



Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region Meeting
May 9, 2024
Via Zoom Video Conference

1. **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS** – Meeting was called to order at: 1:36pm
 - a. Vince Rogalski (Chair, GVTPR & Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee), Courtney Tribble (Region 10), Michelle Haynes (Region 10),
 - b. CDOT Region 3: Jason Smith Transportation Director, Jason Huddle Local Agency Program, Dave Cesark (Planning and Environmental Manager), Jessi Spencer (Planning Support), Angie Hanier
 - c. CDOT Region 5: Julie Constan (transportation Director, Tim Funk (Planner), Kevin Curry (Program Engineer)
 - d. CDOT: Phil von Hake, Tess Richey
 - e. Scott Murphy (City of Montrose), Martin Schmidt (Gunnison County), Robert Hurd (Hinsdale County Commissioner), Kris Holstrom (San Miguel County), Karla Distel, Joe Dillsworth (Town of Telluride Transit Manager), Josh Smith (City of Ouray), Connie Hunt (Ouray County Manager), Alyssa Lewin (All Points), Anton Sinkewich (City of Gunnison Community Development Director), Laura Pucket Daniels, Troy Russ (Crested Butte Community Development, David Averill (SMART), Scott Truex (Gunnison RTA), Jim Lobe (Town of Mtn Village), Preston Niell (Town of Ridgway), JoAnne Fagan (), Mike McVaugh, Dave (City of Delta), Cody Tusing, Jim Atkinson (Town of Cedaredge), Greg Levine (Hinsdale County), Darin Graber (Town of Telluride), Colleen Hannon (Gunnison)

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for February 2024, Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region (GVTPR) Meeting**
Motion to approve minutes: M/S: Kris Holstrom/Robert Hurd. None opposed.

3. **Update of HB 23-1101 (Mark Garcia)**
 - a. The Transportation Commission (TC) will hear the report from the study committee next week, and decisions will be made from the recommendations.
 - i. Split the Inter Mountain and combine the South Central and Southwest.
 - b. Bylaws: updates, Michelle did a brief review of our GVTPR Bylaws that are imbedded in the Region 10 bylaws and everything that CDOT recommends to have in them is covered in the current version.
 - i. CDOT is requiring that each TPR has a transit representative on the board.
 - ii. We have 3 Transit providers in the Region, SMART, All Points and Gunnison Valley RTA. We could consider if the counties want to appoint them to the TPR as voting members.
 - c. Optional have a Regional Transportation Director to be attending the meetings to provide advice, which they are already doing. But would they be allowed as a voting member?

4. **County Meetings**
 - a. CDOT teams are scheduling annual county meetings; Delta, Hinsdale and Montrose, have already happened.
 - b. Gunnison is scheduled for 10:15 on June 11, Ouray is confirmed In Person on June 5
 - i. These are in conjunction with the County Commissioner Meetings
 - ii. For in-person the counties have requested 2-hour work sessions.

5. **DTR | TJ Burr for Region 3 (Transit Liaison with Transit & Rail) Angie for Region 5**
 - a. NTD (National Transit Database) – aggregating statistics show what is happening with transit with Data
 - b. Capital NOFO (Funding Opportunity) was recently closed. Will have operating funding opportunity in the fall.
 - c. TJ reviewed current facilities under construction. All Points Transit has a new facility in process for their offices, staff and buses. SMART also has facilities in process.
 - d. State is reviewing Bustang stops and improvements.
 - e. Have a monthly Transit Meeting, first Thursday of the month, does currently interfere with STAC.

