needs to be taken when scheduling the PACOG Budget Committee meeting. Mr. Hobson replied they should require the consultant to have the report two weeks prior to the December 8th meeting, or prior to Thanksgiving.

Mr. Lee Merkel from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs stated it doesn't need to take place and be approved. Their grant contract requires that invoices be dated by the end of December, which would mean any invoices that the consultant would be billing on the grant would need to be dated prior to the end of December. The actual decisions and approval could take place in January. Mr. Gradisar felt, for PACOG's purposes, the budget committee is hoping to get the report so they can make a recommendation to PACOG in terms of the dues structure for next year. He felt the consultant's report should be provided before Thanksgiving. He stated November 21st, 22nd, or 23rd would work for him for the budget committee meeting. Mr. Hart stated November 21st would work for him. After discussion, the meeting was scheduled on Monday, November 21st at 3:00 p.m., in the conference room at the Pueblo County Planning and Development Department.

Mr. Azad asked if one meeting on December 8th would be sufficient enough for PACOG to decide what the structure would be going forward and what the dues would be. He felt discussion would need to occur. He felt it would be better to remain with the current

dues until full discussion has occurred on this subject. He felt that maybe the restructure could occur in 2018. Mr. Hart stated he didn't disagree. He added instead of PACOG waiting until 2018 that they could tackle it and come to some conclusion by possibly mid-year of 2017 to make it effective in 2017 or wait until 2018 to be make it effective. Ms. Salazar suggested that PACOG could have two meetings--one in November and one in December. PACOG usually combines these two meetings to the first or second Thursday of December because of the holidays. Mr. Azad felt it was going to take more than two meetings to tackle it because it would be changing the overall structure of PACOG. Mr. Nawrocki agreed with Mr. Hart to take it into next year and possibly by mid-year we can start. Mr. Gradisar stated PACOG needs to wait to hear what the consultant says before making any decision.

(D) Town of Boone Participation in PACOG

Mr. Dan Kogovsek, PACOG attorney, stated three things must occur for the Town of Boone to become a member of PACOG. First, the Town of Boone, at an open meeting, either through motion or resolution or ordinance, must request admission to PACOG. Proof of that request can be a copy of the ordinance, resolution, or minutes of the public meeting where the request was made. Second, PACOG would need to pass a resolution either admitting or denying admission to the Town of Boone. He felt PACOG is delighted that Boone wants to participate. This would have to be passed by PACOG at a public meeting, which is posted. This resolution should address, among other things, a requirement that the Town of Boone adopt PACOG's bylaws. PACOG would also have to address the issue of dues, which are paid annually. Would the dues be waived or not, and what is the amount of the dues? Third, the Town of Boone, subject to prior notice at a public meeting, must adopt the PACOG bylaws and agree to comply with them.

Mr. Aguilera asked if Boone was a community in stress, and can they pay the dues. Mr. Kogovsek replied that would be up to them. He stated the bylaws state that member entities pay dues in some form or another. He reminded PACOG that there is a restructuring study being done by the consultant as to the governance of this body. Chairman Brown stated he was informed that the Town of Boone has indicated they are able to pay the dues. Mr. Kogovsek stated Boone must be advised of that amount. He stated the open meetings law provides that the request for admittance be made at an open meeting of the Town of Boone's board or trustees. Mr. Montoya stated that it would be beneficial to Boone to know ahead of time what those dues might be. Mr. Kogovsek replied this would be something PACOG would let Boone know in advance. He stated this would be a part of PACOG's resolution after we get a request that they join PACOG.

Mr. Robert Ferriter, mayor of the Town of Boone, asked for clarification. Mr. Kogovsek stated he would need to provide the minutes of the Boone Town Council meeting where this happened, which would provide the motion. He stated if this could be provided to PACOG, then he will prepare a resolution for a decision to be rendered at PACOG's next meeting. It will address two requirements, which are: (1) Boone adopt PACOG's bylaws and agree to be bound by them, and (2) Boone agrees to pay dues. Boone would then have to adopt the bylaws at their public meeting, noting at that time they would become

a full member of PACOG. Mr. Ferriter replied he would get the Boone Town Clerk to work on this and get it to PACOG.

(E) Welcome Arnold Van Zandt

Chairman Brown welcomed Mr. Arnold Van Zandt, the 2020 Commission Chairman, to PACOG.

