

Four Corners Coordinated Transit Planning

OUR PLAN - SWCCOG is working with a consultant team to develop a Four Corners Coordinated Transit Plan for the area encompassing Southwest Colorado, Northwest New Mexico, Southeast Utah and Northeast Arizona. This project is supported in part by a Federal Transit Administration Section 5304 grant awarded through the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and an Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund (EIAF) grant awarded through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA).

PURPOSE AND NEED - A significant challenge in Southwest Colorado, and throughout the Four Corners region, is that of regional transportation and public transit. Interstate transportation and transit continually rises to the top of regional issues when looking to provide adequate and affordable transportation to our citizens, employees and visitors. SWCCOG will lead a study to encompass the greater Four Corners region to determine the feasibility of coordinating public transportation and transit across state and tribal boundaries. The purpose is to identify the unique transit needs throughout the Four Corners region, outside of the major metropolitan areas of each respective state, and pursue opportunities for public policies and funding mechanisms to meet those needs.

Development of this plan will address the common goals of promotion of public transportation through proposed public policies and the enhancement of existing and future transit services through recommendations for financing such services. This plan will be created specifically for use by partners in the project to identify options for the continued support and improvement of public transportation in the region. Additionally, it will be available and easily transferable to other rural communities throughout Colorado and, ideally, nationwide. The plan will provide options for rural areas that lack the resources to independently identify solutions specifically relevant in areas bordering other states and regions with Tribal Lands.

YOUR ROLE - The development of the plan includes significant involvement from and work provided by participating jurisdictions, transit partners and stakeholders. We would like to present our study findings to you and solicit your input.

We are conducting a survey on current services available in the Four Corners Region, and would appreciate your participation. The survey takes no more than 10 minutes to complete, and may be found at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/4Corners-CHSTP>