

ADA Advisory Meeting March 7 2024

Attendees:

Sharon Campbell member, Tura Cowan Vice Chair, Kent Tompkins Pueblo Transportation, Chuck Lopez Pueblo Transportation, Amy Nelson Pueblo Library District, Joshua Johnson Pueblo County Sheriff's Emergency Management Coordinator, Lexi Romero Stewart City Housing , Don Bruestle member, Deborah MacIlroy member, Tiffany Garcia member and Vocational Rehabilitation, Laura Leyba Committee Chair, Larry Fancher Advocate of Record

Zoom:

Chuck Roy Pueblo ADA Coordinator, Todd Berisford Pueblo Assistant ADA Coordinator, Weston Burrer, Pueblo County, Dylan Goodman PACOG MPO planner, Dr. Justin Hiniker Director of Advocacy Access and support at Center for Student Support and Advocacy ASUP, Ron Sasaoka Pueblo Health Department

Meeting called to order at 1:15.

Discussion of February meeting minutes. Don made a motion to accept minutes as presented, this was seconded by Deborah . The minutes were accepted by verbal vote of majority of committee.

Public Comments:

Larry Fancher started by referring to the 2004 ruling by the Department of Justice. In the spirit of public reporting and the Freedom of Information Act, he suggested that the settlement document be reviewed and assessed for compliance. He is concerned that there are issues with compliance with the settlement agreement. He added that he would like to attend a committee work session to review compliance issues with the committee.

Larry left the meeting immediately after he finished his comments.

This was followed by some discussion of Larry's comments. It was stated that the Freedom of Information Act is not an issue because the ADA committee has access to documents the city files with the Department of Justice. Another comment stated there is a difference between the requirements of the city of Pueblo and the requirements of the ADA Advisory Committee regarding the ruling and settlement agreement with the Department of Justice. Chuck Roy stated the city is working on issues with sidewalks to the extent of its jurisdiction. The main issues with sidewalks were crosswalk ramps and landing areas. Chuck Roy has a copy of settlement agreement.

Guest speaker:

Amy Nelson, Pueblo Library district

Amy passed out library March newsletters to attendees.

Amy stated that March was Women History month at the library. There are several events celebrating this

with the culmination being a dinner honoring outstanding women of Pueblo. Tickets were almost sold out at this time.

The library has a new tele health program offered in conjunction with Health Solutions. Renovations of the Barkman branch are moving along well and are expected to be

completed in August, 2024. The Lucero branch is next to be renovated. There is a 10 year plan for renovations of all library branches.

Amy then explained emergency evacuation procedures for the Rawlings main library including places of refuge on each floor.

Amy stated that renovations were complete at main library.

There was discussion of holding ADA celebration in July 2025 at the main library. Laura asked Tura to take charge of this event and coordinate with the library.

Laura asked about having emergency procedures in Braille along with the printed procedures at each elevator.

Laura also asked about radon detectors at the library. Amy was unsure about these.

Don asked about accessibility for hearing impaired and about gender related issues with Women History month.

Transportation by Kent Tompkins

Kent introduced Chuck Lopez to present two new routes being developed, North/South shopping routes. Chuck described developments thus far and how development and testing will proceed in the future.

Don asked how recognition of transfer sites would be handled.

Don also asked about having route maps at all the bus stops so riders could see route connections and transfer points.

Sharon mentioned that Denver has QR codes for route information.

Don asked if the new routes are two way to and from Tinseltown theatre. Chuck commented that at the start the new routes will be only one way.

Tura asked if they would be hiring new drivers with the addition of the two new routes.

Kent stated they would not at this time.

Tura also asked how long the trial period for the new routes would be. Chuck stated 6 months.

Tura then asked about progress on having a new stop closer to the Center for Self Reliance. Chuck mentioned some of the problems with this.