MANAGER'S REPORT

(A) EPAC Minutes/Statement/Report

Ms. Salazar reported a draft of the October 6, 2016 Environmental Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC) meeting minutes were included in the PACOG members' packets. The next EPAC meeting is December 1, 2016.

This being an information item only, no formal action was taken.

Chairman Brown thanked EPAC for the hard work they do.

PACOG ORGANIZATIONAL RESTRUCTURE STUDY AND IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Scott Hobson, MPO Administrator, reported the consultants have completed the initial review and data collection and provided a profile of the PACOG operations. They have also done a comparison of PACOG with other COG and MPO operations. At the current time, there is not a written report on the consultant's recommendations. Staff plans to work with the consultant to provide a draft of the final report and have it coincide with the PACOG budget committee meeting. The report will be presented to PACOG at its December 8, 2016 meeting. He stated they are little behind on where they should be and want to make the consultant stays on time to get the project completed by the end of this year, especially related to any adjustment in the fees, which might be incorporated into the 2017 PACOG budget.

Mr. Aguilera asked if it is possible to get this done by the end of December. Mr. Hobson replied it will need to be done by the end of December because this is the end of the timeframe for the grant. It has to be done and closed by the end of the year, and a presentation made to PACOG.

(Note: See additional discussion under Chairperson's Report, (C) Schedule PACOG Budget Committee Meeting.)

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT RECYCLING RESOURCE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

Mr. Chris Markuson, Director of the County Economic Development and GIS Department, reported in the County's Sustainability Plan, which was adopted in 2012, there was a part of it that discussed the landfill and waste diversion and the sustainability of the community with respect to reducing the amount of waste thrown at the landfill. At

its last meeting, PACOG decided to pursue a grant from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), which is a program that the State requires as a starting point to deal with removal of waste from the solid waste stream. The project entails a truck going to the landfill and scooping trash out of the side of the mount, dumping it onto a tarp, and then sorting it out to see how much of a variety of material is in the waste (i.e., plastics, appliances). Basically, you get an idea of the volume of each kind of waste going into the landfill. From that volume, you are able to start a baseline computation of what the economic potential of each of those various waste streams might be. Once you have this information, you can develop a strategic plan. He stated if we should want to create a recyclable program in the community we need to know how our trash haulers can economically benefit from it. We also need to know what it means to us as consumers. The total project cost is \$55,464, noting the expense is largely the report and the time it would take for a consultant to develop the report, which has some substantial credibility with the State and PACOG. The in-kind matching contributions (i.e., staff time) came from the City of Pueblo (Joy Morauski), Pueblo City-County Health Department (Susan Finzel-Aldred), and Pueblo County (Chris Markuson and Susan Fries), and amounted to approximately \$5,500. The total grant request to CDPHE is \$49,964. He stated the grant is due on Monday, October 31st. He stated a signature is required from the PACOG chair to submit the grant.

Mr. Aguilera stated his biggest concern would be the items which are disposed of at the landfill which affect the Pueblo Reservoir because of its close proximity, noting he wouldn't want there to be any leakage. Mr. Markuson replied there is hazardous waste which goes into the landfill. They need to quantify how much is going into the landfill. He stated if it is determined there is an appreciable amount being seen in these tasks, then the State will have some potential recommended strategies, noting there will be different locations where these tests are run. Mr. Aguilera asked if this would provide an opportunity to look for another location for a landfill. He stated he understood there are a few more years before the landfill reaches its capacity, but we probably should be looking at another location. Mr. Markuson responded the State is asking with this grant that we look at what is presently going into the current landfill first and then, based upon that, we could take it to the next level. He stated part of the strategy with this project is if we can reduce the amount of material going into the landfill and create an economic benefit to the community to businesses and citizens to recycle, we might be able to extend the longevity of our landfill.

Ms. Salazar asked if the grant application is done. Mr. Markuson responded it is almost done. Ms. Salazar stated the PACOG attorney needs to review the application as to its completeness and form. Mr. Markuson replied he would make sure a copy is sent to Mr. Kogovsek.

