



# PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

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**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
109 E. INDUSTRIAL BLVD.  
TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.**

## MINUTES

### A. CALL TO ORDER

President Zupan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### B. ROLL CALL

Directors Terry Zupan, Mike French, Matt Smith, Doug Proal, and Judy Leonard were present.

Also present was District Manager Darrin Tangeman; Harley Gifford, General Counsel; Laura Savage, Assistant to the District Manager; Eddie Ruiz, Management Analyst Intern; Shawn Winters, Assistant Engineer; Brad Curtis, Public Works Director; Jim Blasing, Streets and Roads Manager; Jay-Michael Baker, Communications and Engagement Manager; Tammy Nordyke, Finance Director; Tina Siggins, Administrative Assistant; and 4 members of the audience.

### C. PUBLIC WORKS PRESENTATION ON STREETS & ROADS AND STORMWATER

Darrin Tangeman introduced Brad Curtis, and noted members of the Public Works Department and the Save Our Streets committee were in the audience. Mr. Curtis provided a PowerPoint presentation providing facts on the 403 miles of roads, stormwater basins and infrastructure. General revenues and expenditures were highlighted. Highway User Tax Funds (HUTF) allocations, Pueblo County Intergovernmental Agreement allocations, and property tax break-downs were discussed in-depth. Mr. Curtis described the methodology of the current maintenance plan, and how the Client Relationship Module (CRM) has been implemented to manage complaints and track work completed. Data was shown on the 2017 man hours tracked for pavement, gravel, and drainage/other work, then compared 2016, 2017, and 2018 budget expenses. There is in-kind assistance from Pueblo County, and as available, they assist with gravel road maintenance, chip seal road equipment and labor, crack sealing labor, and pot hole patching labor. Pavement life cycle was discussed, and a pavement condition chart of state-wide agencies was displayed comparing the dollar amount spent per lane mile; Pueblo West is \$637 yet the average is \$4,000. Stormwater regulatory compliance and monitoring, and management and construction was discussed. Approximate costs for preservation and construction of roads, and example costs to maintain a road system was presented. Options to increase revenue to address road shortfalls include increasing fees and implementing a sales tax dedicated to roads. State statutes was discussed as to specifically where revenue collected from a sales tax would be used.

Questions from the Board were addressed, such as contracting for specific services versus in-house staffing and equipment capabilities. Mr. Curtis believes the best solution would be instituting a fluid plan that would address future needs and collaborating with contractors. Mr. Tangeman provided figures as to what Pueblo West residents pay to Pueblo County via their sales tax and compared it to what Pueblo County provides in in-kind services, which is almost equal. The history of the Road IGA was discussed, and that Pueblo County has not officially housed maintenance of the roads. It was clarified that Pueblo County owns the roads, yet the agreement is the legal requirement of the District to maintain them through the IGA. Director Proal noted roads were to the County's standard at the time of adoption, yet standards have changed. In addition, the cost of bringing up the 59 miles of the County's unaccepted roads in order to give them to the County is over \$15M and would take ten years to bring them up to standards; in reality, it would be 15 years to completely turn over the roads. Mr. Curtis addressed what is and is not currently up to the County's standards, and noted he has asked if an interim standard could be achieved. Discussion ensued regarding budget increases Pueblo County would endure to absorb 400 miles of roads and corresponding needs for operations and maintenance.

### D. STREETS & ROADS AND STORMWATER POLICY DISCUSSION & GUIDANCE

Mr. Tangeman discussed the demonstrated need to create a stormwater enterprise. It would assist the Streets and Roads department in the future by not removing staff and resources from their main duties.

### E. NOVEMBER 2018 ELECTION DISCUSSION & GUIDANCE

Staphanie Cordova-Catalano is the president of the Save Our Streets (SOS) campaign, which was formed in response to finding solutions to improving road infrastructure. The group is 100% for a sales tax. SOS member Dave Erskine provided information on the group and has identified funds if the Board moves forward with a proposal for the ballot. A budget has been created for raising revenue. The SOS group inquired where the Board sits on the road tax issue, what sales tax percentage is considered, when it would be released to the public, and if there would be a sunset. Mr. Erskine is of the opinion the community is in favor of the sales tax. The group will assist the Board however they can. Tim Kiley addressed the representation of the people, and that since the main complaint of the people is roads, that yes, the SOS group represents the people of the community. The road sales tax would be contributed by all. Tamra Pierce clarified the non-profit Pueblo West Committee for Saving Our Streets is the legal name, and is not associated with Pueblo West Metro Board or Departments.

Jay-Michael Baker provided 2018 Community Priority Survey slides, speaking exclusively about the question if residents would support a road sales tax. In response to the question, 75.6% of survey respondents support a sales tax for roads, while 24.4% do not. Of those in favor, 47.87% supported a 1% sales tax, 18.52% supported a 1.25% sales tax, and 14.95% supported a 1.5% sales tax.

Harley Gifford reviewed statutes pertaining to the road tax, then presented draft ballot language. Discussion ensued regarding the sales tax percentage the Board would support, revenue required for road maintenance, clarification of budget supplanting, election timeline and corresponding decisions. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to have an agenda item at the next regular board meeting.

**F. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Zupan motioned to move into executive session and cited items as indicated below. It was unanimously passed to go into executive session.

- 1. §24-6-402(4)(B) C.R.S., CONFERENCES WITH AN ATTORNEY FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECEIVING LEGAL ADVICE ON SPECIFIC LEGAL QUESTIONS**
- 2. §24-6-402(4)(E), C.R.S., DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS**

At 1:04 pm, Director French motioned to end the executive session and resume the special meeting, and seconded by Director Smith; motion unanimously passed.

**G. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Zupan adjourned the meeting at 1:04 P.M. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2018, at the hour of 6:00 P.M., presently set for the meeting room of the Board of Directors, 109 East Industrial Boulevard, Pueblo West, Colorado.

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**Secretary**

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Approved July 24, 2018