

**HIGHWAY ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
April 21, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Robertson, Tom Vierzba, David Zelenok, Larry Tobias, William Harrell, Joe Kneib, Ed Houle

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jean Meinzer, Daniel Ferguson

OTHERS PRESENT: Carrie Geitner (EPC BoCC), Holly Williams (EPC BoCC), Shane Ferguson (CDOT), Kevin Mastin (EPC DPW), Jennifer Irvine (EPC DPW), Troy Wiitala (EPC DPW), Jana Nemeckova (EPC DPW), Pete Vujcich (EPC DPW), Natalie Sosa (EPC PIO), Blake Nielsen (EPC PIO); Christian Wright (EPC PIO)

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Tobias called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ABSENCES

MOTION (Mr. Kneib/Mr. Robertson) to excuse Mrs. Meinzer and Mr. Ferguson.
MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. MEETING MINUTES

MOTION (Mr. Vierzba/Mr. Robertson) to approve minutes of the March 17, 2021 meeting. **MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. COMMISSIONER/CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Commissioner Williams mentioned new Federal package coming this summer and it could affect transportation. She will keep all of us informed.
- Commissioner Geitner saw the KRDOTV interview with Mr. Mastin, hopes it will help DPW with hiring new employees.
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6. CDOT

Shane Ferguson (Region 2 North program Engineer)

- Mr. Ferguson provided Region 2 Overview and explain the Project MAMSIP (Military Access, Mobility and Safety Improvement)
- Mr. Ferguson listed all current projects and provided details on each project.

- Project Goal:

Improving the safety and efficiency of mobility for passenger and commercial vehicles, as well as enhancing mobility and ensuring redundancy along national strategic corridors connecting several of the region's major military installations.

- BUILD Grant Project in partnership with El Paso County
- \$18.35M with four project components:
 - SH 94 Safety Improvements \$10.8M
 - Charter Oaks Ranch Road \$14.5M
 - South Academy Improvements \$22.8M
 - I-25 Safety and Pavement Rehab: I-25 Rehab and Safety Budget \$86M, South Academy Bridges \$24M
- Total Project Cost \$158M
- Construction completion by the end of 2024

- Discussion followed and all questions were answered.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. ADMINISTRATION

Kevin Mastin, (Deputy Director, Department of Public Works)

- Assistant County Engineer was selected, Joshua Palmer.
- DPW continues to advertise and interview for all open positions.

B. HIGHWAY DIVISION UPDATES

Troy Wiitala, (Highway Manager, Department of Public Works)

- DPW ongoing programs:
 - Graveling Program – completed Meridian Road South / completed Jones Road
 - Dust Abatement Program – worked on Big Springs Road & Baggett Road/ Ramah Highway – water only
 - Drainage – working on barrier delivery for Ellicott bridge project
 - Chip Sealing Program –start about 1st June 2021
- Pothole repairs/ Grading requests
- As of today, DPW responded to 22 snow events
- Mr. Frank Biggerstaff has retired after 26 years working for DPW.

C. HUTF REPORT

Jennifer Irvine (County Engineer, Department of Public Works)

- Mrs. Irvine shared the Allocation Methodology for Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF) to Counties handout and explained in detail.

HUTF (Highway User Tax Fund)

Major sources of revenue for the fund:

- Motor fuel taxes
- Vehicle registration fees
- Driver's license fees
- Oversize load permits
- Traffic penalty assessments

The largest contributor is the motor fuels tax, which remains at the 22-cents per gallon figure that took effect in 1991. Funds are allocated based on formula (see handout).

D. ENGINEERING DIVISION UPDATE

Jennifer Irvine (County Engineer, Department of Public Works)

- Mr. Irvine gave detailed updates on the Falcon Park & Ride/ Meridian improvements.

Engineering 1st quarter update:

- Annexation IGA
- ECM Revisions
- Asset Management RFP
- Legislative tracking
- Multijurisdictional coordination
- PPRTA extension
- Personnel updates

8. AGENDA TOPICS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Update on the Federal stimulus

This meeting was adjourned at 10:47 AM.

**The next HAC meeting will be on June 16, 2021 at 9 a.m. – In Person meeting
Workshop on Wheels at Akers**

Respectfully submitted,

Jana Nemeckova

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