It was moved by Terry Hart, seconded by Tony Montoya, and passed unanimously to approve the submittal of the grant application subject to review and approval by the PACOG attorney.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO (XCEL ENERGY) EXTENSION OF A TEMPORARY MODIFICATION TO A WATER QUALITY STANDARD ON A PORTION OF THE ST. CHARLES RIVER

Ms. Justine C. Shepherd, Esq., Vranesh and Raisch, LLP, stated Ms. Christine Johnston, Xcel Energy, is also in attendance. She reported the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission is having a hearing in December. At that time, proposals will be considered from different entities, including Public Service Company of Colorado (Xcel Energy) and the City of Pueblo. She stated PACOG is the designated Area-Wide Water Quality Planning Agency for the Pueblo region. She stated PACOG may submit comments regarding the proposal to the Commission. She stated Public Service Company of Colorado operates the Comanche Generating Station which discharges to Middle Arkansas Segment 6b, which is from the mainstem of the St. Charles River to the confluence with Edison Arroyo to the confluence with the Arkansas River. Segment 6b has a temporary modification of the temperature standard. This was adopted by the Commission at the June 2013 Arkansas River Basin hearing. It is currently set to expire on June 30, 2017. Public Service Company of Colorado is proposing to extend that expiration date until December 31, 2018, with the agenda of collecting additional data and aiming to propose site-specific temperature standards at the June 2018 Arkansas River Basin hearing. The PowerPoint presentation showed a map of the general location of the Comanche facility and Segment 6b in relation to Pueblo. Segment 6b has Warm Water Stream Tier II standards. Public Service Company, when it received the temporary modification in December 2013, began looking into temperature issues and installed continuous temperature loggers in the spring of 2014. They found the daily maximum standards had been exceeded in the summer months both upstream and downstream of the Comanche facility; however, extensive flooding in the summers of 2014 and 2015 led to large data gaps where the loggers were lost or buried under sediment. Public Service Company of Colorado proposes to extend the temporary modification and will be revising its plan to resolve the temporary modification that will include more frequent data collection in the summer months. The goal is to develop ambient based temperature standards in the summer and possibly the "shoulder season" months and, hopefully, work on resolving Statewide uncertainty regarding temperature standards in the "shoulder season" months (i.e., spring and fall).

Mr. Aguilera asked how this affects the Arkansas River. Ms. Shepherd responded that extending the modification will be maintaining the status quo and will not have an effect on the Arkansas River. Mr. Gabe Racz, Esq., Vranesh and Raisch, LLP, replied it will not have any effect.

Ms. Winner stated there has to be concern with the health of the river from the bacteria and other life forms in the water, noting it has to be affecting it somehow because otherwise the temperature wouldn't be measured. Mr. Racz replied the temperature standards were set based on scientific information available on the needs of fish. The purpose of this study is to determine the natural background temperature in the stream, noting the State regulations allow standards set equal to the irreversible background which cannot be changed through controls on discharges or best management practices.

Mr. Hart asked if what they are requesting is for the State to give them more time to collect more information that could provide a better assessment of what is going in this segment of the river. This would allow Public Service Company to come back with a better response as to what is happening--whether it is natural or not natural. Mr. Racz replied this is correct. He stated the State was interested in getting additional information on aquatic life in the stream. Mr. Hart inquired how long of an extension is being asked. Ms. Shepherd replied a year and a half. Mr. Hart stated then it is PACOG's prerogative whether it wants to weigh in or provide comments. Ms. Shepherd replied correct.

Mr. Nawrocki questioned if it is found at the end of collecting the data that the temperature is not appropriate, then what does that mean in terms of Comanche and what it has to do. Mr. Racz replied if the natural temperatures are warmer than the current standards, then what Xcel would do is ask for the standards to be adjusted to be equal to the natural condition and that it be permitted to be at or below that temperature in the future. In other words, if it is natural then that condition should be maintained. Mr. Nawrocki asked if it is not, then what would the mediation consist of. Mr. Racz replied that would depend on what is identified as the source of heat. Mr. Nawrocki asked if this means that the water, which is being discharged by the power plant, is going into the St. Charles River and it is having an impact on the natural temperature of the river. Mr. Racz replied they think the discharge is a little cooler than what is coming from upstream. The point is to identify what's that natural background so that Xcel would not be required to do "better than natural".

TEMPORARY MODIFICATION HEARING FOR SULFATE

Mr. Gabe Racz, Esq., Vranesh and Raisch, LLP, stated Ms. Suzanne Pargee with GEI Consultants, and Ms. Tammy Bruning and Mr. John Lindstrom with the City Wastewater Department were also in attendance. He reported on the City of Pueblo's proposal for changes to the water supply classification in the Arkansas River to address sulfate standards. He stated the City has problems with both selenium and sulfate in its discharge. The December 12th hearing will focus on the sulfate issue, while still looking into how to address the selenium issue. The natural background condition in the Arkansas River exceeds the sulfate standard because of background geology. In addition, the City's sewer wastewater discharge includes elevated sulfate that at times is higher than the instream standard. The question is whether the classification for the stream should be changed in order to remove the sulfate standard.

