

# SOUTHWEST COLORADO REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMISSION

**Date:** Friday, February 6, 2015  
**Place:** Carnegie Building 1188 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Durango  
**Time:** 9am to 12:00pm

## AGENDA

- 9am**     **I.     Introductions** (additions/changes to agenda)
- II.     Accept Minutes: December 2014\***  
             **Accept Financial Report: December – January 2014-2015\***
- 9:30**     **III.     Reports**
1. **STAC update**
- a. **Tribal Voting at STAC:** Miriam Gillow-Wiles\*
- b. **December & January STAC meetings:** Kevin Hall
2. **Transportation Commissioner Report:** Sidney Zink
- 10:30**    **IV.     CDOT Report:**
1. **Adoption of the Regional Transportation Plan:** Matt Muraro\*
- Statewide Plan  
                     <http://coloradotransportationmatters.com>  
                     Regional Transportation Plan  
                     <http://coloradotransportationmatters.com/regional-transportation-plans/>
2. **FHWA Supercircular:** Matt Muraro
3. **Construction Project Update:** Ed Archuleta
- 11:45**    **V.     Other Business**
1. **Community Updates –Round Robin** (pending available time)
- VI.     Adjourn**

**Next proposed meeting date: April 3, 2015**

*\*vote requested*

**SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Friday, December 5, 2014 9am to 12pm**

CDOT Maintenance Building, Durango

**TPR Members**

Bobby Lieb, La Plata County  
Chris La May, Town of Bayfield  
Andrea Phillips, Town of Mancos  
Phillip Johnson, City of Cortez  
Kevin Hall, City of Durango  
Bentley Henderson, Archuleta County  
Jim Davis, La Plata County  
Clifford Lucero, Archuleta County  
Steven Brown, Archuleta County  
Lee San Miguel, Town of Ignacio  
Edward Box III, Southern Ute Tribe  
Larry Don Sukla, Montezuma County

**Others Present**

Miriam Gillow-Wiles, SWCCOG  
Sara Trujillo, SWCCOG  
Jason Ragsdell, Southwest Center for Independence  
Mike McVaugh, CDOT  
Ed Archuleta, CDOT  
Matt Muraro, CDOT  
Kerrie Neet, CDOT  
Tony Cady, CDOT  
Sidny Zink, Transportation Commissioner  
Peter Tregillus, SUCAP/Roadrunner Transit  
Darlene Marcus, Congressman Scott Tipton's Office  
Tim Webb, Region 5 Materials Engineer

**I. Introductions:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bobby Lieb at 9:02 am. There were no changes to the agenda.

**II. Minutes, Financial Report, & 2015 Dues:**

Minutes – The next meeting date needs to be updated to December 5.

**Bentley Henderson motioned to approve the minutes with appropriate revision, and financials as presented. Chris La May seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor.**

2015 Elections -

**Lee San Miguel motioned to appoint Kevin Hall as Chair and Bentley Henderson as Vice Chair. Andrea Phillips seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor.**

STAC Representatives –

**Chris La May motioned to appoint Kevin Hall as the primary STAC representative and Bentley Henderson as the alternate STAC representative. Lee San Miguel seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor.** Sara to report new 2015 STAC representative information to Michael King.

**III. Reports:**

## October & November STAC Meetings: Kevin Hall

- The 2040 State Transportation Plan was of significant conversation. TPRs and MPOs have their own plans and prioritized corridors but when laid side-by-side those plans did not match up. There needs to be more consistency across corridors, which is a working progress. However, the SWTPR is in good shape.
- Discussion was had around where the SB228 is headed with \$100 million. There was a list of projects presented with explanations that included the SWTPR's 550/160 interchange and corridor out by Bayfield. It is felt that RAMP projects are being underestimated and that there is a need to back fill those projects and make them whole. Simply put, the money should be put into existing projects and not new. A closer look to where the money should be spent is being done.
- There is Alternative Fuels CO money from CMAC and DoLA. 4CORE will be spear heading this endeavor.

## Transportation Commissioner Report: Sidney Zink

- Budget was a big topic at the last TC meeting. A budget of \$1.2-3 billion has to be sent to the state recognizing revenues and expenses. There are concerns about estimates in the budget being low particularly with regard to the RAMP project. An additional meeting was held to discuss this issue and why bids are coming in higher than engineer estimates because there is only so much contingency built into the program. Time gone by and construction prices going up is always a concern for budget changes; especially with how early in the process budget numbers are approved by the TC, which are fairly rough estimates. Further information and discussion will take place at the December 17 & 18 meeting.
- SB228 has a list of 72 projects adding up to \$3.3 billion primarily based on strategic corridors. Criteria for projects include mobility and economic development with the 550/160 interchange used as an example project. Stand-alone projects that did not have other funding identified were included when it was thought that these funds would be in the billions; however, it looks as though these funds will be significantly less. A revision of projects will certainly be necessary as the funding that was initially thought to exist no longer does. Therefore, there will be a re-thinking of how funding will be dealt with.

## Tribal Voting and STAC: Bobby Lieb

Previously discussed were the non-voting seats at STAC for tribal members. We tabled writing a letter because the by-laws involve legislative action to change these seats to voting seats. Now, the question is whether or not the SWTPR would like to send in a request for legislative change. Edward Box III would like to have a discussion with Rodney Class-Erickson and the tribal council to confirm a request to the legislature is wanted by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Miriam will discuss this issue with the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe to see where they stand on the issue.

