

Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region Meeting January 12, 2023 Via Zoom Video Conference

- 1. CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS-Meeting was called to order at 12:06 pm.
 - a. Michelle Haynes (Region 10), Courtney Rodwell (Region 10), Vince Rogalski (STAC Chair | GVTPR), Cody Tusing (City of Gunnison), Josh Smith (Mayor Pro tem City Of Ouray), Kris Holstrom (San Miguel County), Julie Constan (CDOT Region 5 Transportation Director), Kathy Hall (Transportation Commissioner), Robert Hurd (Hinsdale County) David Avrill (SMART), Tim Funk (CDOT Region 5 Planner), Makayla Gordon (WEEDC), Lex Mulhall (Town of Lake City), Tony Cady (CDOT Region 5 Planning & Environmental Manager), Don Suppes (Delta County), Raelene Shelly (CDOT Region 3 Montrose Engineer), Sarah Curtis (All Points Transit), Mark Rogers (CDOT Region 3 Regional Planning Manager), Martin Schmidt (Gunnison County Public Works Manager) Mike Bordogna (San Miguel County), Jason Smith (CDOT Region 3 RTD), Jim Loebe (Town of Mtn. Village Transit Director), Karla Distel (Region 10), Preston Neill (Town of Ridgway) Troy Russ (Town of Crested Butte), Gretchen Atkinson (), Aris Freeborn (Region 10)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES for July 14, 2022, GVTPR Meeting

Motion to approve minutes as presented: M/S: Don Suppes/Kris Holstrom as accepted. None opposed. Passed unanimously

3. Discussion Items:

- a. TAP Transportation Alternative Program Mark Rogers & Tony Cady
 - i. Mark Rogers gave an update on TAP applications as the program has been approved by the transportation commission. The application period has not yet been opened up for a call for projects/applications and we are expecting a short application period with it opening up in February or March. Regional funding allotment and the decision for the projects will be made mainly in the region with a review by the state. Lowered the minimum to \$50,000 for planning grant and there is no set maximum because it is a regional allotment so the maximum would be the allotment for the regional allocation. TAP is a federal funding source and if you have a state project you should think about that because if the project receives federal funding the whole project becomes Federal. Draft schedule says call for will go out in February, with the applications due by March 20th, Review of Projects by April 7, and Final Application April 21. It is a 3-year call for projects in FY 24, 25, 26.
 - ii. Questions: Does the project have to be in the STIP or the 10-year plan? No, but it would get a better scoring value if it is in one of those plans. We would score a project higher if there is demonstrated support for it in the 10-year plan.
 - iii. When the applications period is open is it recommended that we have our local CDOT Engineer's support for it? It does have to be reviewed by a local engineer before the application is submitted. The region will end up having 2 reviews on applications, the preapplication meeting and then the Review period.
 - iv. Tony Cady shared the proposal for the selection committees, several CDOT regional representatives, 1 CDOT Transportation Development representative, 1 CDOT Transit & Rail representative, and 1 TPR Chair (or representative) from each TRP within the Region. Vince Rogalski requested/volunteered to be the TPR Representative on the Selection Committee for both Region 3 & 5.

b. MMOF Funding

i. At the previous TPR meeting we allocated all of 2023/24 MMOF Funding already. We have a limited amount of funding for 2024/25 at \$160,000 and we have allocated \$70,000 of it to All Points Transit to make up the balance of the application that they decreased their ask in 2023/24 to allow the other projects to be fully funded. Mike Snow can let us know if the remaining amount available would be Federal or State funding because the federal funding may have a deadline and once we have more information we can send an email out to the TPR to see if there is anything out there that could be

funded with the unallocated portion of MMOF for 2024/25. We will have a formal motion for that funding to be allocated to All Points Transit at the next GVTPR meeting.

- 1. S.M.A.R.T mentioned that they may have something that they could present to the TPR for that funding.
- ii. Questions: Has everyone who received MMOF Funding allocated all of it, or is there some that is leftover that could be turned back? Mark: for Region 3 all funding has been allocated, Tony: and all funding in Region 5 has been allocated.
- c. Other funding sources:
 - RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) Grant 23:
 Deadline is in February
 - Region 3 would like to ask the TPR for letters of recommendation for RAISE Grants for projects in Glenwood Canyon and for Grand County US-40. Region 3 is looking for support from other TPRs is because US-40 became the alternate route when Glenwood Canyon was down.

Motion to approve letters of recommendation from the GVTPR for RAISE Grants for Glenwood Canyon and Grand County US-40 as presented.: M/S: Robert Hurd/Cody Tusing as accepted. None opposed.