Mr. Racz reported the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission divides the stream into different segments. Lower Arkansas Segment 1a includes Pueblo's discharge. Lower Arkansas Segment 1b is immediately downstream, noting the dividing line is near Avondale. Lower Arkansas Segment 1a is from the mainstem of the Arkansas River from a point immediately above the confluence with Fountain Creek to immediately above the Colorado Canal head gate near Avondale. Lower Arkansas Segment 1b is from the mainstem of the Arkansas River from the Colorado Canal head gate to the inlet to John Martin Reservoir. Both of the segments currently are identified as having a water supply use. The sulfate standard is based on taste and odor effects in the water, which are called secondary drinking water effects, rather than health based standards. It is very expensive to treat wastewater. It is very problematic and expensive to treat

sulfate, as well as selenium. The City has done an investigation that supports moving the boundary between the segments to still be in Avondale but slightly upstream, to remove the water supply classification from the revised segment based on a lack of diversions for water supply for domestic wells, and to revise the other water supply related standards in the segment.

Ms. Suzanne Pargee, GEI Consultants, reported the City contacted them to do a well investigation for Segment 1a. The goal is to identify any existing domestic wells that were used for a water supply in this segment. First, they extracted data from the Division of Water Resources, who has all the wells permits and associated information. They looked at a series of criteria, which the State has used in the past hearings, to determine if wells might have a potential connection to the surface water and the alluvial aquifer. The distance of the wells to the surface water was looked at to see if it was less than 200 feet and if they could potentially have a connection. A screened interval of the well is looked at as to where the water is being pulled from. If this is less than 60 feet and pulling near the surface, this could be a potential connection to the surface water. They reviewed the drilling log and looked at the wells that were classified as household, domestic, or municipal. After going through those, they ended up with 16 permitted wells that could have a potential connection to the Lower Arkansas River, noting these required additional investigation. She showed on the PowerPoint presentation the 16 wells, as well as the water districts. She stated the City staff contacted the well permittees or homeowners and asked a series of questions to determine if the wells were active, if the wells were accessible, or if the water was used for indoor purposes, irrigation, or livestock. As a result of those surveys, there was one well (Well 142516) which was being used for indoor domestic consumption. Well Nos. 23795 and 24661 were more than 200 feet from the river and were confirmed as indoor domestic use. It was also determined that those locations were incorrect from the original permits, noting most of the permits were old (prior to 1970) and locating those wells was more difficult at that time. Because of them being more than 200 feet from the river, it wouldn't justify them having the water supply use classification for that portion of the river. She stated part of the proposal is to revise the boundary between Segments 1a and 1b. The current segment break, which is at the Colorado Canal, would be moved upstream to above the Collier Ditch head gate. It would also move it upstream of the identified water supply well. In summary, (1) the segment boundary would be revised to remove the water supply use classification from Segment 1a, (2) modify applicable water quality standards, as appropriate, which would be to remove chloride, nitrite, sulfate, dissolved iron, and dissolved manganese, and (3) revise other standards to retain aquatic life and agriculture protection. Since the focus is sulfate, they also wanted to make sure that aquatic life would be protected by removing the sulfate standard. There currently aren't any aquatic life standards for sulfate in Colorado, noting there are also aren't any national standards established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. She stated Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana have developed standards to protect aquatic life. They looked at the hardness in the water as well as chloride concentrations to determine what the sulfate standards should be. She stated they used those equations which these states developed and compared data from four (4) sites on Segment 1a from 2010-2016, and they didn't find any exceedances in the sulfate aquatic life standard. It didn't indicate that removing the water supply standard would put aquatic life at risk.

Mr. Hart asked if the PowerPoint presentations would be supplied to the PACOG for the record. Mr. Racz replied they would get them emailed. He noted that the language of the proposals was provided in the PACOG members' packets. Mr. Hart asked if there is any legal requirement for PACOG to weigh in or was it simply a presentation to see if they wanted to comment. Mr. Racz replied there is no legal requirement for PACOG to weigh in. Ms. Salazar stated the PowerPoint presentation could be sent to her.

