



**Board of Directors Executive Committee Meeting**  
**April 28, 2022**  
**12:00 to 3:00 p.m.**  
**NOTE: VIRTUAL ONLY**

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- 1) **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**
- 2) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**
- 3) **APPROVAL Minutes March 2022**
- 4) **BUSINESS ITEMS:**
  - a. **Board Resolution for Building Loan**
- 5) **REPORTS**
  - a. **Executive Director/Financial Report**– Michelle Haynes
  - b. **Small Business Resource Center**- Nancy Murphy
  - c. **Business Loan Fund**-Dan Scinto
  - d. **Community Development**-Trish Thibodo
  - e. **Community Living Services** – Eva Veitch
  - f. **Regional Broadband**-Corey Bryndal
  - g. **Gunnison Valley Transportation Region Committee**- Vince Rogalski
- 6) **Roundtable Discussion**
- 7) **NEXT MEETINGS**
  - a. Executive Committee: June 23, 2022, Noon – 3 p.m.
  - b. Board of Directors Meeting: May 26, 2022 Noon-3 p.m.
  - c. BLF Committee: May 26, 2022 10 a.m.
  - d. AAA Regional Advisory Committee: TBD
  - e. Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region: May 12, 9 a.m.-Noon
- 8) **ADJOURNMENT**



1. **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**–Meeting was called to order at 12:05pm.
  - a. **Virtual:** Michelle Haynes (R10 Director) , Trish Thibodo (Community Development), Eva Veitch (Community Living Services), Nancy Murphy (Small Business Resource Center), Dan Scinto (Business Loan Fund), Corey Bryndal (Broadband Project Director), Roland Mason (Chair, Gunnison County), Elyse Ackerman-Casselberry (City of Delta), Jon Waschbusch (Treasurer, Montrose County), Ben Tisdell (Ouray County), John Clark (Town of Ridgway), Kris Holstrom (San Miguel County), DeLanie Young (Town of Telluride), Greg Levine (Hinsdale County), Dave Roberts (Town of Lake City) , Michael Bacani (Mt. Crested Butte), Vince Rogalski (GVTPR),
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
**Motion to approve: M/S: Kris Holstrom /Ben Tisdell as accepted.** None opposed.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for Feb 24, 2022 Board Meeting**  
**Motion to approve: M/S: Ben Tisdell/Kris Holstrom as accepted.** None opposed.
4. **Business Items:**
  - a. None
5. **Reports:**
  - a. **Executive Director/Financial Report** – Michelle Haynes
    - i. Cash position is in a decent position and one of our goals is to grow the reserve.
    - ii. Increase in the new SBA TA grant for next fiscal year of about 10%. We are trying to leverage that into our communities.
    - iii. Negative net margin is probably because we reconcile grants quarterly and we will do that in March.
    - iv. Appraisal came in lower than we expected. We have a little over \$1.1 million invested in the building and the appraisal came in at \$875,000. New loan against the building would be about \$510,000.
      1. Signed an agreement for design and engineering. They did take out the project management fees out of their cost for now.
    - v. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: we are thinking about a luncheon in August or September. We were maybe thinking invitation only and Region 10 would cover the cost. If you think of people that should be invited, please let us know.
      1. Ben: Previous people who have been instrumental over the years should be invited.
      2. Roland: Mentioning expansion of Region 10, especially surrounding Broadband.
    - vi. Ben: When was the last update of the employee manual?
      1. 2008, we are hoping to have a draft for you all in May.
  - b. **Small Business Resource Center** – Nancy Murphy
    - i. Consulting numbers are low, and we are looking at a few solutions to bring those numbers up:
      1. Marketing campaign for them to inform people of our services.
      2. Looking to recruit some new consultants
      3. Coffee & Conversations: with Consultant Matt Evans to talk with Small Businesses
    - ii. Training is lower than last year. We are at about 39 participants
    - iii. Beginning Foodie Fridays on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Cottage foods is first and then Food Trucks in May
    - iv. Employee 101: In person in Gunnison on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup>, and then Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup> at Cascade Hall.

- v. Gunnison office is moving forward. The employees there are onboarded, and they are meeting people in the community.
- c. **Business Loan Fund – Dan Scinto**
- i. 4 loan closings for the month
  - ii. Interest remains strong--Mostly for service type industries and some hospitality.
  - iii. We are including partners in rolling loans out.
  - iv. The growth in the SBA TA grant is integral to the Gunnison Office
  - v. BLF Conference in April with a focus in new Start-Up Loan Fund.
  - vi. Energize Grants
    - 1. Approved 15 grants so far for \$78,000
    - 2. We are finding that the applications from rural areas are submitted with a large extent of fraud.
- d. **Community Development – Trish Thibodo**
- i. **Enterprise Zone:** Renewal Project
    - 1. Delta Health Foundation

**Action Item:** Motion to approve Delta Health Foundation. **M/S: Kris Holstrom/Ben Tisdell as accepted.**  
None opposed.
  - ii. Datafy is continuing to work to collect regional data.
  - iii. Partnering with CO Outdoors for a Regional Outdoor Recreation Product Summit – July 15, 2022 (Montrose)
  - iv. Innovation Center – We have put out our Request for Quotes, required walk-through on Monday, hope to have a contractor selected by the end of April.
    - 1. We are looking for a Rural Entrepreneur Coordinator for the Center and if you know of anyone please let us know or send them to our website “Work With Us”.
- e. **Community Living Services – Eva Veitch**
- i. We did not receive grant request for SB 290. But there is still some money on the table for that so we are looking at re-applying from a different approach.
  - ii. Program Assistant for CLS started and she is bi-lingual.
  - iii. San Miguel & West End, I will be in Nucla tomorrow to discuss the meals programs. We are still using Mom’s meals.
    - 1. With our surveys out we have recognized that seniors in Marble & Somerset are at a lack of services. And so, we have expanded the Mom’s Meals program to the entire region. We can use our federal dollars for this program.
  - iv. Scam going around about Social Security benefits and their COLA Adjustments. It may be good to include in utility bills.
- f. **Broadband – Corey Bryndal**
- i. We got a couple of exciting announcements
    - 1. Grant for Hinsdale County did get approved.
    - 2. Awarded just under \$4 million to do our Denver to Durango project addition and it has no match. In partnership with project Thor and between the two it is about \$6 million. It is without match because it will serve beyond just Region 10.
  - ii. Gunnison to Crested Butte is on hold. We are looking for funding to move that project forward.
  - iii. We are working with DMEA to increase our internet supply.
  - iv. We are buying a link on Cottonwood Pass to get us connected to Denver from Gunnison County.
  - v. Working with San Miguel County to get the Norwood to Telluride connection finalized.
  - vi. **Roland:** Could you explain how the grant that we received adds to the idea of the Hub & Spoke?
    - 1. This has broad implications. It has benefits to Region 10 and all the communities along the line. It brings the benefit of connecting to Denver and Grand Junction as well as pushing those benefits the other communities around us.
    - 2. Our communities need to do the planning and then seek out the funding source.
  - vii. **Ben:** Is it worth it to go to Mountain Connect this year?

1. Yes, there is a Broadband 101 that helps those who are new to the topic understand what we are doing. There are typically a lot of people there that you want to connect with.
2. Will be there Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

g. **Gunnison Valley Transportation Region Committee** – Vince Rogalski

- i. Denver STAC & Transportation Commission – Green House Gas Rule and Transit. Developing procedures and policies. What are the mitigation lists going to be?
  1. MPO's (urban areas) are likely to be the most affected.
  2. How does this affect rural areas?
  3. 46% reduction in GHG
- ii. Transit funding may be reduced.
- iii. Report on what Plow Drivers have to do with dealing with the public. Brought up that in our Mountain Communities, drivers could cause a death because of lack of respect to plow drivers.
- iv. Construction on Blue Mesa is to continue April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- v. MMOF Funding – this round has \$6.2 million:
  1. Last time with the MMOF a project for All Points was award \$315,000 to do the design of the region transit in Montrose.
  2. The TPR makes the decision on which projects are funded. Region 3 and Region 5 must be involved sooner than later. You have to meet with them before the application can be submitted to the MMOF
  3. This is a great opportunity for communities to get involved.
  4. Match funds have been decided already a list of these match funds may have already been sent out depending on the Municipality applying.
    - a. Determined by value of housing, level of income, various communities are considered disadvantaged, how good is your community doing?
    - b. You can apply for a reduction in the Match, send a letter to the TPR (Vince) and he can make a case for the reduction if needed.
  5. Region 5 is looking at making a Pedestrian underpass part of the MMOF Funding.
- vi. CDOT is applying for 3 mobility hubs on the Western Slope. But we are unsure what ones are included in that.
- vii. Mentioned that MMOF funding has 1 year 3 months left for the previous round of funding. The new round of funding will come out in June/July of this year and will have its own funding.
- viii. Meet with CDOT representative first: need budget and project, they will help streamline the process and then help put together the packet for an application to the GVTPR.

