



Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region Meeting
February 8, 2024
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. Vince Rogalski (Chair, GVTPR & Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee), Michael Snow (CDOT Division of Transportation), Kevin Curry (CDOT Region 5 Program Engineer), Kris Holstrom (San Miguel County), Robert Hurd (Hinsdale County), Cody Tusing (City of Gunnison Engineer), Josh Smith (Ouray Mayor Pro Tem), Tony Cady (CDOT Region 5 Planning & Environmental Manager), Rob Johnson, Angie Hainer (CDOT Region 3 Transit Project Manager), Michael Bacani (Mount Crested Butte), Kevin Collins, David Averill (SMART), Mike Bordogna (San Miguel County), Martin Schmidt (Gunnison County Public works), Jason Smith (CDOT Region 3), Don Menzies (Hinsdale County), TJ Burr (CDOT Transit & Rail), Alyssa Lewin (APT Transit & Mobility Manager), Gary Clark (All Points Transit Director), Jessie Spencer (CDOT Region 3), Mark Rogers (CDOT Region 3 Planning Manager), Nathan Jean (CDOT Region 3 Montrose Resident Engineer), Preston Neill (Town of Ridgway), Joe Dillsworth (Town of Telluride), Rob Beck, Greg Levine (Hinsdale County), Jim Loebe (Town of Mt Village), Connie Hunt (Ouray County), Julie Constan (CDOT Region 5), Tim Funk (CDOT Region 5), Mark Garcia (Transportation Commission R5), Tony Cady (CDOT Region 5), Scott Murphy (City of Montrose), Shea Earley (Town of Crested Butte), Troy Russ (Town of Crested Butte), Collen Hannon (Gunnison County), Phil von Hake (CDOT Multi-Modal), Darin Graber (Town of Telluride), Courtney Tribble (Region 10), Michelle Haynes (Region 10),

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for August 2023, Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region (GVTPR) Meeting**
Motion to approve minutes with corrections: M/S: Kris Holstrom/Robert Hurd. None opposed.

3. **Update of HB 23-1101 (Mark Garcia)**
 - a. The Transportation Commission (TC) moved to open the proposed rule making process. Virtual meetings are scheduled for March 6th 2-3:30 & March 7th from 6-7:30pm
 - b. Proposed changes to Intermountain Transportation Planning Region (TPR) creating an East & West, and consolidating South Central int with the Southeast TPR
 - c. GVTPR member Colleen Hannon offered some edits/questions to TC's proposed changes to the TPR's, the redlines are showing what the proposed changes are:
 - i. On 3.03.2.1 Wanted clarification on if a chair could serve for more than two consecutive two-year terms and then sit out a term and serve again? Or can they only serve two terms total?
 - ii. Could the commission open a conversation about boundaries any time there is a planning meeting? A: The planning process gets reviewed every time we look at the long-range plan.
 - iii. What does it mean to start "before"? We want to make sure it is completed before the planning process begins for long range planning. A: For this next planning process we have to be done before August of 2025.

4. **County Meetings (Mark Rogers)**
 - a. In the County Meetings the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will give an overview of:
 - i. Review of Revenue & Budget
 - ii. Suballocated Programs, the Multimodal Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF) and the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP), money passed through, has grown a lot in the past year.
 - iii. Regional Plan to State Plan to the 10-Year Pipeline. The beginning of the process is always county meetings. Consistency in the plan. The Statewide Plan has to be complete in August of 2025. FY27+ Projects
 - iv. The Top planned projects are the priorities.
 - b. Region 3 County Meetings (all virtual):
 - i. Hinsdale County Meeting is March 6, 2024, 1:00pm
 - ii. Delta County Meeting is April 2, 2024, 9:00am
 - c. Region 5 County Meetings will be held mostly in-person, starting early Summer.