Sharon asked about the status of free rides for students this summer. Kent stated that was a program that has not been reinstated at this time. He also stated that he has not heard about Zero Fares for Clean Air as there were last summer. Legislation for this funding has not been reinstated at this time.

Don mentioned that Albuquerque has moved to completely free rides for everyone.

City report by Chuck Roy

Due to technical difficulties resulting in a bad connection, Chuck could not verbally present his monthly report. He will send it to Laura to distribute to the committee.

The following is the written city report submitted by Chuck Roy which he could not verbally report at the March meeting.

The following construction improvements have been made in the past month within the city of Pueblo:

Curb ramps and sidewalk upgrades on S. Prairie are 95% complete.

Curb ramps and sidewalk upgrades on Court are 10% complete.
Curb ramps and sidewalk upgrades Orman and Jones are 50% complete.
Curb ramps and sidewalk upgrades on Northern are 100% complete.

Recently awarded projects:

Curb ramps and sidewalk upgrades at Lynda Ln. and Northridge.

Curb ramps and sidewalk upgrades at Cheyenne (19th to 29th)
construct roundabout at Adams and Jackson.

Curb ramps and upgrades Elizabeth (City Center to 16th)

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Curb ramps and sidewalk upgrades Victoria and B Street.

Upcoming projects:

Fire stations 6, 8 and 11

Curb ramps and sidewalk upgrades 29th to highway I25.

Construct roundabout Berkley and Mesa.

Concrete improvements City Park admin building.

County report by Weston Burrer

same issue as with city report. Wes will send report to Laura to distribute to committee.
The following is the written county report submitted by Weston Burrer which he could not verbally present at the March meeting.

The county is starting the exterior upgrades to the (former) Wells Fargo building which should increase accessibility and should be complete by late summer. The west entrance to the courthouse is nearing completion but they are going to complete some interior work before they open it up for use.

Health Department by Ron Sasaoka

Ron had to leave due to time conflicts. Health Dept. report given by Joshua Johnson
Currently monkey pox is main health concern.

There is an opportunity for individuals who may need some assistance to obtain medical devices. The University of Colorado Denver currently has program designed for backup batteries in case of a power outage. There are other items with which they may be able to assist people who need other assistive technology. The health department can provide the website information to people interested in these programs. These programs should help individuals plan for an emergency or help in research which could aid people improve their quality of life such as product testing.

Don mentioned the importance of having emergency backup batteries for medical devices like oxygen concentrators . There was discussion regarding the importance of informing public residences about the need for emergency backup batteries. It is a matter of life and death.

Emergency Management by Joshua Johnson

During June and July this summer Joshua will visit all the Pueblo County libraries to present to the teen programs on the importance of emergency preparedness and how the teens can be involved. There was discussion on the importance of this program. The library and the sheriff's department are working in conjunction with this program. Tura asked about the May 8 emergency exercise at the airport. Joshua stated the exercise would run from 9 am to approximately noon. But for those who volunteered to be actors they would be needed from 7 am to 1 pm. Lunch is provided. Notify Joshua if you want to be involved.
Laura mentioned need for disabled bathrooms at airport for training exercise

No Canon City report

Old business:

Sharon reported that she has not been able to talk with Bill Edwards about the Center receiving monies on behalf of the ADA committee to use .

Not sure of status of the new flyer for Walk and Roll audit participants. Need to contact Elizabeth

Don asked about recruiting new members for the ADA Committee. Laura asked him to contact Alyssa Parga regarding this. Don said that he would contact Elizabeth regarding the flyers first and then contact Alyssa. There was some discussion about the distribution of the flyers.

The walk audit of the Black Box had to be postponed. Laura had a talk with Elizabeth regarding some of the potential issues.

New Business:

Laura asked Tura to organize the Walk and Roll audit of Pueblo West route as requested by Pueblo West Metro District Parks manager.

Laura mentioned there was a request for a Walk and Roll audit of the new Medal of Honor trail. There is some question regarding where this route actually is located . More information is needed.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05.