6. **Roundtable Discussion**

- a. **Montrose County:**
  - i. **Jon Waschbusch (Montrose County):** Courthouse out for bid Early 2023 after announcement of funding. Trying to cost estimate that project has been difficult with the constant changes in building and supplies. Airport is on-time and under budget.
- b. **Hinsdale**
  - i. **Greg Levine (Hinsdale County):** Looking forward to the Broadband project.
- c. **Ouray County:**
  - i. **Ben Tisdell (Ouray County):** Excited about the Region 9.5 project that we are working on with Trish. Trying to pay attention to the infrastructure bill opportunities. We are working on a housing project with the Telluride Foundation. There are a lot of CDOT projects taking place in the Ouray/Montrose areas.
- d. **San Miguel County:**
  - i. **Kris Holstrom (San Miguel County):** Working on the Senior Meals in the region with AAA. We are experienced more and more homeless, even though we tend to know them by name. Working on Basin Clinic, Uncompahgre Center can come together and discuss the region's medical needs. Had groundbreaking for the housing project in Norwood next to the library, 24 units. The county had done a community county zone. Our school board was served with a letter of intent to sue the school board over critical race theory, masks, etc. They had a meeting to have over 600 people attend and those who spoke were supporting the school board. The letter is a tactic that is being seen across the state.

e. **Gunnison County:**

- i. **Michael Bacani (Mt Crested Butte):** Ski season is winding down and closing in just over a week. We have relieved our Town Manager of their duties and have a temporary Town Manager to take the spot. We are on the lookout for a new Town Manager.
- ii. **Roland Mason (Gunnison County):** Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority is looking for an ED search for that position. We should have that position posted in the next couple of weeks. Airport project on schedule to be complete sometime in July. The House Bill 22-1117 the local marketing district funds and lodging tax funds. An LMD is a 4% tax that is added on to beds, it will allow us to be more flexible with the spending. IF we want to change the funding from marketing to housing or childcare you have to make the case about how it will make a stay better. We go an update from the Board of Trustees from the hospital that also manages our elderly care center that they are operating at a deficit. They have had to lower the number of residents that they are able to take in due to the lack of staffing. 38 beds are being utilized with a maximum of 50 available but they are unable to fill those. Road & Bridge generally operates within the gas tax, the funding that they are able to utilize are depleted, so we are faced with going to the public to help fund Road & Bridge. This may mean that we will need to cut back on the Road & Bridge operations. We are contemplating adding some defensible space mitigation practices within our Fire Departments with the example that was set by the brush fire in Boulder last year.

7. **Next Meeting:**

- a. Executive Committee Meeting, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 12pm-3pm – Virtual

8. **Action Item:** Motion to Adjourn **M/S: Kris Holstrom/Michael Bacaini.** None opposed.  
**Meeting adjourned at:** 1:55pm

# Balance Sheet

Region 10  
Period From: 7/1/2021 to 2/28/2022

Run Date: 4/25/22  
Run Time: 4:50:53 pm

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## Assets:

10000	Vectra Bank-General XXXX-2154	198,511.48
10300	Vectra Bank - Savings XXXX-9730	127,922.95
10800	Petty Cash	150.00
11000	Alpine Bank - RLF Operating XXXX-1716	585,790.39
11050	Alpine Bank - CDBG Funds xxxx-11525	149.80
11100	Alpine Bank - SBA III Checking XXXX-8519	108,791.17
11150	Alpine Bank - SBA III LLR xxxx-8532	41,553.66
11200	Alpine Bank - SBA IV Checking xxxx-9723	74,894.49
11250	Alpine Bank - SBA IV LLR XXX-9670	75,068.42
11300	Delta County Loan Funds Alpine - XXXX6763	1,602.31
11350	Gunnison County Loan Funds - Alpine XXXX-6839	100.00
11400	Alpine Bank - SBA V MRF XXXX-5269	48,356.37
11450	Alpine Bank - SBA V LLRF XXXX-5308	45,007.92
11625	Alpine Bank- SBA VI MRF XXXX-8805	37,316.06
11650	Alpine Bank - SBA VI LLRF XXXX-8844	45,003.26
11800	Bank of Colorado-SBRC 0000-7166	30,982.43
12500	Prepaid Expenses	23,252.78
12900	AAA Gen Fund Receivable	357,873.33
12905	RSVP Grant Receivable	34,000.00
13500	CDBG RLF Loans Receivable	202,774.36
13600	Rural BLF Statewide Collaboration Project Funds	102,178.80
13800	Region 10 RLF Loan Receivable	437,525.59
14200	SBA II Loan Receivable #5303545000	91,607.43
14300	SBA III	192,453.92
14400	SBA IV	350,575.53
14405	SBA V Loan Receivable #	243,187.90
14460	SBA VI Receivable	171,565.56
14500	CDBG #8	472,545.65
14600	Federal Grants Receivable	101,124.17
14601	EDA Grant Receivable	40,166.64
14603	SBA Grant Receivable	58,224.84
14610	DOLA Grant Receivable	24,792.44
14620	CDOT Grant Receivable	5,000.00
14700	Other Receivables	16,090.82
14750	Broadband & Partners Receivables	(0.02)
14760	Broadband Service Billing	8,851.40
14800	Broadband Infrastructure/in Progress	1,661,196.50
14825	Broadband IRU's	9,305,448.31
14875	Broadband Equipment	1,605,111.19
15100	Allow. for Doubtful Accounts	(169,126.12)
16000	Security Deposit-Rent	3,000.00
19000	Land - 145 S. Cascade	86,457.00
19100	145 South Cascade - Building	1,003,674.29
19160	CIP Olathe Center 2022	3,500.00
19200	Furniture/Fixtures/Computers	14,461.15
19800	Accumulated Depreciation	(2,203,644.96)

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<b>Total Assets:</b>		<b>15,665,069.21</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
20000	Accounts Payable	333,524.18
20010	Credit Card Clearing	10,951.24
20500	Accrued Annual Leave	34,767.49
21400	Retirement Withheld	2.94
21600	Aflac Benefit	221.89
22700	SBA Loan - Citizen's Bank #4756175005	(1,832.71)
22770	SBA Loan III - Alpine Bank #9325495008	121,780.86
22780	SBA Loan IV - Alpine Bank #2489697006	377,831.11
22790	SBA Loan V - Alpine Bank #3241897302	274,999.98
22795	SBA Loan VI - Alpine Bank #7841328500	200,000.00
25000	Member Dues Deferred Revenue	(74,048.86)
29800	RLSS Clearing Account	(9,714.35)
<b>Total Liabilities:</b>		<b>1,268,483.77</b>
<b>Projects</b>		
30350	Community Partner Loan Administration Program	21,383.38
30400	Region 10 BLF Fund	(30,593.58)
30500	Community Development BLF Fund	17,750.00
30600	Rural BLF Statewide Collaboration Project	72,361.13
31000	SBA #1 BLF Fund	4,882.15
31500	CDBG #8	(29,173.58)
31600	SBA Loan I	16,386.00
31610	SBA II Loan Receivable #5303545000	13,359.54
31650	SBA Technical Assistance	(90,815.57)
31750	CDBG #7 BLF Fund	399,324.92
31850	SBA IV Loan #2489697006	28,386.21
31875	SBA V Loan #3241897302	15,070.24
31885	SBA VI Loan Recv #7841328500	1,494.41
31900	Small Business Resource Center	(28,032.92)
32200	Community Development	27,150.62
32210	Regional Broadband	396,973.92
32220	EZ Administration - 2020	(24,345.25)
34200	USDA RBDG	(2,244.54)
34300	USDA CFTA /RISE	(6,835.85)
35850	Transportation	28,266.48
36000	Other AAA Funding	141,497.11
36100	AAA Funding Fed	47,743.84
36200	AAA Funding State	134,557.00
39000	Agency Current Year Unrestricted	13,625,129.85
39300	Unrestricted Net Assets	(174,557.62)
39500	Retained Earnings	(350,846.60)
<b>Total Projects</b>		<b>14,254,271.29</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Projects</b>		<b>15,522,755.06</b>

