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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PUEBLO WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

October 13, 2010

The Board of Directors of the Pueblo West Metropolitan District met in special session at 109 East Industrial Boulevard, Pueblo West, Colorado, on October 13, 2010, at the hour of 6:00 o'clock p.m.

ROLL CALL: On roll call Board Members Chair Mike French, Director's Jerry Martin, John Lisi and Christine McCarthy. Director Green was excused.

Also present were Brian Caserta, Interim District Manager; Judy Leonard, Administrative Assistant; Steve Harrison, Utilities; and 40 citizens.

Also present was Alf Randolph, County Engineer; Commissioner John Cordova and County employees.

MAIN MCCULLOCH PROJECT: The Pueblo West Metro Board called the meeting and turned it over to Alf Randolph, County Engineer. Maps of the preliminary design were presented to show the audience of what is planned. The project is not ready to go out to bid as the County would like to hear any general concerns or suggestions from the public. He explained the project is from Ballot Initiative 1A money of \$3.5 million. With this preliminary design there may not be enough money as this design is at \$5.5 million dollars. Mr. Randolph went over issues to be addressed on Joe Martinez Boulevard north to Highway 50, Hahns Peak to Joe Martinez, Baldwin to Hahns Peak, and John Powell to Baldwin. The project's issues are poor condition of existing pavement, traffic safety including access control, adequate turn lanes, adequate capacity for existing and projected traffic, lack of adequate drainage control, and extensions of existing bike/pedestrian trails. The main issue for drainage control is the water collected on Palmer Lake which will be fixed and the water diverted to the golf course drainage. He discussed the existing median would be a non landscaped raised stamped concrete median. Mr. Randolph explained why there would be no landscape due to the widening of lanes and a narrow median.

Mr. Randolph also talked about the other issues at intersections with right turn lanes only and those that would have left turn lanes. He mentioned accesses into the business with a turn lane available for easier entry. He stated that when the work is being done the County does not plan on completely closing all lanes of traffic but leaving lanes opened for local traffic. Mr. Randolph would like to have this project ready for bid in March 2011 and completed in the fall of 2011.

Questions from the audience consisted on the design, signal lights, pedestrian crossings, roundabout, trails, paths for bike riders, how long this will take, if traffic will be detoured, drainage and access control. Mr. Randolph informed the audience that roundabouts would not make sense in the intersection of Joe Martinez and golf course due to the volume of traffic and the function would not work. He also said they take up a lot of area and would cut off property of the business located on Joe Martinez. He explained how the water diversion would be done on Palmer Lake and where it would be diverted. The median at Hwy 50 and McCulloch is not marked properly and is a CDOT issue. Mr. Randolph explained signal lights are based on traffic counts and areas discussed does not warrant one. The Intergovernmental Agreement between the District and County is that the County owns the roads and Pueblo West maintains them. He explained the road standards are similar referring to urban and rural. Pueblo West has adopted rural standards and both are similar in design. Residents were concerned with removing trees in the median being there for years and should not be destroyed.

Some of the residents would like to see a path for pedestrians on the east side of McCulloch as there is no place for them to walk. He addressed all questions and will take them back to the County for further discussion with the Road Task Force Committee.

Chair French asked the audience if there was only enough money to do part of McCulloch would they prefer Hahns Peak North or Hahns Peak South. Consensus of the audience would be Hahns Peak North to Highway 50.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Director Martin, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2010, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., presently set for the meeting room of the Board of Directors, 109 East Industrial Boulevard, Pueblo West, Colorado.