

**Gunnison Valley TPR Minutes
March 10, 2022
10:00 a.m. to noon,
Online meeting**

- 4) **WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS** – Vince Rogalski called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. with the following in attendance via Zoom: Roger Rash (Montrose County), Kris Holstrom (San Miguel County), Don Suppes and Wendell Koontz (Delta County), Marlene Crosby (Gunnison County), Ben Tisdell (Ouray County), Jim Schmidt (Town of Crested Butte), Cody Tusing (City of Gunnison), Jim Loebe (Town of Mt. Village), Robert Hurd (Hinsdale County), Jason White (Town of Telluride), Ty Barger (City of Ouray), Michael Bacani (Town of Mt. Crested Butte), Larry Wilkening (Town of Hotchkiss), Scott Murphy (City of Montrose), Preston Neill (City of Ridgway)

CDOT Representatives: Mike Goolsby, Julie Constan, Carrie Tremblatt, Mark Rogers, Jason Smith, Raelene Shelly, Jennifer Allison, Annelise van Vonno, TJ Burr, Tony Cady, Kevin Curry, Matt Muraro, Kim Kinnison

Region 10 Staff: Michelle Haynes, Courtney Rodwell, Karla Distel

Guests: Sarah Curtis (All Points Transit), David Averill (SMART), Mike McVaugh

- 2) **APPROVAL OF minutes of November 4, 2021**

The minutes of the November 4, 2021, meeting were sent out via email prior to the meeting. A motion for approval of the minutes was M/S by Ben Tisdell/Kris Holstrom and was approved unanimously.

- 3) **Reports**

Region 3 Construction Update – Raelene Shelly (sent out via email earlier today)

Current projects:

- a. **Blue Creek Canyon/Windy Point:** Contractor - American Civil Constructors Mountain West. Winter 2021 shutdown began in December. Construction is expected to resume March 2022 and continue through November 2022. At this point, plan for single-lane alternating operations through March, full daytime closures starting in April and an open period TBD. There will be full nighttime closures April 15 to October 15. There is likely to be a time extension due to the I70 closure last summer since paving may be delayed into next year.

Upcoming projects:

- b. SH 133 Landslide Mitigation - \$2.9 million construction budget, contractor Williams Construction, construction began November 2021 and is anticipated to continue through June 2022. Embankment repair near MP 15.3 and landslide repairs near MP 21.7.
- c. Combined SH 92 over the Gunnison River Bridge Replacement (MP 6.5) & SH 92 Resurfacing from MP 4 to MP 7 -, \$13.1 million construction budget, Contractor: Ralph L Wadsworth Construction Company, construction began November 2021 and continues through December 2022. Replace the load-rated bridge over the Gunnison River at MP 6.5. Detour bridge is in place to minimize delays and keep traffic open in the area. Montrose County adopted 1 span of the old bridge and the City of Delta adopted 2 spans.
- d. SH 149 Lake City Resurfacing - \$23.4 million construction budget - will be a coordinated project with Region 5, funded by SB 267 Rural Resurfacing funds. MP 92 to MP 23, cold-in-place recycle and asphalt overlay. Contractor – United Companies, Construction anticipated to begin March 2022 and continue through October 2022.

- e. US 550 Montrose South Resurfacing Otter Road to San Juan Avenue, Contractor: United Companies, \$9.7 million construction budget. Construction anticipated May through October 2022. Asphalt mill and overlay. Also includes US 50 Harvest Road to San Juan Avenue. San Juan Avenue intersection is not included in this project and will be added into a later project.
- f. SH 92 Hotchkiss to Crawford including Bridge Street in Hotchkiss and ADA ramps: Ad date: February 10, 2022, bid opening March 17, 2022, budget \$9.3 million. Construction anticipated May-October 2022. 1" leveling course with asphalt overlay, full-depth reclamation of Bridge Street through Hotchkiss. There will be a public meeting on this project.
- g. SH 133 Chip Seal: Contractor: United Companies, \$1.6 million. Chip sealing 12.4 miles of SH 133 from MP 11.4 to 23.8. Construction anticipated June-September 2022.
- h. SH 133 Embankment and River Repair: Budget \$2.265 million, ad date 7/14/22. Embankment repair of the North Fork of the Gunnison River near MP 15.3 on SH 133. Construction anticipated September 2022-July 2023.
- i. Other shelf-ready projects: US 50 and SH 348 Resurfacing (anticipated 2023), SH 114 Rural Resurfacing (anticipated 2023), SH 92 Rogers Mesa (anticipated 2023), US 50 & US 550 Resurfacing (anticipated 2023 but may be merged into 2022 project), SH 92 Rogers Mesa Reconstruction Phase 1 (TBD), US 550 Otter Road to Colona (TBD), US 50 and US 550 Intersection Improvements (TBD), US 50 Passing Lanes Blue Mesa (TBD), ADA Ramps in Delta, Olathe, Gunnison, Montrose, Cedaredge & Crested Butte (TBD).