# Agencywide Line Item Revenues and Expenditures

Region 10

Period: 7/1/2021 to 2/28/2022

With Indirect Detail

Code	Description	Current	YTD
<b>Revenues</b>			
40000	EZ Admin Grant	1,750.00	18,008.00
40100	EDA Grant	19,833.33	172,874.58
40200	AAA Admin Fed	(975.07)	40,026.24
40210	AAA Admin State	8,087.00	64,696.00
40400	CDOT Annual Grant	2,500.00	22,093.60
40800	DOLA - Community Development Grant	7,200.00	69,248.36
40860	Broadband Service Income	14,485.05	117,980.40
40900	AAA Program Income	0.00	8,166.69
41400	AAA NSIP Fed	8,387.46	14,998.41
42000	Member Dues	8,451.00	67,608.00
42500	AAA Fed Funding	54,377.38	471,152.77
42700	Transportation Assessments	2,154.00	17,232.00
43000	AAA Program State	122,710.42	682,177.68
43100	Small Business Resource Center Funding	4,500.00	18,000.00
43150	SBRC - Tuition Fee Income	0.00	943.09
43227	SBDC Grant Income	8,583.33	155,506.60
43400	AAA Assessments	2,682.00	21,456.00
43600	ADRC Revenue	0.00	12,955.00
45000	Bank Interest Earned	8.54	72.83
45800	EZ Contribution Fees	263.13	4,052.66
46000	Local Donations	0.00	75.00
48000	AAA Local Donations	45.00	45.00
48050	Other Income	175.00	100,661.55
48100	Other CLS Grants	13,000.00	93,550.00
48200	SHIP Grant	8,807.33	18,057.33
48300	MIPPA Grant	0.00	1,305.03
48400	RSVP Grant	17,000.00	102,332.75
49100	Loan Interest	1,155.61	15,383.31
49110	Loan Interest-CDBG #6	578.51	7,508.23
49115	Loan Interest Rural BLF Statewide	283.25	3,483.01
49130	Loan Interest-SBA II #5303545000	379.69	4,563.42
49140	Loan Interest-SBA III # 9325495008	843.73	5,849.08
49150	Loan Interest-SBA IV # 2489697006	1,172.84	11,560.85
49155	SBA Loan V Interest Income	883.69	9,071.60
49156	SBA VI Interest Income	379.89	1,663.23
49160	Loan Interest-CDBG #8	1,583.43	14,557.97
49200	Loan Fees	0.00	373.00
49210	Loan Administrative Fees	0.00	3,808.00
49300	Late Fees/Penalties	18.94	524.68
49400	Loan Recovery Revenue	0.00	11,108.96
49600	SBA Technical Assistance Grant	8,000.00	89,253.90
<b>Revenues</b>		<b>319,304.48</b>	<b>2,473,984.08</b>



## Agencywide Line Item Revenues and Expenditures

Region 10

Period: 7/1/2021 to 2/28/2022

With Indirect Detail

Code	Description	Current	YTD
<b>Expenses</b>			
50000	SALARIES	194,563.44	796,041.30
50500	FRINGE BENEFITS	22,894.91	160,232.01
52000	Meetings & Travel Expenses	3,354.12	31,861.24
52100	Broadband Service	11,890.62	26,326.26
52700	Telephone/Fax	296.18	2,839.25
53000	Rent	0.00	3,660.00
53300	Background and Security Verification	180.25	532.25
53500	Copies	0.00	257.28
53600	Postage & Shipping	328.30	1,402.41
53650	Educational Supplies	0.00	3,973.56
53700	Printing & Supplies	3,549.70	21,319.65
53900	Software - Finance	305.00	1,845.25
53910	Software - Miscellaneous	0.00	16,068.00
53930	Web Hosting & Design	0.00	40.42
53940	Computer Repair & Maintenance	0.00	3,579.66
53950	Broadband Network Management	1,550.00	12,400.00
54000	Dues & Subscriptions	1,680.00	14,107.98
54900	Consulting Fees	2,307.50	13,326.55
55000	Contractual Services	11,670.00	97,755.91
55100	Legal Fees	2,795.50	3,962.68
55200	Audit & Accounting	315.48	16,808.65
55300	Recruitment & Retention	1,009.98	6,329.99
55350	Donations & Sponsorships	0.00	500.00
55600	Promotions	4,735.84	9,928.92
56200	Bank Service Charges/Fees	56.25	123.72
56300	Other Insurance	0.00	1,527.94
58000	Depreciation Expense	36,088.07	288,704.56
58400	Business Grant Distributions	0.00	107,500.00
58500	Stipend	743.27	3,604.94
59600	Equipment & Furniture	649.73	8,806.81
59800	Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	373.89
59850	Support From Unrestricted	0.00	325.00
60100	Building Insurance	0.00	3,219.91
60200	Building Maintenance & Repair	1,956.89	17,155.89
60600	Building Utilities	571.19	4,492.58
61000	Building Rent & Misc Expenses	229.54	229.54
72500	AAA Fed Funding	62,902.77	479,669.52
73000	AAA State Funding	116,190.33	573,923.95
73600	ADRC Expenses	0.00	534.00
78100	Other CLS Grants Expense	8,483.60	31,121.50
92000	SBA Loan Interest	540.26	4,713.58
92100	Loan Expenses	218.26	1,847.26
92200	Bad Debt/Write Off	2,400.00	19,200.00
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>494,456.98</b>	<b>2,792,521.31</b>
	<b>Agency Balance</b>	<b>(175,152.50)</b>	<b>(318,537.23)</b>
	Depreciation	36,088.07	288,704.56
	<b>Net of Depreciation</b>	<b>(139,064.43)</b>	<b>(29,832.67)</b>



## Executive Director Update March 2022

- Signed contract regarding Region 10 office addition/remodel design and engineering to develop estimate and bid for construction. Estimated completion of engineering in 4-6 weeks, then will develop construction estimate. Estimating construction to begin late fall 2022, completion early 2023.
- **ACTION ITEM: Approve Resolution to Borrow. Note:** Appraisal on existing facility was less than expected (\$875,000). The loan request was reduced to \$510,000 to maintain Loan to Value of 75% and keep existing line of credit of \$150,00.
  - Reminder of **GENERAL TERMS**
    - **Borrower:** Region 10 League for Economic Assistance & Planning Inc
    - **Loan Amount:** \$600,000
    - **Term of Loan:** The term of the loan shall be 120 months from origination. The monthly principal and interest payment will be approximately \$3,100. Payments will be based on a 25-year amortization.
    - **Interest Rate:** Fixed rate of 3.75%
    - **Purpose:** Building addition and improvements of 145 S Cascade Ave, Montrose CO
    - **Origination and Other Fees:** No origination fee. All fees, costs and expenses, including, without limitation, for title insurance, hazard insurance, appraisal, closing, recording, taxes, and the Bank's attorney fees shall be collected from the Borrower at closing. In the event the Loan fails to close due to any act or omission by the Borrower, Borrower will promptly reimburse the Bank for all reasonable expenses incurred by the Bank, including, but not limited to, appraisal and attorney fees.
    - **Prepayment Penalty:** 3-2-1 Prepayment Penalty, only applies if you refinance with another lender.
    - **Security/Collateral:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Deed of Trust at 145 S. Cascade Montrose, CO 81401 (Alpine Bank also holds the 1<sup>st</sup> DOT on your current line of credit)
    - **Title Insurance:** Land Title Guarantee
    - **Required Other Insurance:** Building hazard insurance
    - **Appraisal:** Alpine Bank will require an appraisal with a maximum LTV of 75% .
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- Olathe remodel project-architect completed 30% design. Finalizing lease (in-kind) for property. Received one qualified bid (Stryker Company) for the project. Will begin design completion and asbestos abatement. Estimated start July 2022, with 20 weeks construction.
- Working on review/update of the employee manual (last update was 2012). Met with HR Consultant (Courtney Berg/Courtside Consulting) with director's and manager team.
- Beginning to develop concept and support for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. Currently considering afternoon/early evening event in Fall.
- Transportation/transit: Released application for MMOF, due May 9 prior to next GVTPR meeting May 12. May consider request for funding for updating regional transit plan.

