



Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region Meeting

May 11, 2023

In Person at Region 10 Office

145 S Cascade Ave, Montrose CO 81401

or Via Zoom Video Conference

1. **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS** – Meeting was called to order at: 10:06am
 - a. Michelle Haynes (Region 10), Courtney Rodwell (Region 10), Vince Rogalski (GVTPR/STAC), Sarah (All Points Transit), Nathan (CDOT Engineer), Dave (City of Delta), Don Suppes (Delta County), Tim Funk, Tony Cady (CDOT Region 5), Kris Holstrom (San Miguel County) Mike Con (), Angie Hainer (CDOT Region 3), Julie Constan, Jamie Grim(), Nathan Jean, Mike Bordogna (San Miguel County), Cody Tusing (City of Gunnison), Jennifer Allison (CDOT Region 5), Michael Bacani(), Robert Hurd (Hinsdale County), Martin Schmidt(Gunnison County), Connie Hunt Ouray County), David Averill (SMART), Josh Smith (City of Ouray), Scott Murphy (City of Montrose), Joe Dillsworth(Town of Telluride Transit Manager), Dave Cesark (CDOT Region 3), Jim Loebe (Town of MT Village), Leah Morrison (Gunnison Valley RTA), Preston Niell (Town of Ridgway), Joanne Fagan (Town of Lake City), TJ Burr (CDOT),

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for January 12, 2023, GVTPR Meeting**

Motion to approve minutes as presented: M/S: Don Suppes/Kris Holstrom with correction of Martin Schmidt (Gunnison County not Pitkin County). None opposed.

3. **CDOT Legislative Update**
 - a. Housing Bill 213, no agreement was come to on the Land Use bill. It came off the docket but will not go to vote any longer.
 - b. Jamie Grim present on House Bill 23- 1101: Ozone Season Transit Grant Program Flexibility
 - i. RTA's can now go to the ballot for increased funding.
 - ii. Transit Agency Representation in TPRs
 - iii. The amendment was put in to look at the TPR boundaries. A lot of boundaries have not been updated since 1993. There was an effort from CDOT to evaluate the planning documents (MOUs & IGAs) from around the state to evaluate the TPRs.
 1. Complaint and controversy is that no one knew that it was being included until it was passed.
 2. The Transportation Commission is willing to look at it but not by legislation.
 3. Because the legislation has passed it is something that we now have to deal with it. CDOT Region 5 express that they are aware that there is this concern. They will be attending every TPR meeting until this study/Analysis is completed. Two outreach meetings for the TPRs .
 - a. We will discuss what has been discovered and possible proposals.
 - b. CDOT cannot change the boundaries without the TC. The TC with have
 - c. Submit report on November 30th to the TC and the legislature. Possibly opening the rule up in January or February 2024
 - d. Long Range planning process is supposed to be filed and put into effect in July 2025. This process has taken 18 months at all previous long range plans. And so the plans for Long Range Plan are already starting to be discussed.
 - e. This project will not look at or impact the RPP formula. The formula looks at VMT (Vehicle Miles Traveled),
 - f. Concerns are that if the boundaries do get adjusted it will affect the RTPs and the long range plans that are already being discussed.
 4. **DATA Points:**
 - a. Highway and Transit corridor (FHWA)
 - b. Transit District Boundaries (This should include the TPRs and MTOs because as it reads it looks like it is just Transit District).
 - c. Disproportionately Impacted Communities (DOT FTA)
 - d. Miles Traveled, Vehicle, Truck,

