

Manitou Springs Mobility and Parking Board Meeting

Date: January 22, 2025

Called to Order: 18:25 (Cory Sutela)

Adjourned: 20:28 (Motion by Bill Koerner, seconded by Karl Stang)

1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- **Action:** Motion to approve the agenda as written by Karl Stang, seconded by Pamela Smith. Unanimously approved via hand raise/verbal “Aye.”
- **Action:** Motion to accept October 2024 minutes (with correction of Karl Stang’s name spelling) by Joy Porter, seconded by Karl Stang. Unanimously approved with no opposition.

2. City Council Liaison Report

- **Discussion:** Natalie Johnson and Cory Sutela discussed a prior meeting with Mayor Graham and Natalie to align the Mobility and Parking (MAP) Board’s role with City Council goals. A combined session is planned for Q1 2025.
- **Task:** Natalie Johnson to follow up with staff and council to confirm details of the preliminary discussion and report back.

3. Staff Reports

- **Residential Parking Permit (RPP) System Update:**
 - **Action:** James Kelemen and Juan Alvarez reported ongoing issues with the digital RPP system (e.g., Apple device compatibility, lack of physical permits). A hybrid approach (digital + physical permits) is under consideration.
 - **Task:** James and Juan to meet on January 23, 2025, to finalize solutions and update the board on outcomes.
 - **Task:** Juan Alvarez to send current RPP revision draft to board members post-meeting for input.
 - **Task:** Cory Sutela to organize a task force of 2 board members by February 2025 meeting to assist with RPP revisions without violating sunshine laws.
- **Pike Ride Update:**
 - **Action:** Juan Alvarez reported a 30% increase in ride starts and 100% increase in ride ends in 2024 vs. 2023, attributing growth to 5 new stations.
 - **Task:** Juan Alvarez to follow up with Pike Ride (Tara) to confirm technological feasibility of free rides within Manitou city limits, as requested by Luke Harper Prince.

- **Task:** Karl Stang to draft a signage proposal for parking lots (e.g., Dylan lot) to promote non-car mobility options and share with Juan Alvarez.
- **SeeClickFix Report:**
 - **Action:** James Kelemen reported minor fixes (e.g., bench relocation, graffiti removal). No action items assigned.
- **Mountain Metro Update:**
 - **Task:** James Kelemen to provide November and December 2024 ridership data post-meeting.
 - **Task:** Roy Chaney to arrange a Mountain Metro presentation for the February 2025 MAP Board meeting to discuss routes and potential fall 2025 changes (deadline April 2025).
 - **Task:** Natalie Johnson to confirm optimal timing for MAP Board input on Mountain Metro routes and report back.

4. Improvement Updates

- **Black Canyon Open Space:**
 - **Action:** Draft master plan to be presented at OSAC meeting on January 27, 2025, and to City Council. Includes striped crosswalk near Hwy 24 overpass.
 - **Task:** Board members to review the draft plan post-release and provide feedback if adjustments (e.g., transit access via Route 36) are needed.
- **Crosswalk Signage and Other Improvements:**
 - **Action:** Juan Alvarez reported completion of Manitou Avenue crosswalks and ongoing signage clutter reduction (e.g., Lovers Lane).
 - **Action:** Mobility hub RFP preparation on track for June 1, 2025, starting with a dirt lot (Phase 1).
 - **Action:** Dylan shuttle plan deferred to 2026 due to financial constraints.

5. New Business

- **Creek Walk Phase 6:**
 - **Action:** Roy Chaney presented a conceptual design for a 10-ft multimodal path (pinching to 6-ft in constrained areas) from Serpentine to Rainbow Falls, with street diets planned.
 - **Task:** Roy Chaney to consult Colorado Springs traffic engineers on street diet feasibility (targeting 9-10 ft lanes) and physical barriers (e.g., beyond bollards/Jersey barriers) along the path and bridge, reporting back with detailed map/orientation.

- **Task:** Roy Chaney to clarify El Paso County's policy on walk-up access to Rainbow Falls and update the board.
- **PPACG Long Range Transportation Plan:**
 - **Action:** Public comment period ends February 9, 2025. Karl Stang provided comments (e.g., missing Front Range Rail mention).
 - **Task:** Board members to submit individual comments to Cory Sutela or directly online by February 9, 2025. No formal MAP Board recommendation due to timing.
- **Removal of Jaywalking References:**
 - **Discussion:** Karl Stang proposed removing jaywalking from city ordinances for pedestrian-friendliness. Mixed feedback: Joy Porter and Bill Koerner cited safety concerns; Cory Sutela noted potential congestion issues.
 - **Task:** Karl Stang to research jaywalking laws further and report back if he wishes to pursue a formal recommendation.

6. 2025 Goals Review

- **Micro Mobility Master Plan:**
 - **Task:** Staff (Juan Alvarez) to continue developing RFP for contractor engagement by September 2025, with MAP Board support via task force.
- **Bike and Walk to School Day:**
 - **Task:** Cory Sutela to form a planning committee (max 2 board members to avoid sunshine law violations) by February 2025 for a June event. Interested members to contact Cory.
- **Mountain Metro and RPP Updates:**
 - **Action:** Both topics scheduled for February 2025 agenda per earlier tasks.

7. Board Correspondence and Future Agenda Items

- **Metro Parking District Restrooms:**
 - **Discussion:** Luke Harper Prince raised concerns about Metro's \$3,000/month rent demand for restrooms (funded by pre-enterprise city funds, per Roy Chaney).
 - **Task:** Natalie Johnson to provide election dates for 3 Metro Board openings (deadline ~end of February, election ~April) to encourage community candidates.
 - **Task:** Cory Sutela to discuss with Rolf Jacobson and report back on Metro's perspective.

- **Library Parking:**

- **Task:** Juan Alvarez to finalize designated library parking plan before reopening and update the board.

Next Meeting

- **Date:** February 26, 2025 at 5:00PM – Hybrid
- **Agenda Items:** Mountain Metro routes, RPP revisions, Bike/Walk to School Day planning, Metro parking updates, library parking.