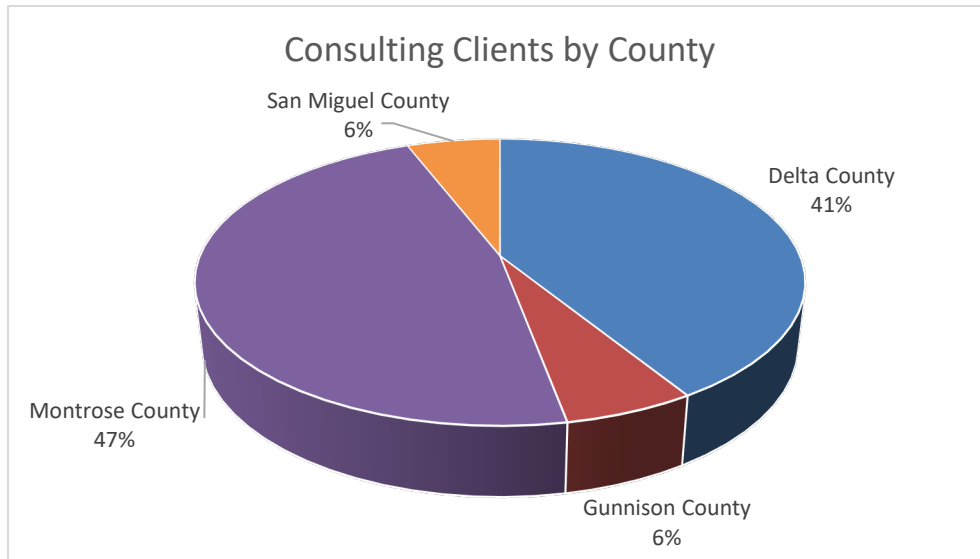


# SBRC Board Report

April 28, 2022

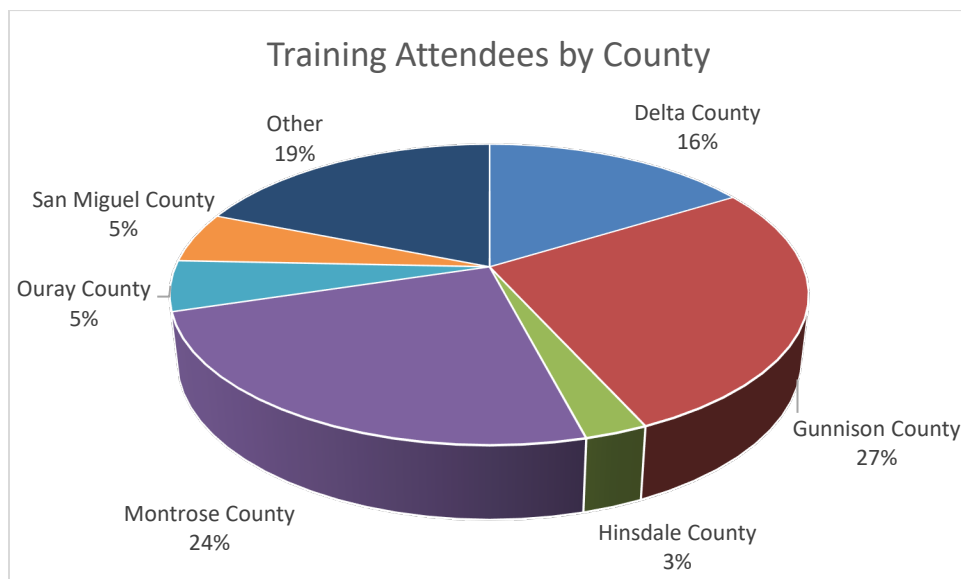
## March Consulting

2022	Clients	Sessions	Hours
March	17	24	32



## March Trainings

2022	Attendees	Workshops	Hours
March	39	12	18



## Activities

- SBDC Accreditation- The Colorado SBDC is a nationally accredited program that undergoes the accreditation process every five years. In that process, each center is audited for compliance and accuracy to ensure it meets accreditation standards. This is our first audit as the West Central SBDC host. Compliance activities include strategic planning, succession planning, monitoring and accuracy of client records, adherence to SBDC marketing collateral brand standards, etc.
- Gunnison Satellite Office— up and running! Complete with internet connection and fully onboarded staff
- Held a meet and greet lunch for Gunnison Valley SBDC consultants to meet the Region 10 staff
- Foodie Fridays is back online with information about rules and regulations for cottage foods and food trucks
- Held our 2022 Q2 SBDC meeting in early April
- Held our first in-person workshop in two years and one month!—Employees 101
- Leading Edge, completes tonight! 18 online attendees—Montrose to Leadville
- PR management for Region 10 and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book
- Website issues have been resolved—mostly!
- Still in the process of launching monthly coffees for community business owners
- Ongoing SBDC meetings—bi-weekly network meetings, monthly committee meeting (operations)
- Ongoing SBDC network collaboration and program development meetings- every two weeks
- Ongoing Region 10 initiative meetings—Outdoor Rec, RISE grant advisory, Olathe Coworking, Olathe Youth Entrepreneurship, etc.
- Ongoing Region 10 marketing meetings- Website, PR
- Exploratory meetings- Demystifying Entrepreneurship (CU Boulder), marketing agency interviews
- One-off client meetings

## Upcoming Workshops

Region 10 | West Central SBDC in cooperation with Northwest and Central Mountain SBDC

- Finance Friday: Legal Entities and Tax Structures, Fri, Apr 29, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Marketing Power: Back to Basics- Blogging 101, Tues, May 3, noon- 12:45 p.m.
- Employees 101: Follow up 1, Wed, May 4, 9- 10 a.m.
- Foodie Friday: Food Trucks, Fri, May 6, 9- 10 a.m.
- Employees 101: Follow up 2, Wed, May 18, 9- 10 a.m.
- SmartStart: How to start a business in Colorado, Wed, May 18, 11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.
- Google: Get Your Business Online, Wed, May 18, noon- 1 p.m.

## Always, Anytime Online On-Demand

- Cash Flow Essentials, \$45
- Profitability Essentials, \$75
- Budgeting, Cash Flow, and Taxes for Child Care Providers, free



## **Business Loan Fund April 2022**

### **Activities/Inquiries/Loans**

#### **Activities/Inquiries**

- **Loan Closings** Closed None. There are three approved loans scheduled to close in the first week of May. Two in **Montrose County** and one in **Delta**.
- **Loan Inquiries** In our Active Pipeline we have two in **Gunnison**, one in **Delta**, and one in **Ouray** counties.
- The opening of the Gunnison location is complete. And onboarding and training is going well.
- Attended the Statewide Business Loan Fund Conference in Colorado Springs. There were speakers for OEDIT programs detailing information on CDBG, Start-Up Loan Fund, Climber Fund, and Energize Colorado. In summary there are numerous funding opportunities that have arisen for COVID response by the State. CHFA reported additional funding for the Colorado Credit Reserve Program, and its Cash Collateral Reserve product.
- Attended a weekly meeting with MEDC and Colorado Outdoors for the purpose of identifying potential CDBG loan requests associated with economic development in Montrose.
- The Energize Colorado Grant Program final funding for grants has concluded. This third and final round we were able to approve 69 grants for a total of \$392,627.40. The average was \$5,690.25 per business. This program should be coming to an end soon.
- We are actively seeking a new vendor for our loan production software. We have outgrown the abilities to be serviced by our existing provider.
- Sponsored and attended the Financial Reality Fair at Montrose High School.