**Clifford Lucero motioned to advance a recommendation to the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs and legislative officials pending the blessing from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe to have the non-voting tribal seats at STAC changed to voting seats. Lee San Miguel seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor**

Transit: Peter Tregillus



Update with Road Runner and inter-city bus system - level of service is always being looked at. In addition, Road Runner is working on marketing to gain interest. Ridership on the best day has been 26 riders and on the worst day 3 riders. The current average ridership per day is 13. Bus capacity is 55. Vehicles must be able to handle the mountain passes. Most passengers are picked up in Durango and Grand Junction. There was a request sent to CDOT to obtain smaller vehicles. A 35 passenger vehicle would be ideal.

#### **IV. CDOT Reports**

Construction Project Update: Ed Archuleta

- Rock fall mitigation on Hwy 3 should be nearing completion around December 19.
- Towaoc project is getting close to winter shut down.
- Wilson Gulch road extension was awarded to Oldcastle. Earth work will start this winter, weather permitting.
- County Road P north of Cortez has a small RAMP job with intersection improvements including two left turn lanes and one right turn lane west bound. This is the curve between Cortez and Dolores. A risk is wet land mitigation.
- 172-151 - Doing well with estimate and budget. Risks include geotechnical materials and utilities (hazardous material situation with old gas stations). Project is estimated to go to mid to late February.
- Bayfield Yellow jacket – advancing two year’s project into one. This will be a large surface treatment job.
- Crib wall space 2 and 3 – This one project will include three locations. Mile marker 79.3 before summit on Red Mountain will be widened to the west; north of the snow shed there are a couple of small crib walls that will be corrected, and the crib wall directly below a rock fall that happened in January/February that will be corrected. With all three locations under one project, CDOT hopes to have a greater effort of mitigating the impact on travelers. CDOT will be working with contractors to reduce closures. In addition, there were some rock buildups against a fence due to rock falls that will be cleaned up.
- Mancos Hill to Hesperus is a surface treatment project in the second phase.
- Culvert at 136 near the summit entering Pagosa from the west - replacing culvert.
- Wildlife crossing at Dry Creek – doing well with this project.
- Cave Creek – costly and difficult project. In the middle of right of way acquisition now. Will have to supplement budget.
- RAMP bridge PM – in its second year. The first year was RAMP funding, but going forward in 2015 funds come from regional allocation, meaning less money for the region for other projects.
- Bridge maintenance – very large list.
- Freddy culvert job – all on 141 (3 culverts) on public lands.

Silverton Rock Fall Video: Kerrie Neet

The following link provides access to the video shown:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qqpo7EK3Q0o&feature=youtu.be>

STIP and Capital Plan for RPP: Matt Muraro

After many meetings, a combined list of priorities within Region 5 has been reached. On November 14, 2014 there was a joint STIP meeting held to prioritize projects throughout region. Some funding was advanced for design. Legacy projects were identified in past STIP. These projects will be wrapped up with construction funds. As far as next steps, CDOT will be looking at funding projects with FASTER and other funds to advance some of the projects. Currently CDOT is wrapping up intersection priority study. This will be incorporated into the FASTER funding plan as well.

**V. Other Business:**

Community Updates

Chris La May - Access control plan for Bayfield and Gem Village is underway.

Bentley Henderson – FIR for Town to Lakes Trail continues to move forward and is in the first phase.

Andrea Phillips – The Town of Mancos is part of two TAP projects, which includes an at grade pedestrian crossing, and a project to do a regional path to Mesa Verde.

Kevin Hall –Resolution on the preferred alternative for the 550/160 alignment will allow the Smart 160 Trail project to get back on track. A trail project in White Water Park is currently underway, and north main improvements for ADA curb ramps are currently in the preliminary design phase.

Bobby Lieb – La Plata County is finishing up the Oxford intersection. Irrigation played a large role in this project.

Edward Box III– The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is working on updating their long range transportation plans. Four bids have been received. A presentation for tribal council approval is underway. In addition, the tribe is doing the tribal traffic safety plan, which consists of getting ready to create an RFP and interview some contractors.

Lee San Miguel – the town of Ignacio is working on access points on 172 and the access to CR 320B that will give full loop to mesa. This would also open up development on south end of town.

Miriam Gillow-Wiles –The LCC grant was originally \$19,000. An error in our favor was made and now the grant will provide \$24,800. This grant is on the transportation side.

**The next meeting date is scheduled for Friday, February 6th.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01am

# Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

## Profit & Loss

December 2014 through January 2015

	<u>Dec '14 - Jan 15</u>
Income	
4006 · Dues Revenue	2,337.00
4007 · TPR	482.27
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>2,819.27</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	2,819.27
Expense	
5510 · Travel Exp	2,560.13
5512 · Meeting Exp	103.15
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>2,663.28</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>155.99</u></u>

# Tribal Voting at STAC

To: SWTPR Board  
From: Miriam Gillow-Wiles  
Date: 6 February 2015

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Comments: The Board first became aware of the issue of the Tribes' inability to vote at STAC during the TPR meeting in October. At that time we had discussed writing a letter of support to change this. It was later realized that the Tribes were non-voting members by State statute. Since then both the Ute Mountain and Southern Utes have expressed (at least at a staff level) a positive response to try to move forward and change the statute. To change state statute, there has to be legislative action in the form of a bill.

Having a discussion by the TPR Board to decide how, and if the group wants to proceed is requested.

Some points for the discussion:

- This was first discussed by the past Chair, Bobby Lieb in October 2014 with a positive response to move forward
- This effort would likely carry more weight coming from the TPR as a whole than if it were just the Tribes supporting a legislative change
- There are numerous examples of the Tribes working with the local governments and CDOT