6. Regional Construction Updates

a. Region 3 Construction Updates | Jason Smith

- i. Construction
 1. Little Blue starts next week, and the remaining portion is the worst curve. We are encouraging them to finish as quickly as possible
 2. CC Enterprises is doing traffic control for Little Blue and the Bridge and they will work as best as possible to coordinate those openings.
 3. Olathe North Resurfacing has begun.
 4. Slope Stability: opened bids this morning and we will be working on the contract to begin in June.
- ii. Us 50 Blue Mesa Reservoir – T1 Steel Bridges
 1. FHWA contacted CDOT to do some inspections on this type of Bridge throughout the State.
 - a. Normally CDOT does visual inspections on all bridges every 2 years.
 - b. A special inspection, due to the construction and materials of the bridge, was requested. A crack was found and started looking at what quick solutions would be, but after finding subsequent cracks pulled traffic off the bridge. Crews are doing paint removal; have done 80 spots and of those spots we have tested 40 of them and out of those there are 25 spots that have abnormalities. Abnormalities are not necessarily cracks but could be bad welds.
 - c. Started working with Gunnison County immediately upon closing the Bridge and then worked with them to open CR 26 as an alternate travel route. There are 4 openings for traffic to get through on CR 26
 - d. Working on Kebler Pass, with snow removal. We are facing some weather challenges, wind, and more late spring snow.
 - e. Concrete Piers that hold up the Girders look sound upon inspection. As we look at different solutions, we are analyzing what the limitations of the Piers may be with each option.
 - f. Overall goal is safety, in the short term we will facilitate emergency vehicles, mid goal is to facilitate local traffic. Options are:
 1. Local Plating,
 2. Bottom Flange Only, plate the bottom flange with a large piece of steel.
 3. Global Plating: Underneath each span there will be reinforcement, as well as reinforcement on the top. Part of the Deck will need to be removed to make the repairs.
 4. Superstructure Replacement: Replacement of Spans 5-7, replacement of girders and the deck.
 5. Kiewit and Michael Baker are the firms working together on this.
 - g. We are working on procuring steel, it is fracture critical steel, and it ranges from 1.5" – 3" thick. 88 tons if adding plating to the bottom only and 325 tons of steel if all the plating options are included.
 - h. Question: What are your thoughts on the other bridge? Visual inspection has been done and nothing found, once the team is finished inspecting Bridge B, they will begin removing paint and going through the same process on Bridge A.
 - i. The Transportation Commission has allocated \$20 million so far and will allocate more as needed.
 1. The FHWA does not see this as a catastrophic event because the bridge did not fail and therefore funding is not qualified.
 2. CDOT can apply for grants, one is coming up in August that we will be applying for.
 3. On the state level, the Governor did declare an emergency.

b. Region 5 Construction Updates | Kevin Curry

- i. Construction
 1. Work on 550 at Pa-co-chu-puk has started, including fencing, plan to be done by November
 2. Chain Stations: started on 145 locations to be completed fall of 2024
 3. 145 Wall Replacement in Ophir, it has been awarded and they have started pre- construction.
- ii. Maintenance
 1. SH 90 towards Bedrock repaving was completed by CDOT crews.

7. Grant Funding Opportunities

- a. Revitalizing Mainstreet – small Multimodal Projects economic resiliency projects. Funds up to \$250,000 per project; minimum is \$10,000.
- b. MMOF (Multi-modal Option Funds) is coming up soon. Headquarters has developed a form for the regions to review. TPR should have the materials for a call for projects next month after the Commission determines final allocation and boundaries. A mandatory CDOT review will be required for all applicants.
 - i. Additional discussion on MMOF process; previously awarded projects that need additional funding may need to submit a new application.
- c. TAP-previous round closed last year and next 3-year call will be Spring 2026.
- d. Safe Routes to School – Opening in August and it is expanding to Safe Routes to Parks or other critical locations.
- e. CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality)- Specific to Region 5 and can only be used in San Miguel, Telluride and Mtn. Village, approximately \$600,000
- f. Fed Opportunities
 - i. Bridge investment - Closes August 1.
 - ii. Safe Streets and Roads for All – Planning and Construction, closes May 16. There are more planning dollars available than there have been applications coming in.
 - iii. Active Transportation – Probably better for Planning and Design,
 1. 3 Construction projects nationwide.
 2. Large trail, design costs above \$100,000 for construction projects that are at least \$15,000,000; probably only 3 awards nationwide.

8. Planning | Jessi Spencer

- a. New 10 Year Plan and 2050 Plan
 - i. Focusing on Region Priority Project (RPP) and Strategic Funding governed by the Transportation Commission.
 - ii. Allocates \$50 million per year with regional percentages to each of the 5 CDOT Regions:
 1. Region 3 = 14.3% at about \$7 million and Region 5 approximately \$3.5 million (7.1%)
 - iii. DTD is coming to each TPR with 4 meetings for each TPR, starting in the fall. They will likely be more frequent than quarterly.
 - iv. The Regions reviewed the current priority projects determined by the TPR.

9. **Next GVTPR Meeting:** August 29, 2024, 1:30-3:30pm works because it is a 5th Thursday so there may not be any conflicts.

10. **Next STAC Meeting:** In-person, may be held in Grand Junction

11. Meeting adjourned at 3:02pm