## Loan Production Report

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 (FY22)								
Loan Number	Amount	Date Closed	County	Jobs	Created Jobs	Retained Funds	Source	Funds Leveraged
1515	\$ 20,000.00	7/8/21	Montrose	0	3		SBA III	\$ 5,000
3600	\$ 30,000.00	7/26/21	Gunnison	0	2		SBA VI	\$ 30,000
1516	\$ 15,000.00	8/26/21	Montrose	1	1		SBA III	\$ -
3601	\$ 21,000.00	9/2/21	Montrose	1	4		SBA VI	\$ -
3602	\$ 6,000.00	9/23/21	Montrose	1	0		SBA VI	\$ -
1086	\$ 75,291.00	12/3/21	Montrose	0	15		RLF	\$ 15,000
3603	\$ 50,000.00	12/3/21	Ouray	0	5		SBA VI	\$ 450,000
3604	\$ 15,000.00	12/16/21	Montrose	0	3		SBA VI	\$ -
3605	\$ 15,000.00	1/14/22	Montrose	1	1		SBA VI	\$ -
3606	\$ 40,000.00	1/13/22	Montrose	1	4		SBA VI	\$ -
1517	\$ 25,000.00	2/25/22	Montrose	4	2		SBA III	\$ -
1087	\$ 20,000.00	2/25/22	Montrose	4	2		SBA III	\$ -
1518	\$ 50,000.00	3/10/22	Gunnison	1	1		SBA III	\$ 10,000
3607	\$ 47,200.00	3/10/22	Gunnison	2	28.5		SBA VI	\$ -
1736	\$ 30,000.00	3/11/22	Delta	2	0		SBA IV	\$ -
1519	\$ 50,000.00	4/21/22	Montrose	5	0		SBA III	\$ 120,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 509,491.00</b>			<b>23</b>	<b>71.5</b>			<b>\$ 630,000</b>

## April 2022 Enterprise Zone and Community Development Report

### Enterprise Zone:

- Gunnison Arts Center Operations EZ Contribution Project was approved and will be active for five years.
- Courtney and I will be presenting at Rural Philanthropy Days on June 7 on how non-profits might become an EZCP

### Active Regional Projects:

- **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (2021-2026)** – Quarterly CEDS meeting held in April to focus on one strategy – small business support
- **Central San Juans High Alpine Roadmap to Recovery (Oct 2021 – Jun 2023):** GOAL: collaborate across jurisdictions to improve public land management and support sustainable tourism, recreation, and hazard mitigation. This month we addressed hazard mitigation
  - This team includes five counties – Dolores, **Hinsdale, San Juan, San Miguel, and Ouray** – and seven municipalities within those counties – **Lake City, Mountain Village, Ouray, Rico, Ridgway, Silverton, and Telluride** and by June 2023, will finish the final two phases of the Roadmap: developing *Strategies and Actions* and drafting an *Implementation Plan*.
- **Regional Housing Data Meta-Analysis (February - July 2022):** in process
  - Purpose: a regional meta-analysis of existing housing data, housing plans and identified needs across the 6-counties of the region. The results of our efforts will help Region 10 better understand current trends and how to address evolving community needs. The result will provide insights to Region 10's housing needs, barriers to success, and tools to address them. They will assist local governments with tools and resources to combat this regional housing crisis.
- **Regional Data Project (February 2021 – December 2022)** - ongoing
- **Regional Outdoor Recreation Product Summit – July 15, 2022 (Montrose)** -Working with Colorado Outdoors to host an Outdoor Recreation (ORec) Product Summit with the target audience being ORec Product Manufacturing Industry Cluster.
- **Region 10 RISE Innovation Center:** Region 10's USDA Rural Innovation Stronger Economies was awarded for \$1.7 million dollars to support both renovation and operations of the Innovation Center.
  - Stryker was the only remodel proposal submitted after two firms were at the mandatory walk through. In process of contracting with Stryker.
  - Building will need full asbestos remediation. Stryker will subcontract for remediation.
  - Estimate is that remodel will completed in December 2022 or January 2023. We are going to look at a phased process so that we can start the kitchen programming.
  - Met with Thea Chase to possibly contract with her to jumpstart the entrepreneur programming.
  - We will utilize the Conexion Coworking space to launch RISE programming.
  - Held third Olathe RISE Steering Committee Meeting on April 18
  - Continue to recruit for the Entrepreneur and Kitchen Program staff member and looking to hire consultants to begin to develop each program.

### Current Regional Planning/Partnerships



- **Regional Workforce Development:** Meet monthly with SW Workforce Council, Technical College of the Rockies, CMU-Montrose, Delta County School District and Montrose County School District to better coordinate workforce pathways and identify opportunities for projects. We will continue to meet on a monthly basis to increase communication and understanding of current projects, gaps and opportunities.
- Western Colorado Workforce Development Board

#### **Community Planning/Involvement:**

- **West End Economic Development Corporation** (Nucla, Naturita, Norwood)
  - We are administering/managing a Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) grant for the West End to support transition work which began March 2022 – June 2023
  - Participating as an Ex-officio on their board of directors.
- **Delta County-**
  - Continue to participate as an ex-officio member of the One Delta County Board..
  - Supporting City of Delta as they focus on downtown revitalization, including the addition of a coworking space and maker space.
  - Have been asked to facilitate the One Delta County board planning session on April 29.
- **Town of Olathe**
  - We have assumed management of their new coworking space in Olathe (Conexion).
  - Held the Youth Entrepreneurship Camp (YEC) for Olathe Middle School students April 25 – 27. We are contracting with Craig Schroeder to facilitate the camp
  - Continue to work with temp employees Erik Westersen (Olathe Conexion Manager) and Maegan Mock (Program Assistant) who will support the coworking space, member recruitment, community liaisons.
- **Community Meetings and Events:**
  - Attended the **Delta County** Municipal meeting.
  - **Olathe** Making Olathe Better monthly meeting
  - Technical College of the Rockies Institutional Advisory Committee - Quarterly
- **Presentations:**
  - Presented the RISE Innovation Center – to the **Montrose** Forum

#### **Ongoing Statewide Committee Work:**

- State's Opportunity Zone Steering Committee
- Economic Development Council of Colorado Board of Directors
  - Executive Committee
  - Event Planning Committee
  - Public Policy Committee.

## **Community Living Services (CLS) Director Report April 2022**

**April 17-23 was National Volunteer Week! Thank you all for your service to Region 10 and the communities you serve!**

### **Funding updates**

We will apply for round II SB-290 grant for the supportive housing community center project with a different approach. We will continue partnering with CASA for additional grants.

### **Program updates**

**AAA-**The MOMs Meals Program is gaining traction in other counties since we have made it available to all areas of the region. Thus far we have 45 people on this program. We expect this to continue to grow and are hoping to hand off the admin part of it to Senior Community Meals by July.

The consumer directed program is going well, with 10 providers in the que and working through the vetting process. Consumers are very excited about this program.

**Senior Companion-**R 10 was not funded for the SCP grant, we have been operating all these years under a non-funded demonstration project. We are no longer able to do that, so we have pulled that program under RSVP and renamed it the Region 10 Senior Companion Program. We are no longer able to provide the stipend; however, we can reimburse for mileage and offer a meal allowance for volunteer service more than 4 hours. The positive side of this is that we no longer need to meet the stringent training requirements of 20 hours which was a deterrent for many volunteers. All in all, we believe this will allow us to continue with this important program under RSVP which is well funded for volunteer recruitment and appreciation. This allows us to increase the recruitment reach to all counties with the RSVP coordinators.

### **Ombudsman**

The State Ombudsman office is in the process of updating all policies, this has been a daunting process for Sandy requiring many hours of meetings and training.

