



Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region
Long Range Planning Meeting #4
May 8, 2025
Hybrid In-Person and Via Zoom Video Conference

1. **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS** – Meeting was called to order at: 1:32 p.m.
 - a. Vince Rogalski (Chair, GVTPR & Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee), Courtney Tribble (Region 10), Michelle Haynes (Region 10)
 - b. **CDOT Region 3:** Jason Smith (Regional Transportation Director), Dave Cesark (Planning and Environmental Manager), Jessi Spencer (Local Agency & Planning Support), Angie Hainer (Transit Capital Projects Region 3 Liaison), Nate Jean (Montrose Resident Engineer)
 - c. **CDOT Region 5:** Tony Cady (Region Planning & Environmental Manager), Tim Funk (Environmental Specialist & Regional Planner), Kevin Curry (Program Engineer), Mike McVaugh (HDR)
 - d. **CDOT:** Phil von Hake (Multimodal Transportation Planner/Liaison), Spencer York (Planning Liaison), Mike Snow (), Annie Altwarg (Multimodal and Transit Liaison), Emily Barden (Transit & Rail Planner)
 - e. **TPR Members:** Martin Schmidt (Gunnison County, Assistant County Manager for Public Works), Ty Barger (Ouray County Road & Bridge) David Averill (SMART), Jim Lobe (Town of Mtn Village, Transit & Recreation Director), David Hood (City of Delta, City Engineer), Cody Tusing (City of Gunnison), Carl Holm (Interim Public Works Town of Cedaredge), Michelle Nauer (Ouray County Commissioner), Mike Lane (Delta County Commissioner), Lance Waring (San Miguel County Commissioner), Joe Dillsworth (Town of Telluride, Transit Manager), Robert Hurd (Hinsdale County, BOCC), Laura Puckett Daniels (Gunnison County, BOCC), Bruce Nation (Town of Mount Crested Butte, Councilmember), Scott Murphy (City of Montrose, City Engineer), Preston Neill (Town of Ridgway, Town Manager), Shea Earley (Town of Crested Butte, Public Works Director)

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for February 13, 2025 GVTPR Meeting, Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region (GVTPR) Meeting. Motion to approve minutes: M/S: Carl Holm/Michelle Nauer.** None opposed.
 - a. Page 2, number 3, if the safe routes to school and the bids came back they could use some of the funding.

3. **Multimodal Mitigation Options Funding (MMOF) Update:**
 - a. The state has a budget shortfall and will take back of \$71 million to be taken from both previous projects and current projects.
 - i. Eliminates all of FY 24, 25 and a portion of FY23. The awards in those years need to be moved out to FY 26, 27, 28, 29.
 - b. On the provided MMOF form, you have a Summary with updated allocations with new annual amounts that GVTPR needs to constrain the existing awards to.
 - i. Currently, over programed by \$931,695 and so the GVTPR will have to re assess the projects that have been awarded.
 - c. You will notice that the new allocations for FY 27, 28 and 29 are more than the previous allocations because of recognition that these funds
 - d. Cannot amend any ARPA funds, and those must be have been obligated to projects by 12/31/2024 and spent by the current fiscal year.
 - e. All Points Transit:
 - i. Regarding \$70,000 from FY24: When All Points applied to the TPR they applied to put in place a new service or to expand and they have been using those grants for the specific areas. What we could talk about for the APT grants is consolidating the grants to be eligible for all operations then they can use all of their grants for any of their operations.
 - f. When do decisions need to be made by?
 - i. Depends on the urgency of when projects need to be completed by. If you have a project that intended to advertise in July and begin in August but we're relying on current amounts we would have to look at those as soon as possible.
 - ii. Would need to hear back from All Points Transit first. See if they are able to reduce some funding if they are able to use the funding for all operations rather than broken up by project type.
 - iii. Needs to be a decision that is made by the TPR

- iv. Gunnison County is looking at Spring of 2026 to break ground on their project. Martin Schmidt, with Gunnison County would like to have a specific MMOF meeting as an awardee to see what would be possible.
- v. Cedaredge looking at advertisement Winter 2025 and construction in Spring 2026.
 - 1. Based on current estimates, they have received the amount they may need to complete their project from Safe Routes to School.
- g. **Region 10 will reach out to All Points Transit and the 4 projects who were awarded funding in February 2025 to determine if a special meeting is needed or if decisions can be made and presented at the August GVTPR meeting.**

