City of Colorado Springs



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Legislation Text

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Ordinance No. 21-92 Amending Ordinance 02-101 Creating the Citizens' Transportation Advisory Board.

Presenter:

Scott Barnhart, CTAB Chair Alex Armani-Munn, ATAC Chair

Summary:

The Citizens' Transportation Advisory Board (CTAB) and the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) seek to change the member composition of CTAB. This will more accurately reflect the multi modal transportation projects that the City currently implements.

Background:

The Citizens' Transportation Advisory Board was created on June 11, 2002 (Exhibit A) intended to serve as an advisory body to the legislative and executive branches of the City on "matters relating to the City's multi-modal transportation plan". In 2013, Council adopted the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (Exhibit B) as a permanent subcommittee to CTAB, with a focus on Active Transportation, to include issues facing people on foot, people on bicycles and people accessing transit.

In 2019, the members of ATAC and CTAB met as one body to discuss how they could better and more efficiently work together. The discussion focused on the question of raising the profile of active transportation in the city, and the evolving approach that all transportation projects have impact on active transportation, whether they include or exclude certain modes. The result of those conversations was to move forward with a trial period of joint meetings, at the end of which, the two bodies would recommend a revised composition to City Council.

The result of the trial period was to recommend that CTAB would be more effective for all types of transportation with changes to member composition. The composition of CTAB's 11 members has been:

- 6 members representing each of the 6 geographic Council districts
- 5 at-large members

The recommended composition of 13 members total is as follows:

- 6 members representing each of the 6 geographic Council districts
- 3 at-large members, consistent with the 3 at-large Council seats
- One member each representing the following (4 members total):
 - o Individuals who ride bicycles for transportation
 - o Individuals who walk for transportation
 - o Individuals who ride transit

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o Individuals who have a disability that affects their means of transportation.

An accompanying Council agenda item will also change ATAC from a permanent standing committee to an ad hoc committee to the CTAB. ATAC could be called at any point that an issue arises where CTAB feels a deeper conversation is required than time allows in regular meetings.

Previous Council Action:

None

Financial Implications:

N/A

City Council Appointed Board/Commission/Committee Recommendation:

At the February 2021 Joint meeting of ATAC/CTAB, both bodies voted to recommend the dissolution of ATAC as a permanent Committee. At the March 2021 Joint meeting of ATAC/CTAB, CTAB recommended the special interest representatives; ATAC lacked a quorum but members present supported the recommendation.

Stakeholder Process:

The question of how or if to change the nature of ATAC and CTAB has been on the agenda and discussed since July 2019 at 3 ATAC meetings, 3 CTAB meetings, and 6 Joint meetings of ATAC/CTAB. All these meetings have been public, and advocates and Councilors have been actively involved. As mentioned earlier, adding the 4 more specific advocates was supported by both committees.

Alternatives:

- 1. Approve the ordinance as presented;
- 2. Modify the ordinance;
- 3. Deny the ordinance; or
- Refer the ordinance back to Staff for further consideration

Proposed Motion:

Approve the Ordinance as Presented

Ordinance updating the member composition of the Citizen's Transportation Advisory.