### **RSVP**

We are please to announce that we have RSVP coordinators in the West End and SM Counties! Still on the search for Ouray County. The new coordinators will be tasked with finding volunteer activity leaders for any senior center interested in providing more things for older adults to do. Nucla & Norwood are at the top of the list.

### **SHIP Medicare & You education has begun**

Work on the AAA 4-year plan will begin this summer with stakeholder and focus groups. Your help in identifying local people who can provide information for the conversation would be greatly appreciated. I will keep you all informed when these meetings will be taking place in your communities.

AAA is co-sponsoring an Alzheimer's Forum group May 6<sup>th</sup> at Cascade Hall from 10:30-12:00

### **May is Older Americans Month**



April 2022

Corey Bryndal, Regional Broadband Project Director  
Broadband Report to the Board

- On March 8th, 2022 **Region 10** received a **DOLA EIAF Broadband Award letter** for Lake city for **\$300,000** to be used along with matching funds. Visionary shared concerns around increasing materials and labor prices, and product availability. **Visionary Broadband** has shared a Draft IRU agreement and a Draft CNL + 1Gig circuit lease for Region 10. We are currently waiting on DOLA contracting to proceed with the project kickoff.
- On March 17, 2022 **Region 10** received a **DOLA EIAF Broadband Award Letter** for our middle mile expansion grant request of **\$3,982,600**. This allows for direct fiber connection into metro Denver and expansion south into Durango and Cortez. This request was reviewed as **“A Matter of State Interest”** and as such the **EIAF Board** voted *unanimously* to waive the local match requirement. The grant award provides for acquisition of new fiber IRU’s and leases, purchase & install of advanced DWDM optical equipment, expand IP Router capacity and adds DNS and network management functions. These funds dove tail with a coordinated award to **NWCCOG’s** Project THOR for **\$2,195,758**. Total combined awards to the two entities is **\$6,178,358**. Region 10 is negotiating an agreement of mutual benefit with NWCCOG/THOR. We are currently waiting on DOLA contracting to proceed with the project kickoff.
- On February 7th, 2022 Governor Polis issued an **Executive Order D 2022 009** setting a goal of connecting 99% of Colorado households to high speed broadband by 2027. The order was signed in **Grand Junction**. Directives include publication of a **Broadband Strategic Plan** by OIT/CBO by August 31st. Directives also include clarifications of grant processes at OSC and elsewhere as well as clear directive to CDOT to develop a transparent website, application process, pricing structure and policies for using CDOT fiber and accessing CDOT Right-of-Way. Similar legislation SB22-083 has now been passed by the legislature with bipartisan support and been signed into law by the Governor. The legislation sets disclosure, pricing and process requirements for CDOT and uses nearly the same language as the Governor’s Executive Order D2022 009.
- Region 10 staff continues to work with **Ouray County** and conduct regular meetings. Additional fiber IRU’s are planned for north and south of Ouray, as well as a County IRU for new fiber to reach the “Land Use Building” near Ridgway. A significant “cleaning” and “decluttering” occurred at the Ouray CNL and created more space around the racks. As tenants needs have grown we anticipate the need for overhead electrical service to each rack. The **Ouray CNL** has exhausted its rack space leased to ISP’s, used by Region 10 and the City, so we need to begin planning for CNL expansion. The **Ridgway CNL** has a settling issue with a door that is being addressed by the contractor and building manufacturer. Ouray County has asked for rack space in the Ouray CNL and Region 10 will make space available in our rack.



- **Telluride Foundation** and **San Miguel County** have made progress and are close to wrapping up the last easements that will be assigned to Tri-State for use of the fiber line. This will bring high-capacity, open-access fiber service to the region. Fiber connections between Tri-State and SMPA needed to physically complete the path are underway. Additionally Region 10 has identified an option to create a redundant ring into Telluride and is re-designing the planned electronics to accommodate this new architecture. Region 10 has agreed to take direct billing of electrical service at the Telluride CNL and distribute costs to the tenants. We are currently working to finalize IRU agreements and resulting IRU assignments for fiber in the town of Telluride.
- **Ouray County** and **Telluride areas** both experienced fiber outages on a route owned and operated by the incumbent telephone company. This affected telephone, Internet and mobile wireless services. The outage did not affect OCPH customers. Region 10 reached out to Lumen to offer strands on the OCPH line and did not obtain a response. Ouray County IT reached out to Verizon and Region 10 met with Verizon to discuss OCPH as a redundant path. Verizon will now initiate discussion with Lumen address redundancy and Region 10 will begin direct negotiations with Verizon for a Master Services Agreement to facilitate Verizon's use of the OCPH fiber. As of this report we have not seen any followthrough with Verizon and will attempt to get them re-engaged. Zayo fiber, who received the assets of the former Eagle-Net Alliance project has shown strong interest in acquiring additional fiber strands on the OCPH line. Additionally, a regional ISP has inquired about route detail as they are investigating possible fiber builds in the area.
- Region 10 and NWCCOG's Project THOR have together asked DOLA for a change in scope related to a planned fiber IRU purchase along the Interstate-70 route. We have identified a private company that owns fiber assets and offers pricing, customer service and collaboration advantages. If approved, this change will allow Region 10 to immediately purchase a 100-Gigabit Internet connection to Salt Lake City to be delivered to our site in Grand Junction. This high-capacity link will provide redundancy and improved speeds for up to 14,000 subscribers throughout Delta, Montrose and all Region 10 communities. Additional benefits include possible sales of fiber along the OCPH route, collaboration on construction in Grand Junction and access to legacy federally funded fiber routes near Silverton and in the San Luis Valley.
- Region 10's **Gunnison to Crested Butte** and **Mount Crested Butte** fiber project is reevaluating funding opportunities to construct the line. Staff met with representatives of GCEA, and community leaders to discuss Federal and State funding options. It was decided not to pursue the EDA opportunity at this time. Stakeholders were not confident EDA's requirements were a good fit for this project. We are exploring other options for this important middle-mile build such as the upcoming ARPA Capital Projects Fund and Infrastructure Act funding which should become available late in 2022 or early in 2023. In the mean time we are exploring the viability of leased lines between the CNL's as an interim solution and will continue to develop the CNL budget and plan for Mt. Crested Butte.
- Region 10 is working through terms of a site lease for a CNL in **Mt. Crested Butte**. The CNL is planned for the central parking facility on the ground level of The Lodge at Mountaineer Square. Vail



Resorts has assisted in negotiating with the LMS HOA. Initial construction estimates have been received.

- The downtown **Crested Butte** CNL is complete and Visionary Broadband moved their equipment and fiber into the new facility. Visionary also moved their radio gear onto the CNL's 40' tower. Electrical contractors identified a code issue with some existing cabling and we will work with the Town to have that item addressed. We are addressing issues with the new electric backup generator and have run into supply chain issues for repair parts (circuit board).
- Visionary Communications has delivered a 5 Gigabit transport circuit between **Gunnison** and **Denver** using the new **Cottonwood Pass** path. We are discussing use of this path with a Wireless ISP in Gunnison and considering bringing some service directly from Denver to the Region 10 network on this route.
- Region 10 staff continues regular meetings with **Delta Montrose Electrical Association's** "Elevate" operating company to more closely coordinate various opportunities for mutual benefit. Talks include opportunities to provide Elevate with a cost-effective source of significantly more bandwidth. We have identified areas of possible collaboration for possible CPF funding.
- Region 10 staff has expanded meetings and discussions with **La Plata Electric Association** in Durango to include La Plata County, Archuleta County and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Region 10 has developed a plan to build a fiber ring around Colorado. This path requires construction in the southwest to deliver redundancy and capacity to all Western Slope communities. With Region 10's guidance, the four entities seek to build 38 miles of fiber between Ignacio and Pagosa Springs. La Plata County will seek DOLA funding to support this build. Approximately \$2 million in local matching funds has been developed for this project.
- Region 10 is planning an **audit** of the existing network lines and equipment. The goal is to expand visibility to the network and to identify and address service issues more quickly. A second benefit to the network audit is to help support our financial model. We have negotiated down initial costs, are reviewing scope and plan to move forward with the audit.
- Region 10 has signed agreements to become a member of the **Front Range GigaPOP**. FRGP is a research and education network operated by UCAR (**University Corporation for Atmospheric Research**) based Boulder, CO. Advanced STEM services will be made available to **CMU, WCU, Fort Lewis and Adams**, as well as school districts and other non-commercial entities.
- Both **Garfield County** and **Mesa County** are working under MOU's with Region 10 and have hired their own consultant to design lateral fiber and CNL facilities that will connect to the Region 10 network. Region 10's goal is to develop redundant fiber routes with more capacity and connect to primary Internet sources. Ten new CNL's are in various phases of development within the two counties. 9 of these CNL's are along Region 10's Interstate-70 fiber path.