- ii. Electric Charging Grant:
- d. RPP
- i. Now that the 10-Year plan has been completed we need to look at putting together a RPP plan, we last put together a 10-year RPP plan together in 2015 to implement in 2016 and so we need to put that together.
- ii. Region 3: Has about \$17 million of RPP for Region 3 over 10 years in the Gunnison Valley and so we need to have a discussion with the GVTPR as to what projects in the 10-Year Plan could use the RPP. We have been guided to keep that funding tied to the 10-Year Plan.
- iii. Region 5: Has RPP planned through 2025, and then any available RPP available to the GVTPR after that would go to the Billy Creek safety improvement project that is a part of the 10-Year plan.
- e. Letter about a virtual meeting about grants and one is the Highway Safety Laws and the 2023 opportunities for the Hwy Safety Program. Vince cannot attend that as it is during the TC meeting.
- 4. Regional Updates
 - a. Region 3 Raelene Shelly
 - i. Completed projects:
 - 1. Landslide mitigation on 133 was completed in June.
 - 2. New Bridge over Gunnison River on Hwy 92 in November
 - 3. SH 49 resurfacing in Creede
 - 4. Surface Treatment project in September
 - 5. Hotchkiss to Crawford resurface.
 - 6. SH 133 Chip seal in September
 - ii. Current Projects
 - 1. Little Blue Canyon: It is open and there are not a lot of updates. They will be closed a bit tomorrow for stripping, but they will be closed the rest of the season and reopen construction in March. They will go to single lane-alternating, and they may request some full closures for when they need to do some blasting. They did receive feedback that the need to do a better job of informing the public about what is going on with the project. The contract says that they should be done by July 14th but we have a feeling that they will not be done by then. They have a couple of pipes that need to go in fairly deep under the road. About 90% of the paving that they have in there is temporary and will come out next spring during the construction.
 - Constructing Hwy 550: Jan 30 or Feb 6 will be the start date and continue through October. Turning lanes, passing lanes, realignments. Try to keep traffic impacts as minimal as possible but there may be some lane shifts. There will be lane closures and alternating traffic.
 - 3. Rural resurfacing on State Hwy 141: A couple of places with some widening and bridge repairs/guardrail replacements.

- 4. Passing Lanes at Blue Mesa US 50: Installing concrete barriers, lane closures during that. Project begins the end of March and kick-off in May to continue through October. Are they repairing the dip along the Blue Mesa? No this would be south of that. That dip shifts with the changes of the water levels in the reservoir. It is the least critical area that we have based on a geo-hazard standpoint.
- 5. Chip Seal on Hwy 92
- 6. South to the Crystal trailhead.
- 7. Slope Stabilization on 133 up by Paonia Reservoir: Will go to bid and anticipate that starting in July.
- 8. Roger's Mesa Hwy 92: Funding shortfall but it is slated to go to ad in September and start either late 2023 or early 2024.
- 9. Hwy 50 Olathe North Resurfacing: Harvest Road to D Road just south of Delta.
- 10. Rural Roads Resurfacing: On the Frontage Roads in Olathe and that is slated to go to ad in September.
- 11. 133 Rockfall mitigation: We are focusing on the Slope Stabilization
- 12. US 50 and US 550 Intersection: Adding a left turn lane. Double pumping the left turn arrow. You get a left turn at the beginning and the end of the cycle for that in the morning and the evening hours until we can get the second left lane constructed.
- 13. Rural Resurfacing on HWY 65 in Orchard City: Anticipated construction in 2025
- 14. Delta Demonstration Project: That is still going on and so we have waited on US 50 and 348 resurfacing on that until they have made a decision.
- 15. Raelene's last day at CDOT will be February 3rd as she has reached her 30 years.
- b. Region 5 Construction Updates | Kevin Curry
 - i. Current Projects:
 - 1. US 550 Ouray to Colona: Because of materials it will be finished this spring.
 - 2. Bridge Projects on 141: 3 bridges and also because of material delays it has been extended to two seasons and will be finished in Spring of 23
 - ii. Upcoming Projects
 - 1. US 550 Safety Improvements: Underpass, deer fencing, working on right of Way acquisitions We will be advertising this in the summer for work in the fall.
 - iii. SH 145 Wall Replacement: We have a crib wall that needs upgrades, but we have delayed due to budget and bids coming in almost double.
 - iv. US 550 81-89: Bluepoint Avalanche mitigation. Approximately the summit of Red Mountain Pass. It was advertised and we do have a low bid and an award to be started in Spring.
 - v. Chain Stations SH 145: We have 4 new stations being located. Advertisement in February 2023. Improved at roundabout where we will add lighting and painting. Up on the road we will be adding some paving.
- 5. Any Other Business:
 - a. Date of next GVTPR meeting: Tentatively May 11, 2023, 10am-12 noon
 - b. Access to Broadband on CDOT access, Region 10 is working with CDOT on that specifically for access on I-70.
 - c. Jim Loebe, we had our bid opening for the MMOF and the project was \$1.8 and they came in at \$3.5.
 - i. Cody, we are seeing that in Gunnison as well, bids came in about \$600,000 above expected.

Meeting adjourned at 11:17am