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**TO:** Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) Board of Directors  
Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

**FROM:** Scott Logan, Traffic Engineering Division Manager

**SUBJECT: Traffic Engineering's 2007 PPRTA "Small Project" Status Report and Recommendation on Proposed 2008 Projects**

The Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) "Small Projects" are administered by the City of Colorado Springs' Traffic Engineering Division with \$1.5 million funding annually under the RTA Capital "Roadway Safety and Traffic Operations" and the RTA Maintenance "City-wide Safety and Traffic Operation" programs. These PPRTA projects address deficiencies and problems for motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, school children, and other multi-modal transportation users. Project selections are based on impacts, benefit/cost, project dispersion, facility type, need, and other criteria. Typical projects consist of traffic signal construction, bicycle/pedestrian facility improvements, roundabout modifications, auxiliary traffic lane additions, and other lower cost geometric improvements.

Many of the planned 2007 PPRTA "Small Projects" have been completed while others are being scheduled for construction this year. Provided on the attached page is a list of completed projects and anticipated schedules for the remaining 2007 projects. These project completion schedules are affected by project design completions, right-of-way acquisitions, companion project schedules, sensitive neighborhood needs, budgets, and other factors.

As part of staff's ongoing evaluation for PPRTA project selection, many of the 2008 PPRTA projects have been identified based on traffic safety and flow needs, pedestrian deficiencies, and other criteria. These are listed on the attached page and will be presented to the PPRTA Citizen Advisory Committee and the PPRTA Board for budget approval, subject to CTAB members' recommendation. A 2007/08 PPRTA Small Project report will be distributed at the August CTAB meeting that further discusses the needs, costs, and issues for these proposed projects.

## **Completed PPRTA Small Projects, Anticipated Construction Schedules, and Recommended 2008 PPRTA Small Projects**

### **Completed Projects in 2007**

**Nevada/Southgate Intersection Project  
Briargate Blvd Corridor Study (Academy-Chapel Hills)  
Hancock/Chelton Re-Alignment Study  
Uintah Crosswalk Installation  
Traffic Signal Upgrades  
Hwy 24/31<sup>st</sup> Street Lane Improvement  
Marksheffel/Stewart (Peterson AFB)  
Peer-to-Peer Exchange Study**

### **Anticipated 2007 PPRTA Project Construction Schedule**

#### **August-September**

**Platte/Cascade/Bijou Lane Improvements  
Bijou/Spruce (W. approach) Bicycle Lane  
Cresta/Parkview School Crossing Ramps/Signal Rebuilds  
St.Vrain/18<sup>th</sup> Street Access Improvement  
Traffic Signal Upgrades  
Navigator/30<sup>th</sup> Street**

#### **October-November**

**Jamboree/N. Academy Right Turn Lane  
Orchard Valley “Traffic Calming” Improvements  
Airport Rd. Frontage Street  
Traffic Signal Upgrades**

#### **December-January**

**8<sup>th</sup> Street/Cimarron Pedestrian Bridge Facility  
HES Academy Improvements  
Southgate/Lake Left-Turn Lane Modifications  
Traffic Signal Upgrades**

### **Proposed 2007/08 Projects**

**Hwy 24/21<sup>st</sup> Street Lane Improvement  
Hwy 24/26<sup>th</sup> Street Lane Improvement  
8<sup>th</sup>/Arturus Design/ROW-Easement Acquisition  
Academy/Academy Park Loop Median Construction  
Austin Bluffs/Rangewood “Channelized T” Improvement**

### **Delayed 2007 Projects**

**Sierra Madre/Union RR Quiet Zone  
Las Vegas/Royer RR Crossing Improvement**