Region 5 Construction Update – Kevin Curry (sent out via email earlier)

Upcoming projects:

- a. US 550 Ouray to Colona MP 94-116, surface treatment, budget \$15 million. Contractor Kilgore Companies, LLC, construction anticipated Spring 2022. HMA leveling course and overlay, includes 2 miles of shouldering between MMP 98 and 100.
- b. R5 Bridge Preventative maintenance – re-advertise with construction planned spring 2022. Includes preventative maintenance on three bridge structures on SH 141 in Montrose Counties.
- c. US 550 Pacochupuk/Billy Creek Safety Improvements MP 106-114.5, north of Ridgway State Park, budget \$6.9 million, advertise December 2022, construction 2023, leveling course overlay, wildlife protection, right turn lanes at Dutch Charlie. Proposal includes animal underpass at Billy Creek.
- d. SH 145 MP 63.4 Wall Replacement – budget \$800,000, advertise fall 2022 construction tentative 2023. Replace two wooden walls in need of replacement.
- e. US 550 MP 81 & 89 Bluepoint and Mother Cline Avalanche Mitigation – budget \$660k, advertise and construct 2022. Install Gasex avalanche system at a known path.
- f. SH 97 Nucla Pedestrian Improvements - \$240k Local Agency funding, advertise December 2022.
- g. R5 FY22 Chain Stations, budget \$1.85 million, ad date December 2022. Chain stations including two locations on SH 145 in San Miguel County.
- h. Kevin shared that he requested that the snowshed on Hwy550/Red Mountain be added to the tunnel program. This may mean future funding to extend the length of the snowshed.

4) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a. **10-Year Plan Update – Anneliese VanVonno, Mark Rogers (R3), Tony Cady (R5)** – Anneliese began with a presentation of background information for the discussion. The 10-year plan is divided into 2 segments: 4-year prioritized list and out years (5-10) unfunded, with a planning number of \$500 million per year. Includes equity across regions. There was an extensive outreach process. For the first time, transit and highway projects were combined into a single plan.

The plan needs to be updated because there has been significant progress in moving forward in the plan. Statewide, most of the years 1-4 projects are funded and 144 projects have been advanced from the 10-year plan. There is new funding from SB 260, plus additional expected dollars from the federal infrastructure bill. The plan also needs to address the new Greenhouse Gas Pollution Reduction Planning Rule that was adopted by the Transportation Commission in December 2021. The Transportation Commission also updated some of the Guiding Principles, adding "Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions" to "Mobility", adding "Social Equity" to "Economic Vitality" and updating the "Regional Priority" criteria.

At this point, nearly \$2.2 billion has been allocated for projects in years 1-4. With \$380M in remaining commitments, we are about 85% finished with funding the original 4-year priority list. Some of the

outyear projects are now ready to go, and CDOT is on track to meet Rural Paving and Asset Management plan goals, with 33 rural paving projects advanced for funding and 14 complete or under construction.

The goal is to review the remaining year 4 projects (\$380 million), determine priorities for the next 4-year list (FY 23-26), re-establish out-year projects (FY 27-30), and add additional out-years (FY 31-32). There are a variety of funding sources from the state as well as funds from the federal infrastructure bill. Preliminary estimate is \$225-\$250 million/year statewide for the next 4-year list. CDOT staff will review to make sure that the revisions are in compliance with the GHG reduction level requirements. The goal is to complete the plan update so that the TC can approve in July 2022.