- e. Population Trends (State Demographer)
 - f. Safety (CDOT)
 - g. Travel Patterns
 - h. Transit Oriented Development and Access to Affordable Housing
 - i. Communities of Interest
 - j. Air Pollutants
 - k. Criteria Pollutants
 - l. Greenhouse Gas Pollutants.
- iv. CDOT is meeting weekly with the GIS team to develop this map and started the process in March 2023.
 - v. Looking at Transit Districts and there are a lot of smaller Transit Agencies that may not show up on the maps. Just want to make sure that that is taken into consideration because Colorado leads the country in the number of rural trips.
 - 1. A lot of transit agencies do not have a district. Like All Points Transit, they are a non-profit. CASTA is your best resource for a list of those transit providers. Darius has been made the Director of Division of Transportation Development, replacing Rebecca White who used to report to the chief engineer and will now report to Herman.
 - 2. GVTPR is very interested in Transit because we have Outrider of Bustang going on in the Area and another will be starting in the Fall from Gunnison to Montrose.
4. **MMOF request for extension (Lake City)**
- a. Spending was to be expended by June of 2023 and for the extension the TPR needs to Approve
 - i. Joanne Fagan: We allowed the contractor to choose a schedule in Fall of 2022 or Spring of 2023 and got a late start and had a number of delays.

Motion to approve the extension of the MMOF funding grant for Lake City as presented: M/S Don Suppes/Robert Hurd. None Opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Transportation Alternative Program (TAP)**

- a. Region 3 (Angie Hainer)
 - i. 15 Projects, \$20 million in requests and only \$8 million and we are currently reviewing them. Release should be mid-June. Passed a list around of the projects.
 - b. Region 5 (Timothy Funk)
 - i. Received 8 applications (Mtn Village was the only one from this TPR)
 - ii. Everything was scored and made sure there were not significant outliers. We average our Top 5 and will be notifying them shortly. \$3.7 million, we don't have enough to fully fund any of our projects but we will be dividing the funding among those 5.
6. **Other Funding**-emails have been sent for current open funding opportunities.

7. **Regional Construction Updates**

- a. Region 3 Construction Updates | Nathan Jean
 - i. Done with the major blasts and will be going back to a more regular nightly closure. Current contract shows a mid-November completion date.
 - ii. 133 is washed out MP 165, Bear Creek pushed the culvert out. Allowing local traffic through with a permit on the ditch. The plan is an emergency project for a temporary bridge. It went out to contractors yesterday and it will open on Tuesday with construction starting on Wednesday. The bridge will be what we may be waiting on. We do have a completion date of June 29th, and there is an incentive to get it up earlier. 25-foot-deep hole, about 65 feet long.
 - iii. East Hwy 50, Passing Lanes project, they have started on that with drainage projects.
 - iv. Chip Seal on Hwy 92
 - v. 550 to the region 5 line will be continuing that work on the culvert.
 - vi. 2 projects on 133.

- vii. Region 3 what is the timeline on the passing lane in Blue Mesa, Full season project and will be projected to be complete in October.
- b. Region 5 Construction Updates | Kevin Curry
 - i. Similar emergency in Region 5, with a culvert. We were able to prevent it with some concrete barriers.
 - ii. Recently completed, bridge.
 - iii. 550 Ouray to Colona surface treatment is back up and running. They have about 20 days of paving left to do and then signing and striping.
 - iv. 550 Pa-Co-Chu-Puk/Billy Creek is going into final design. Advertised late summer.
 - v. 145 crib wall replacement at the Ophir Pass area and that was much higher cost until we could find the budget and planning to start that in early 2024 with a bid out in late Fall.
 - vi. Blue Point Avalanche mitigation will not start until July due to avalanche danger, waiting to determine when it is safe to get up there.
 - vii. Region Chain Stations project, bid came in over budget. We decided to wait and re-advertise in in November to get more response.

8. Local Project Updates:

- a. Cody Tusing: Got bids for Ohi Avenue Multimodal, it should be completed by the end of the year, starting by Memorial Day.
- b. The ARPA/MMOF funding needs to be obligated by December 2024 and then spent by December 2026.
 - i. There is no extension process for the ARPA funding because it is federal \$.
 - ii. Not all projects with MMOF have ARPA funds tied to them.

9. Any Other Business:

- a. Next GVTPR Meeting: August 10, 2023, 10am-12 noon. Hybrid

Meeting adjourned at 11:23 am