

**HIGHWAY ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
December 21, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reb Williams, Cheryl Everitt, Larry Tobias, Tom Vierzba, Ed Dills, Joan Lucia-Treese, Don Martinez, Joe Ennis, Brian Galpin, Jim Mesite, Jean Meinzer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jane Dillon

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Reid (EPC DPW), Jennifer Irvine (EPC DPW), Victoria Chavez (EPC DPW), Ellen Heaverlo (EPC DPW), Troy Wiitala (EPC DPW)

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM.

2. MOTION (Ms. Lucia-Treese/Mr. Dills) to excuse absence of Ms. Dillon. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. MEETING MINUTES

- **MOTION (Mr. Vierzba/Mr. Tobias)** to approve minutes of the November 16, 2016 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. COMMISSIONER/CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Ms. Lucia-Treese extended her thanks to the Highway crew that worked on crack sealing the roads in Colorado Centre a couple weeks ago.
- Ms. Everitt attended the second Flying Horse North meeting and had some questions for Ms. Irvine regarding the potential Milam Rd extension. Ms. Irvine responded that the rezoning application had gone in front of BoCC and was approved. The rezoning included conditions in regards to Milam Rd which essentially requires the developer to preserve the right-of-way for the Milam Rd extension. Possible purchases of right-of-ways in the future by the County were discussed.
- Mr. Vierzba extended his thanks to the Highway personnel that responded to the erosion complaint on Higby Rd in such a timely manner, and getting the repairs done just before the snow fell the following day,

5. Election of New Highway Advisory Commission (HAC) Representatives to the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority Citizens Advisory Committee (PPRTA CAC)

- Mr. Williams and Ms. Lucia Treese are term-limited on the HAC. They are currently representing the HAC at the PPRTA CAC. Mr. Williams will step down from representing the HAC at the PPRTA CAC January 1, 2017 although his term at the HAC does not end until February 2017. He will then represent the Town of Green Mountain Falls at the PPRTA CAC. Ms. Everitt has volunteered to take Mr. Williams's place representing the HAC at the PPRTA CAC. Ms. Lucia-Treese will step down as well and has agreed to represent the Town of Ramah at the PPRTA CAC. Mr. Tobias volunteered to fill Ms. Lucia-Treese's place as the other HAC representative at the PPRTA CAC.
- **MOTION (Mr. Williams/Mr. Dills)** to elect Ms. Everitt and Mr. Tobias as the new representatives to the PPRTA CAC effective Jan 1st, 2017. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- Ms. Heaverlo was tasked to draft a letter to inform the PPRTA CAC of these changes.

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. ADMINISTRATION

Jim Reid (Executive Director, Department of Public Works)

- Mr. Reid advised the commission that the plan for 2017 de-icing of the roads is to pre-treat them with a brine solution. The new trucks will be outfitted appropriately.
- All the new heavy trucks that are purchased will have the new green paint.
- The Zonar implementation will soon have its 1st anniversary and there should then be enough data to determine ways to work more efficiently.
- Fleet is outfitting some smaller trucks with blades. These would be used to do snow removal in smaller areas such as cul-de-sacs. Many of the snow removal complaints originate from residents that live in these types of areas.
- The Department of Public Works is still working on flood and fire recovery from the Waldo Canyon and Black Forest fires, and the subsequent flooding, which added a significant amount of work to what the Engineering Division already has.
- The Highway Division/Training Section is teaching another Entry Level Maintenance Worker class with 5 students.

B. ENGINEERING DIVISION

Jennifer Irvine (County Engineer, Department of Public Works)

- Ms. Irvine updated the commission on the following major projects on which work has begun in 2016, and is in progress:
 - Oil Well Bridge Replacement Project
 - Holtwood Bridge Replacement Project
 - Golden Lane Bridge Replacement Project
 - Hwy 105 Improvement Project
 - Monument Hill Road Improvement Project
 - Struthers/Gleneagle Roundabout Project
 - Northgate/Struthers Water Quality Project

- McLaughlin Roundabout
 - New Meridian Road Extension/Falcon Park & Ride & US 24 Intersection Improvements
 - Galley Road Multimodal Project
 - Calhan Highway Bridge Project
 - Judge Orr Concrete Box Culvert
 - Las Vegas Bridge Drop Structure
 - Charter Oak Ranch Road Project
 - Baptist Road Rural Transportation Authority
 - I25 Planning & Environmental Linkage Study
- Public meetings for the Planning & Environmental Linkage Study (PEL) for US 24 between Powers Blvd and the Town of Ramah are continuing. The latest meeting took place in Calhan two weeks ago. The ‘Existing Conditions’ report was just received. This project will continue on for at least another year.
 - Mr. Mesite asked Ms. Irvine when the connection between Mesa Ridge Parkway and Marksheffel Road would be completed. Ms. Irvine informed him that it should be done in the spring of 2017.

7. WORK SESSION – PROPOSED MILEAGE TAX VS. GAS TAX

- Mr. Williams informed everyone that in the interest of time there will be a separate meeting scheduled in the near future to discuss this issue. Mr. Reid added that the County Attorney’s Office would attend to provide legal guidance.

8. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Copies of the presentations are attached to the minutes

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Heaverlo
Office Manager – Department of Public Works