5. **TPR Meetings:**
 - a. The TC wanted to put together a schedule for all the TPR meetings see the schedule that was distributed in the meeting packet
 - i. GVTPR Next Meeting, is **May 9, 2024**

6. **Regional Construction Updates**
 - a. **Region 3 Construction Updates | Nathan Jean**
 - i. Construction
 1. Little Blue Canyon: should be less impactful but it should be completed by August 2024
 2. US 550 Improvements: should now finish in July of next year
 3. US 50 & Business Loop in Olathe: Resurfacing, start in April with finish date of October.
 4. Slope Stability on HWY 133 with netting and fencing work.
 - ii. Design
 1. Pushed Phase 1 of Rogers Mesa out due to the budget.
 2. Delta Resurfacing: leaving out the section that is downtown because of their Main Street Demonstration.
 - b. **Region 5 Construction Updates | Tony Cady**
 - i. Construction
 1. Replace the wall on SH 145 at Mile Point (MP) 63. It will impact some traffic but they will try to get it done as soon as possible and there will be traffic control.
 2. Chain Stations project in San Miguel County ad that will be constructed this Spring/Summer
 - ii. Maintenance
 1. Rural paving on 141 in Montrose
 2. Chip seal is scheduled in Ouray (May or June) MP 84-89.
 3. SH 90 closer to the 141 intersection

7. **Multimodal Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF) | Mike Snow**
 - i. Projected Allocations, the funding that the TPR awarded to projects in mid-2022 was American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) FY 23 State Funds and FY 22 Federal Funds
 - ii. The Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) requested the balance for admin cost be returned to the pool to award to the projects.
 - iii. FY 23 Retail Delivery fees are going to be distributed, and the FY 24 Retail Delivery Fees and we are proposing that we make decisions about FY 25.
 - iv. CDOT must oversee all the funds. There are projects that were funded that were maybe not fully ready and on other projects there were some problems arose that raised costs.
 1. CDOT wants to be more involved in the review of the projects. Consultation with the applicants. The GVTPR can start getting ready to award funds soon.
 2. Good projects may have cost escalations and could utilize additional funds.
 3. It's the TPR that decides who is awarded these funds. It's up to the TPR to determine if a project that was awarded in 2022 has a shortfall that gets awarded new funds.
 4. If a project that was already awarded funding in 2022 and that project is facing shortfalls they will need to submit an update of the original application to the TPR.
 - v. Vince provided a reminder: in the last MMOF grant application awards in 2022, the GVTPR wanted to fund all projects that submitted applications and to do so the TPR did not full fund All Points Transit on their application and the TPR noted that the amount not funded, \$70,000 would be allocated from the next round of MMOF funds.
 - vi. Varying Match amounts were required in the last application round and the basic formula will not change for this application round.
 - vii. Factors for the match were: Poverty, age 65+, median household income and median home value. Figures were pulled from 2021 ACS.

8. **Grant Funding Opportunities**
 - a. Revitalizing Main Streets (RMS): Currently open for small multi-modal projects with a max of \$250,000
 - b. MMOF: Funding will be available for a call for projects in May-June
 - c. TAP: will probably not have a call for projects for a couple of years
 - d. Safe Routes to School: Next grant cycle opens in August 2024

- e. Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ): available to Telluride, Mt. Village, and a small portion of San Miguel County
- f. Federal Opportunities
 - i. Bridge Investment Program: Currently open
 - ii. Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE): closes 2/28/2024
 - iii. Several more opening in February-March
- g. Region 10 will be hosting Grants & Grub on Feb 29. It is on Diversity Equity & Inclusion Plans and how to understand, develop and to incorporate them into grant applications. There are monthly topics, and the webinars are held the last business day of each month from 12noon to 1pm.

9. **Planning**

- a. Will kick off the process for the 2050 Long Range Plan and 10 Year Plan once the TPR boundaries are finalized.
 - i. Start thinking about the major projects that you are wanting to bring to the Long Range Plan.
 - ii. While there is no timeline for the process yet we encourage municipalities and counties to be thinking about what projects they are wanting to include in either the Long Range or 10-year Plans.
 - 1. For municipalities making County Commissioners aware of projects that you want included is a good place to start
 - 2. For the last plan, to determine priority projects, we developed concepts for projects that could meet identified needs on corridors, listed them out, talked them over, and then the voting members of the TPR voted on the projects that would be the most impactful and needed throughout the TPR.
 - a. If you have ideas and data, for projects, start collecting that and submit it to your Region Representatives to validate the data so that you are prepared to present the project to show that it is a need. There is a finite amount of competitive funding, and we will want to fund the worst needs first. Selection process will span the entire Summer next year.
 - b. County meetings are the first step in the Long Range Plan development

10. **Next GVTPR Meeting:** May 9th, 2024 1:30-3:30pm.

11. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am