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER/CDOT REGION 2 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chairman Brown reported there were no comments provided by Mr. Bill Thiebaut, the State Transportation Commissioner.

There was no report from the CDOT Region 2.

STATE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (STAC) UPDATE

There was no STAC update.

MPO STAFF REPORT

(A) CDOT Region II TIP/STIP Administrative Agenda Item(s) - No Notifications

Mr. Scott Hobson, MPO Administrator, reported there are no CDOT Region II TIP/STIP administrative notifications.

(B) Administrative Modification MPO to the TIP/STIP

Mr. Hobson reported there was one modification, which was the addition of funding for the West 11th Street Bridge replacement project. The amendment increases the total allocation for the TIP to \$7,560,120. The change is an increase in the local project matching funds from \$2,516,620 to \$3,116,620. Those funds are being provided through City of Pueblo funds. The project has been bid, noting the low bidder is Lawrence Construction. The awarded contract is subject to City Council approval, which is anticipated to occur in November. Construction is slated to start December 2016. It will be a one-year project, so completion should be in December 2017 or early January 2018.

Mr. Aguilera asked if the bridge would be completely rebuilt. Mr. Hobson replied yes. The bridge will be in a new alignment. Currently, by Wildhorse Creek north of the Whitlock Treatment Plant, the existing bridge is connected to the railroad bridge. This is one of the reasons that the project qualified for State Off-System Bridge funds. The new alignment would be a direct connection off of 11th Street and go over Wildhorse Creek and connect into the Cheyenne roadway system, which would take one out to the intersection of Tuxedo Boulevard and 18th Street.

Mr. Nawrocki asked if there is any connection with this bridge if the Joe Martinez Boulevard extension were to occur. Mr. Hobson replied that currently it is not a heavily

used roadway, noting this wasn't necessarily the criteria for the bridge replacement. The age and condition of the bridge were more contributing factors to the replacement. When the project is completed, as part of the analysis for the connection of West Pueblo Connector, this linkage would connect into the roadway system west of the railroad yard. It would all be tied together if a bridge could be completed crossing over the railroad yard connecting to 8th and Blake Streets by the Midtown Shopping Center.

(C) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Projects Selected

Mr. Hobson reported staff was notified by CDOT of the awards. There were seven (7) applications filed from the Pueblo region. Five (5) of the projects were awarded and received notices of award. Those projects included: (1) the Pueblo Northern Avenue trail extension, Phase 3, which is from Prairie Boulevard where the trail would connect to the State Fair complex on Prairie then over to Northern by the Safeway shopping center then along Northern Avenue to Kingsbridge Avenue, noting this would connect to the Phase 2 project that will hopefully be bid and awarded in the next month. This would provide a trail connection, center median, and landscaping and streetscaping in this area. (2) the Joe Martinez Boulevard trail, which was submitted by Pueblo West. This project was funded. (3) Pueblo County submitted a river trail extension planning grant for the Arkansas River trail system to the east of Fountain Creek to the Arkansas River to 36th Lane. This is an update to the trail study that was completed in 1997. It also includes potential connectivity to the trails from the St. Charles Mesa and the State Highway 96 area to the river trail project along the Arkansas River. (4) the City of Pueblo submitted a grant application for planning of the Arkansas River levee. This is in conjunction with the flood levee work done by the Pueblo Conservancy District. It would be done along the 2½ mile segment of the levee, which is being reconstructed, and would then go from 15th Street along Wildhorse Creek down to the confluence of Wildhorse and the Arkansas River and from there to the Runyon Lake area. It would provide access to the river, as well as trail improvements. It would also provide access from the neighborhoods to the trail along the levee. He stated all of these projects were funded. He stated this morning staff received a letter from CDOT that indicated that in addition to what they were going to originally approve, they have approved the funding for portions for the construction of the first phase of the Arkansas River levee project in the amount of \$500,000. He stated this would help to fund a bridge connection from the 4th Street trailhead by Whitewater Park over to the reconstructed flood levee, as well as some trails along the reconstructed levee. The overall project is estimated to cost \$1.6 million. He stated there was a three-year call for applications in the years 2018, 2019, and 2020. The funding becomes available in July 2017.