- DOLA responsibilities -in the “Technical Assistant” role, Region 10 staff continues to present broadband educational materials, review potential project applications, attend regional meetings and provide technical assistance for broadband development throughout our DOLA identified territory. Additionally, staff has provided a mix of remote and onsite support to Mesa, Garfield, La Plata, Archuleta, Montezuma and Fremont counties.



# TRANSPORTATION NEWSLETTER

**DATE: April 2022**

**Vince Rogalski, Chairman      Gunnison Valley TPR      vrogal@montrose.net**

**DATE:** April 21, 2022  
**TO:** Transportation Commission  
**FROM:** Rebecca White, Director, Division of Transportation Development  
 Marissa Gaughan, Multimodal Planning Branch Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Advancing Year 4 Rural Paving Projects of the 10-Year Plan

**Purpose**

This memo outlines a request to approve the advancement of one rural paving project from Year 4 of the 10-Year Plan in CDOT Engineering Region 4.

**Action**

Staff is requesting approval to advance one rural paving project from Year 4 of the 10-Year Plan that was previously approved by the Transportation Commission in Resolution #TC-19-11-7.

**Background**

In November 2019, the Transportation Commission approved a list of transportation projects from the 10-Year Plan for fiscal years 2020-2022. Many projects from that list have since been advanced for funding for the first three years, with only a set of Year 4 projects now remaining. Staff is requesting approval of one rural paving project in Year 4 be advanced now, because if not approved now, we would lose the ability to advertise it in time for the construction season. This project is in addition to three other Year 4 rural paving projects in Regions 3 and 5 that were approved in December 2021 to be advanced for the same reason.

Rural paving projects are an important investment in addressing our rural pavement goals. The following is the Region 4 rural pavement project being requested to advance:

- US 385 North of Cheyenne Wells near Smoky Hill River to County Road GG from MP 157 to MP 170: This project is requesting to advance \$14.8 M from Year 4 of the 10-Year Plan to fully fund the project so it can go to advertisement.

In proposing this project move forward, staff is cognizant of both the larger planning update process as well as the rulemaking on greenhouse gas emissions. Because several additional months are needed for the plan update, it is not possible to hold this project for that process without losing the summer of 2022 construction season. Further, as rural paving projects are outside metropolitan areas, they fall outside the scope of the GHG rule in that rural paving would not be considered regionally significant nor would it be anticipated to have any long-term impact on GHG emissions.

As additional background, below is the entire Year 4 10-Year Plan project list which identifies the rural paving project being requested to advance. (The three rural paving projects staff TC approved to advance in December 2021 are noted with an asterisk):

CDOT REGION	PROJECT TYPE	PROJECT	YEAR 4 PROPOSED DOLLARS
1	Capital	I-270: Widening from I-76 to I-70	\$170,000,000
1	Transit	Castle Rock Mobility Hub	\$13,470,000

1	Transit	Denver Heavy Maintenance Facility	\$4,500,000
1	Transit	Bustang Fleet Purchases	\$1,200,000
1	Transit	Floyd Hill (I-70 Bustang Pegasus Park-n-Rides)	\$18,000,000
2	Capital	I-25 Through Pueblo New Freeway	\$45,500,000
2	Transit	Fairplay Mobility Hub	\$3,500,000
2	Transit	Colorado Springs Transit Center	\$2,000,000
2	Transit	Woodmen Road Mobility Hub	\$5,400,000
2	Transit	Monument Park-n-Ride (design)	\$400,000
3	Capital	US 50 Passing Lanes Blue Mesa	\$6,000,000
3	Capital	Intersection Improvements at SH 50/550	\$3,250,000
3	Rural Paving	SH 92 Hotchkiss to Crawford*	\$3,500,000
3	Rural Paving	SH 318 Browns Park East	\$9,500,000
3	Rural Paving	SH 14 Grizzly Ranch North*	\$7,000,000
3	Rural Paving	SH 125 Walden North	\$1,000,000
3	Capital	US 6 Fruita to Palisade Safety Improvements	\$6,000,000
3	Transit	Grand Junction Mobility Hub	\$3,500,000
4	Capital	SH 119 Safety / Mobility Improvements & SH 119 BRT Elements	\$32,800,000
4	Rural Paving	SH 52 Resurfacing Prospect Valley (Phase 2)	\$5,100,000
4	Rural Paving	US 385 North of Cheyenne Wells near Smoky Hill River	\$14,800,000
4	Transit	Bustang and Outrider Fleet Purchases	\$625,000
4	Capital	SH 119 Safety / Mobility Improvements & SH 119 BRT Elements	\$32,800,000
5	Capital	US 50/285 Intersection Reconstruction (Round-a-bout)	\$3,900,000
5	Rural Paving	US 50 North of 285 Resurfacing	\$3,500,000
5	Rural Paving	SH 370 Resurfacing*	\$1,500,000
5	Rural Paving	SH 114 Resurfacing and Shoulders	\$12,000,000
5	Capital	US 550 Pacochupuk South Roadway Mobility and Safety Improvements	\$1,850,000

\*Rural paving projects approved by the TC to advance in December 2021.

**DATE:** April 13, 2022  
**TO:** Transportation Commission  
**FROM:** San Lee, PE - State Traffic Engineer  
Manjari Bhat, PE - Statewide Safety Champion  
David Swenka, PE, PTOE - Safety Programs, Data, and Analysis Unit Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Strategic Transportation Safety Plan (STSP) and Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Update

### Purpose and Action

To provide the Transportation Commission updates on current progress in implementing the Strategic Transportation Safety Plan (STSP) and recent changes to the statewide Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding allocation due to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

### Details

#### **STSP Updates and Achievements:**

According to most recently available data from NHTSA (2020), Colorado is currently ranked 27<sup>th</sup> for Traffic Deaths per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled. There are several notable trends in safety performance data for 2019, 2020, and 2021. Please note that 2021 data is updated as of March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and is subject to change.



	2019		2020		2021*		Change (2019 to 2021)	
Travel Volume (100 MVMT) <sup>1</sup>	546		486		540		▼	-1%
Total Crashes	121,600		87,000		92,300		▼	-24%
Total Fatalities	697		622		693		▲	16%
Fatality Rate	1.09		1.28		1.28		▲	17%
Total Serious Injuries	3,197		2,841		3,363		▲	5%
Serious Injury Rate	5.85		5.85		6.23		▲	6%
	# of Fatalities	% of Total Fat.	# of Fatalities	% of Total Fat.	# of Fatalities	% of Total Fat.		
Urban	353	59%	388	62%	385	56%	▲	9%
Rural	244	41%	234	38%	308	44%	▲	26%
Off-System	255	43%	248	40%	257	37%	▲	1%
On-System	342	57%	374	60%	436	63%	▲	27%
Pedestrian	76	13%	93	15%	94	14%	▲	24%
Bicycle	20	3%	15	2%	15	2%	▼	-25%
Motorcycle/Scooters	103	17%	140	23%	136	20%	▲	32%
Suspected Impaired <sup>2</sup>	176	29%	212	34%	254	37%	▲	44%

1. Million Vehicle Miles of Travel
2. Alcohol/Drugs



The STSP is a collaborative effort between four lead agencies: the Colorado Department of Revenue (DOR), the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), and Colorado State Patrol (CSP). In April of 2020, DOR, CDPHE, CDOT, and CSP approved the current Strategic Transportation Safety Plan to supersede the 2013 Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). The plan identifies key safety needs in Colorado to guide investment decisions towards tiered strategies and countermeasures to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. Each state is required by FHWA to submit a highway safety plan that meets the conditions outlined under the Highway Safety Improvement Program (23 U.S.C. § 148).