Tony Cady – Region 5 – Tony shared an update of the projects that are in the current plan. The current estimate is that the Gunnison Valley TPR will receive about \$10.5 million in FYs 23-26 and about \$16 million in FYs 27-32. Tony offered two options 1) fund the largest project (Billy Creek) or 2) fund most of the smaller projects and find alternate funding sources for Billy Creek. Under scenario 1, many of the other projects could be eligible for MMOF or Revitalizing Main Streets funding.

Preston Neill from the Town of Ridgway shared a request from the Ridgway Town Council for a roundabout at Hwy 62 and Railroad Street. Tony recommended that the Town officially submit a request to add that project to the plan and see how it ultimately becomes prioritized by the TPR.

Tony and Matt will reach out to the communities that may have projects that would be eligible for MMOF funding to walk through the application process.

CDOT Region 5 staff will be watching for upcoming funding from the infrastructure bill to see if any could be dedicated to the Hwy 550/Billy Creek project. Existing funding could be a source for match. If infrastructure funds could be used, this would free up funds for other projects in the TPR.

This topic was revisited again later in the meeting. Members from San Miguel County (San Miguel County and Town of Mountain Village) shared concerns about the higher match requirements in San Miguel County if projects get shifted to MMOF/RMS. Matt shared that some other TPRs have adopted a hybrid approach using both RPP and MMOF/RMS. Matt also shared that there will probably be a TAP call for applications later this fall. There was a recommendation to defer the selection of the preferred R5 scenario until the federal infrastructure funding is more clearly understood.

Mark Rogers – Region 3 – Mark reviewed the CO 92 west of Hotchkiss project, which was identified as the key priority in years 5-10 of the plan with a \$25 million estimated cost. Other high priority outyear projects are US 50 Asset Management north of Montrose (\$15 million) and US 50 Safety projects east of Gunnison (\$15 million). At this point, estimated funding available is \$35 million. The staff recommendation is to apply funds first to Hwy 92/Rogers Mesa and then address other projects as funds are available. Mark Rogers confirmed that for Region 3, the additional projects are SH 92, US 50 North of Montrose, and US 50 Gunnison East.

There was a request for updated traffic counts regionwide for the discussion next time.

Kimberly Kinnison, DTR – There was a short discussion about the Hinsdale County need for Human Services Transportation. Michelle and Commissioner Hurd will try to get more information about the proposal.

b. MMOF 2022 Application Process – Matt Muraro & Mark Rogers -

Matt shared that the amount of MMOF funding for the second round is significantly more than the last round. The estimated amount for FY 2022/2023 is almost \$3.1 million each year, or \$6.2 million total, although future amounts are significantly less.

Matt reviewed the required match by county/municipality. Project eligibility criteria are generally the same as last time. Operating funds are now allowed for fixed/on-demand, also transportation demand. Projects that help address GHG are eligible and encouraged. Minimum project size has increased to \$300,000 for infrastructure and other projects are a minimum of \$25,000. CDOT encourages members to

set up a meeting with regional staff before applying. All state funding must be expended within contract term (up to 10 years) but infrastructure funds used as match may have shorter term.

Mark Rogers reminded everyone that if there are savings within their project, if funds can be turned around quickly, they may possibly be used, if not, they revert back to the program.

The tentative deadline for submission of applications was established as May 13 with the review in mid-June.

- c. **MMOF Transfer Request to GVTPR from All Points Transit – Vince Rogalski** – All-Points Transit has requested that MMOF funding in the amount of \$315,000 be moved to design for the new Montrose Transit Center. This will be a shared regional bus stop, administrative facility, and maintenance facility. A motion to authorize the transfer of funds was M/S by Kris Holstrom/Don Suppes. The request was unanimously approved.

The next meeting is May 12, 2022, from 9 a.m. to noon. Note: we have been unable to find suitable location for a large group, therefore this meeting will be virtual only. All TPR members are asked to confirm their voting representative with Michelle.

- 6) **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 12:14 pm.