(D) West Pueblo Connector Study Update

Mr. Hobson reported the consultants have developed nine (9) alternatives. This is the area that would be part of the Joe Martinez/West Pueblo Connector from Pueblo West to Pueblo Boulevard into Downtown Pueblo. This study focuses on the area from 18th Street to Tuxedo Boulevard through the Lower Westside across the railroad yards and connecting to 8th and Blake Streets by the Midtown Shopping Center. The consultants hosted a public meeting on Thursday, October 20th, at Dolores Huerta High School. There were 40 people in attendance, noting it was residents from the urban renewal neighborhood. He stated 22 comments were received on priorities and preferences on

the specific alignments. The plan is to narrow those alternatives down to two or three. Once this is done, these alternatives would be taken out for public comment. It is anticipated that a presentation will be made at PACOG and City Council. The goal is to come up with a preferred alternative that can be adopted and pursued for funding.

Mr. Hobson stated there were a significant number of residents from the Peppersauce Bottoms area who attended. They were concerned whether any of their property would be acquired for right-of-way. He stated none of the alternatives addressed acquiring property in the neighborhood. He stated there could be benefits to the area, such as improving stormwater drainage.

(E) Pueblo Transit Functionality Study Update

Mr. Hobson reported the consultants have completed an assessment of the transit system. There are two draft recommendations which would propose potential changes to be considered. Those are going to be vetted publicly for review and comment. The consultants will be in an all-day series of meetings on Friday, February 10, 2017. The meeting times are from 8:00 a.m.-noon at the Pueblo Transit Center, from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. at Patrick Lucero Library on the Eastside, and 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Rawlings Library. The consultants will be taking comments on what they like or don't like about the alternatives. The consultants would be providing recommendations, noting they would have to be approved by City Council and vetted through Pueblo Transit and implemented over a period of time.

(F) Volkswagen and Audi

Mr. John Adams reported on Monday, November 7, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., there will be a public meeting on how they are going to address the funds from the Volkswagen and Audi settlement. Colorado is expected to receive over \$61 million in settlement funds, which means \$925,000 for this area. CDOT and CDPHE are asking everyone to attend. The process will go on for a year. By next fall, the funds may be available once they determine how those funds are going to be distributed. It is important for our smaller communities to get active currently on how those funds are going to be allocated so that they don't go to a non-attainment area that has all the air pollution problems.

Mr. Aguilera asked what the funds are supposed to be used for. Mr. Adams replied there are 4-5 mitigation activities they are looking at. A large majority of them are vehicle replacement for older diesel engines (e.g., buses, dump trucks, semis). Another is ground control for airports, which includes the equipment for operation.

PLAN OF ACTION FOR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

Mr. Frank Latino reported there is concern nationwide for planning strategically in communities and forging together with all the entities working towards this goal of community safety. The plan is to develop quarterly quadrant meetings and getting input from people, including Pueblo West and the St. Charles Mesa, and making sure everyone has buy-in to this plan. This will all go to a community safety summit, which will happen in the spring. National and Statewide speakers will be invited to the summit

and help with this process. He stated he has been contacted by various groups in the community who are interested in school and community safety.

Mr. Latino reported there was an article in the Pueblo Chieftain today regarding respect for law enforcement nationwide. The article indicated that 76% of people approve and respect law enforcement. He stated 70% of those individuals in the age group from 18-34 respect law enforcement.

Mr. Latino stated a presentation was made by Mr. Dan Corsentino at the last 2020 Commission meeting. Mr. Van Zandt stated it was an interesting presentation.

Ms. Winner replied about three weeks ago the City Council, at its work session, had a presentation done by a private security company about hiring private security. Cities all over the nation have hired private security for patrol, even to handle some low priority calls with the police. The Pueblo Police Department has asked Animal Control to do some more rounds through City Park so that there would be some more uniform presence in the area and to help with transients. She stated, since 1996, New York City started with private security. She stated City Council indicated it would look further into hiring private security. She stated there are different parts of the community, which could use more patrolling.

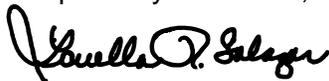
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items provided.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further regular business before PACOG, the meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, December 8, 2016, at 12:15 p.m., at the Pueblo County Department of Emergency Management, 101 West 10th Street, 1st Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,



Louella R. Salazar
PACOG Recording Secretary

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JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Following the regular PACOG meeting, there was a joint meeting held between the Pueblo City Council and Board of County Commissioners to appoint a member to the Community Services Advisory Commission. Ms. Shaundawna Nicole Ferguson was selected to serve as the joint appointment. The appointment will need to be ratified by each entity at their respective meetings.