The vision of the STSP is: The future of Colorado is zero deaths and serious injuries so all people using any transportation mode arrive at their destination safely. Furthermore, the mission of this plan is: Colorado agencies and partners will cooperatively implement strategies that eliminate transportation system fatalities and serious injuries.

The plan identifies strategies aimed at reducing fatalities and serious injuries and establishes a performance target for the 2020 to 2023 period: a 15% reduction in fatalities and serious injuries for both on-system and off-system crashes by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Four key emphasis areas are identified in the STSP to promote critical thinking and achieve performance targets. These emphasis areas are as follows:

- **High-Risk Behaviors:** This area targets behaviors such as aggressive driving, distracted driving, and impaired driving.
- **Vulnerable Roadway Users:** This area, which encompasses all occupant protection efforts, targets both motorized and non-motorized vulnerable roadway users, including: motorcyclists, bicyclists, pedestrians, older drivers, younger drivers, work zone staff, and first responders.
- **Severe Crash Mitigation:** This area targets safety-driven infrastructure and engineering improvements in rural and urban areas, the reduction of crashes at identified high-risk locations including intersections, and various severe crash types such as roadway departures.
- **Programmatic:** This area targets safety and crash data, safety program coordination and cooperation, emergency medical services and law enforcement, and legislation.

Based on the emphasis areas, stakeholders identified 15 Tier I (highest priority) strategies that focus on proven countermeasures and targeted deployment, utilize current technologies, and identify roles and responsibilities for implementation. Several of the Tier I strategies require significant long-term collaboration between internal CDOT partners (the CDOT Highway Safety Office and CDOT Traffic Safety and Engineering Services Branch), as well as other state agencies and key safety stakeholders across the state.

CDOT staff under the Statewide Safety Champion have made significant progress in implementing several Tier I strategies in the STSP, with key accomplishments as follows:

- Strategy A:

The Statewide Safety Champion in CDOT Traffic Safety and Engineering Services assembled a team of experts to lead a proactive safety program and the implementation of the STSP.

- Strategy D:

The Statewide Safety Champion manages the following activities:

CDOT Executive Management approved an SBAR for the creation of one consolidated Quarterly Safety Executive Oversight Committee that combines the executive team members from CDPHE, CDOT, CSP, and DOR.

Additionally, the Safety Circuit Rider Program, which targets off-system facilities, is currently growing with the aim of coordinating and educating locals on how to utilize HSIP funding to implement safety improvements on their facilities.

The Statewide Access Management Program continues to serve an essential role in reinforcing and upholding the access permit process for local agencies, developers, and private landowners; this program educates locals on how to implement safety improvements related to access, which is of utmost importance given that 30% of crashes both on-system and off-system are access-related.

The CCA/ATSSA/CDOT Working Group is currently collaborating to promote best practices for work zone safety, workforce development for work zones, and technological interventions for Smart Work Zones in Colorado.

- Strategy L:

The Statewide Safety Champion is overseeing regular coordination around the acquisition and maintenance of crash data for safety analyses. Additionally, the CDOT Traffic Safety and Engineering Services Branch has successfully produced an updated STSP webpage on the external CDOT website, as well as an interactive Crash Data Dashboard to provide high level crash data and data analytics for all key stakeholders.

Additionally, significant progress is occurring in the implementation of Tier I Strategies M and N in the STSP. The following deliverables are currently in development:

- Safety Executive Oversight Committee: The Statewide Safety Champion is overseeing the development and coordination of a Quarterly Safety Executive Oversight Committee that includes key decision-makers for transportation safety from the STSP lead agencies. This is an essential step in the creation of a Safety Coalition that will include STSP lead and supporting agencies. This Safety Coalition will promote consistent safety messaging statewide and produce significant collaboration that will allow for effective implementation of the remaining strategies in the STSP. The first meeting of this committee will occur on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

- **Colorado Traffic Safety Summit:** The CDOT Highway Safety Office is holding this summit in July of 2022. The Statewide Safety Champion and CDOT Traffic Safety & Engineering Services Branch will support this effort, highlighting education and behavior-based strategies from the STSP.
- **Webinar Development:** The Statewide Safety Champion is overseeing the development of several targeted webinars for the topics of STSP, Crash Data Resources, and HSIP Funding.
- **Guardrail Safety Design Project:** CDOT Traffic Safety and Engineering Services is emphasizing safety and operational updates to guardrail end treatments statewide. Projects are currently in advertisement in Region 4.
- **Self-Guided Online Meetings:** The Statewide Safety Champion is managing the creation of an online portal that houses all webinar materials and allows key safety stakeholders to revisit education materials relating to the STSP, crash data, and how to apply for and utilize HSIP funding.
- **Real Time Pattern Recognition/Level of Service of Safety (LOSS) for Off-System Facilities:** CDOT Traffic Safety and Engineering Services is currently researching how to effectively provide this information to locals who want to determine what is happening on their facilities.

#### **HSIP and the IJA Updates:**

Current statewide HSIP funding allocation is approximately \$33 million annually. HSIP apportionment is estimated to increase by about 30% through the IJA, resulting in extra funding up to \$8 Million annually. CDOT staff propose that \$25 million of these HSIP funds be set aside over four years for 10-year project plan support.

However, funded projects from the 10-year plan must meet HSIP eligibility. These projects will be evaluated to incorporate the following data-driven safety analysis metrics:

- Level of Service of Safety (LOSS) analysis,
- Whether the project addresses identified crash pattern or risk factor,
- And Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA), which may be used for prioritization or ranking, but a project is not required to meet a minimum benefit cost ratio (BCR).

Strategic Transportation Safety Plan (Full Document):

[https:// strategictransportationsafetyplan.pdf \(codot.gov\)](https://strategictransportationsafetyplan.pdf(codot.gov))

**The above link holds a tremendous amount of info. You will need a fair amount of time to go through it.**

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## Change to the STAC Meeting Times

CDOT Update on Current Events – Herman Stockinger, CDOT Executive Director

- Proposed change to the STAC meeting date to first Friday of the month; couple of reasons for changing date; complexities with developing two packets simultaneously, deadlines for materials due at conflicting times. STAC Discussion
- Suzette Mallette mentions that the date doesn't matter as long as STAC gets materials before the Transportation Commission (TC). The Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) meeting is also the first Friday of the month. The Passenger Rail Commission meeting is the 4th Friday of the month and that date could change.
- Given willingness to change date, discussion tabled for a later date. Staff and STAC members will come to Chair and Vice Chair with various STAC meeting date options.

## 10-Year Plan and Transit – Amber Blake, Director, Division of Transit and Rail • Transit Operations and Maintenance

(O/M) considerations include retaining 10% minimum for transit in the 10-Year Plan, a single equity formula for highway and transit, and increased transparency.

- Two options: Accounting for a portion of the State transit operations in the 10-Year Plan. Alternatively, Funding State Transit O/M outside of the 10-Year Plan using State MMOF and

other eligible funding sources (no impact to Local MMOF funds). 10-Year Plan Pipeline of projects remain on the original timeline.

### **STAC Discussion**

- Legislature working on \$30M bill is also included in calculations
- Snowstang Service has no financial impact on Bustang Service as it is a 100% cost recovery thus expansion would only mean increases to fares and partnership costs.
- Questions revolved around how the MMOF funds were removed from the 10-Year Plan pot without impacting the fiscal constraint totals. Staff explained that the updated Federal Projections were higher and were originally rounded down. Additionally, the state share of the Carbon Reduction Funds has been added in.
- Support for the compromise from DRCOG; With need for full discussion on Bustang Family of services and coordination between various service providers.
- Concerns with impacts to other funding sources and access to these funding from local agencies. Expansion however, would not have any impact on local agencies' access to funds for expansion service, etc.

**Transportation TPR Meeting**  
**NEXT MEETING NOTICE TPR meeting May 12**  
**Virtual at 10am to 2:00pm**