

Cheyenne Metropolitan Planning Organization

Policy Committee Meeting

March 13, 2024

Commissioner's Conference Room



Attendance:

Voting Members:	Patrick Collins Linda Heath Ralph Tarango	City of Cheyenne, Mayor, Chair Laramie Co. Commissioner, Vice-Chair WYDOT, District Engineer
Guests:	Molly Bennett Cassie Pickett Juli Monahan Vicki Nemecek Ryan Shields Renee Smith	Laramie County Public Works City Engineer (for Tom Cobb) WYDOT Planning City Public Works Director WYDOT Construction Engineer City of Cheyenne Grants
Staff:	Jeff Noffsinger Valerie Pickard Ginni Stevens Christopher Yaney	MPO Director MPO Office Manager MPO Senior Transportation Planner - Zoom MPO Senior Transportation Planning Tech

1. Call to Order 3:00pm
2. Election of Officers
Heath nominated Collins as Chair; seconded by Tarango. Collins nominated Heath as Vice Chair; seconded by Targano. Motion passes to approve reappointment of officers.
3. [Approval of Minutes February 2, 2024](#)
Motion to approve by Tarango; seconded by Heath. Motion passes.
4. [Review of Passenger Rail Station Site Selection Study](#)
Noffsinger gave an update on the Study with recommendations from the Technical Committee. No action is need for this item.
5. [STP-U and High Plains RR Overpass Scope and Fee.pdf](#)
Noffsinger gave an update on the sequencing list from 2020. Cost estimates from Pickett: \$9.82 million for US30, Whitney, Dell Range Blvd grading plans. \$11 million for Converse Dr. Bennett: We just had our kickoff meeting, so I don't have any construction costs. Policy Committee would like to revise STP-U project sequence list for FY 2025 to have the High Plains RR overpass 30% design plans as item #1. Item tabled for more information to be presented at the next meeting.
6. [Director's Report](#)
 - [EV Charging Infrastructure Site Selection Study](#)
Noffsinger gave an update on the study. Yaney will be going to the EV summit next week.
 - In-House Proposals - Parsley/Wallick Corridor Plan, East Allison Corridor Plan

Noffsinger gave an update on East Allison. Yaney has done some preliminary work on this. Parsley/Wallick: we would like to firm up alignments and work in-house on this in conjunction with an Engineering Firm. The consensus of the committee was to begin the studies.

- **Grant Application - SS4A Grant – Comprehensive Safety Action Plan**

Noffsinger gave an update on applying for this grant. There is a 20% grant match for this. If we received the initial grant funds that opens us up to a lot of additional funding. The deadline for this is April 9th. Smith: We would have to sign a letter of commitment. The consensus of the committee was to move forward with the grant application.

- [Southwest Drive Corridor Plan](#)

Noffsinger presented a quick overview of the completed plan.

Collins: The alignment is Broken Arrow?

Noffsinger: Yes, this pushes the intersection with College further away from the interchange.

Collins: Is there enough right of way?

Noffsinger: We will eventually need to acquire additional right of way.

Noffsinger will be presenting to the Planning Commissions and governing bodies for approval.

- [FRA Long Distance Service Study](#)

Noffsinger gave an update on the workshop he attended in Seattle. There is the possibility of Cheyenne being a stop for three proposed Amtrak routes.

7. [Amendment of UPWP FY 24](#)

Noffsinger gave an update. Increasing the Passenger Rail Site selection from \$33,000 to \$198,000, remove Section 20 and High Plains Railroad Overpass from consideration, and the reallocation of funds for a few in-house projects from \$23,000 to \$173,000. Motion to approve by Heath; seconded by Tarango. Motion Passes.

8. Other Business:

MOU for the Front Range Passenger Rail came in Monday, reviewed by Stefanie Boster. Motion to approve by Tarango; seconded by Heath. Motion Passes.

Next Meeting TBD

Meeting adjourned at 11:09am.