

**SPECIAL MEETING
PONCHA SPRINGS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
330 BURNETT AVE., PONCHA SPRINGS, CO**

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Furton, who asked for a roll call. Those present:

Mayor:	Richard Furton
Mayor Pro-tem:	Ben Scanga
Trustees Present:	Galen Angelo, Ron Slaughter
Town Attorney:	Brad Redmiles - Absent
Town Administrator:	Jerry L'Estrange
Public Works Director:	Greg Smith
Clerk/Treasurer:	Diana Heeney
Town Planner:	Dee Miller
Visitors:	Scott Bruenich

OLD BUSINESS:

Poncha Springs Hwy. Diet/Access Control Plan

Administrator L'Estrange informed the Board that AMEC/CDOT wanted a determination on four points.

- 1 – is Town committed to ACP plan
- 2 – are the 6 Interim solutions acceptable to the Town
- 3 – 2 crosswalks are shown in the Interim plan, is the Town ok with this or do they want more, if so which ones
- 4 – does the Town support the raised medians in this project

Mayor Furton stated the medians are approximately 4feet wide, noting this does not provide a safe zone. He spoke in favor of painted/striped medians and additional lighted crosswalks. Trustee Slaughter stated the discussion was/could be a trade-off, additional lighted crosswalks for the raised medians. Slaughter noted the Hwy. 50/Poncha Springs Lane median could possibly be beneficial in slowing traffic for turning. Mayor Furton spoke in favor of lighted crosswalks that the pedestrian activates, noting this is an increased safety factor in his opinion. Planner Miller suggested landings at the crosswalks might be a request the Board could consider, noting this would provide a safe area for pedestrians. She went on to say with no raised medians this would add some buffer for pedestrians. Mayor Pro-tem Scanga stated the landings require a six foot lead in and CDOT has expressed there is not room for this. Mayor Pro-tem Scanga stated he would like to see a lighted crosswalk at the Hwy. 50/Poncha Springs intersection. Trustee Angelo spoke in favor of lighted crosswalks, noting in the future this highway corridor could be made up of more businesses in place of the residential setting it is today and the crosswalks would enhance this setting. Trustee Angelo stated the town has been crippled by the intersecting highways for years, noting this improvement will help in the development of a commercial/business area. PW Director Smith suggested considering access to the remaining area that was the triangles. He stated in the future access might be needed to this open space. Town Planner Miller stated the Board should consider what will develop in the future for the highway corridor. She went on to say a speed study would be needed if in the future the town wanted to reduce the speed limit in the corridor, noting this is why the raised

medians were/are proposed. Trustee Angelo stated he does not understand the process of reducing the corridor to two lanes and leaving the speed the same. Administrator L'Estrange stated CDOT will conduct a speed study if the town requests one. Mayor Furton spoke in favor of a flashing speed limit sign that indicates what speed a driver is traveling at, he stated he feels these are effective. Mayor Pro-tem Scanga asked for clarification on the ACP, asking if it could be amended, noting the DeLuca Gas access is not shown on the project map. Planner Miller stated it is shown in the adopted ACP and the process for modification is included in the document. Trustee Slaughter stated the hope is there will be more commercial, noting if this happens additional crosswalks could be needed.

The consensus of the Board was:

1 – is Town committed to ACP plan

Yes, as adopted.

2 – are the 6 Interim solutions acceptable to the Town

Yes

1- INTERIM ACCESS: US 50 will have a striped median between Poncha Springs Lane and County Road 127. Allows full access to 60, 62, 63 & 64. Krueger stated the proposed raised median at Hwy 50/CR 127 was removed from the plans as this section of the highway is in the County and Dan Reimer, Chaffee County, indicated the County does not want the raised median, preferring the striped median.

2- INTERIM ACCESS: US 50 from Tomichi Ave. to Poncha Lumber will be a striped median. Access 49, 51 & 53 remain full accesses with this project. Future access 52a will not be implemented with this project. Krueger stated this is due to existing access/property line for the businesses involved and would take some construction effort to remedy the matter.

3- INTERIM ACCESS: Access 40 will be closed per Access Plan. Addresses safety concern. Future connection to LaPlata Ave. will be built by others. Krueger stated the existing pull through access exits on the east at the Hwy 50/LaPlata Ave. intersection, stating the project change will define this intersection more. Krueger stated the west access will be a right in/right out access as depicted on the map.

4 – INTERIM CONDITION: Shavano Ave. will not be connected to old US 50 ramp with this project. Two residences will use old US 50 ramp in the interim. Kristina Babonas, AMEC, stated Shavano will connect to the remaining piece of the flyway, being a right in and right out access. Babonas stated this could change if there is future development.

5 – INTERIM CONDITION: Access plan will not be implemented fully south of True Ave. Will provide access to Access 11 since Access 10 will not be included with this project.

6 – INTERIM CONDITION: Access plan will not be implemented north of Mountain Sports Haus shop with this project. Accesses 26 & 27 stay as is in the interim.

**3 – 2 crosswalks are shown in the Interim plan,
is the Town ok with this or do they want more, if so which ones**

**The Town would like a total of four (4) crosswalks,
(in addition to the crosswalks designed at the stoplight)**

The two shown on the project map

1 – Sabeta to Hulbert, N side

2 – Tomichi Ave.

plus

3 - one at Access Point 56 A/B and

4 - one at the Hwy. 50/Poncha Springs Lane intersection

the town is requesting lighted crosswalks that would be activated by the pedestrian; in lieu of the raised medians.

4 – does the Town support the raised medians in this project

The Town does not want raised medians; they want striped/painted medians.

With no further business the Board meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Diana K. Heeney
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved As To Form and Content:

Richard Furton, Mayor

Attest:

Jerry L'Estrange
Town Administrator