4. **Planning Meeting #4 for Long Range Plan**

a. **Priority Projects List**

- i. In the previous meeting, GVTPR Planning Meeting #3 on February 13, 2025, Region 3 approved project priorities in the meeting, a smaller committee of Connie Hunt, Michelle Haynes, Tim Funk, etc met to decide on the project priorities for Region 5.
 - 1. Hwy 92 project is moving along smoothly,

ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve the GVTPR Project Priority List for Region 5 and the Transit. Motion/Second: Lance Waring/Michelle Nauer. None opposed, motion passes unanimously.

- ii. Additional discussion was had regarding a Bustang route between Gunnison and Montrose. CDOT mentioned that they are waiting on the Transportation Commission Study to determine that route.

b. **Draft Plan Presentation | Spencer York**

- i. Letter from the chair will be updated after a conversation with Vince after the meeting. We also have an update of the GVTPR members in the final version.
- ii. Demographics show generally growth and some of the distress criteria in Gunnison Valley
- iii. Growth of the aging population, growth of vehicle miles traveled.
- iv. There is a map of the highway drivability
- v. Some crash data statistics.
- vi. Bicycle activity is based on Strava bicycle activity.
- vii. GVTPR Focus Areas that were discussed in Meeting #2 & 3
 - 1. Tourism & Federal Lands
 - 2. Sustainability
 - 3. Freight & Rail
 - 4. Road Conditions,
 - 5. Environmental Mitigation
 - 6. Etc.
- viii. On the bottom of page 20 there will be information included from some of their surveys and Town Hall meetings that are occurring.
- ix. A map of the top Project priorities is included and there is one to update as it is no longer a project priority.
- x. Available for comments from the TPR through May 22, 2025 utilizing the CDOT link.

c. **Transit Plan Update | Emily Barden**

- i. Transit Connections Study is being performed and will be released in about a month. It will help to identify transit gaps and potential areas for growth and expansion. It will be sent out once it is ready for review.
- ii. First draft in June and finalized in July

d. **Town Halls:**

- i. District 7: Delta Gunnison, Montrose & Ouray, June 3, 6:30-7:30pm
- ii. District 8: Hinsdale & San Miguel, June 5 6:30-7:30pm

5. **Regional Updates Construction & Maintenance**

a. **Region 3 Update | Nathan Jean**

- i. Mobilization on the Gunnison Bridges will start next week with night work being done. And that will last about 40 days. Expecting some repairs and painting, the steel has already been primed.
- ii. HWY 92, making good progress and is on schedule. Construction on Phase 1 should be finishing up this fall. Irrigation water is up and flowing to all land owners and we are still working on the new water line infrastructure. The widening of the road will happen behind the water line construction. Implementation of the access control plan to reduce the number of accesses.
- iii. HWY 65 bridge repairs and painting. Paving will begin next week and we are expected to be finishing up before July 4.

- iv. Cedar Creek on US 50, replacement of culvert will begin this fall. It goes to ad on May 15th, 8x8 box culvert with utilities and support of a waterline. Utilization of frontage roads for traffic control.
- b. **Region 5 Update | Tim Funk**
 - i. Bridge repair over Mesa Creek on 141 west of Naturita in Montrose county. Work began March 15th and expect to be completed in July.
 - ii. Timber Beam Bridge Repair over Cutler Creek, installing steel beams to fortify the existing bridge. Not anticipating any closures.
 - iii. Multimodal Improvements on 145, a 10 year project, goes out for ad in 2026 with construction in 2027.
 - iv. Maintenance improvements in San Miguel County with a repave on 141 south of Egnar.
 - v. Maintenance Improvements in West End Montrose County with a Chipseal on SH 145.
 - vi. Will be scheduling virtual County meetings soon. Will be targeted to what projects are happening in your county and what projects you want to see in your county.
- 6. **Next GVTPR Meetings:**
 - a. **Next Planning Meeting:** August 14, 2025, 1:30pm-4:00pm
- 7. **ACTION ITEM: Motion for Meeting Adjournment. Motion/Second:** Carl Holm/Michelle Nauer, none opposed. Motion passes unanimously at 3:17pm.

APPROVED 08-14-2025