



SOUTHWEST TRANSPORTATION PLANNING REGION

Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, December 10, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Video/Phone Conference – See connection details below

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| I. | Introductions | 9:00 a.m. |
| II. | Consent Agenda | 9:10 a.m. |
| | 1. October 2020 Meeting Minutes | |
| | 2. Financial Report: July 2020 – October 2020 | |
| III. | Reports | 9:15 a.m. |
| | 1. October, November 2020 STAC Update | |
| | 2. Transportation Commissioner Report – Sidny Zink | |
| IV. | Discussion/Decision Items | 9:45 a.m. |
| | 1. Election of Officers – Jessica Laitsch | |
| V. | CDOT Reports | 10:00 a.m. |
| | 1. Region 5 Construction Update - Kevin Curry | |
| | 2. CDOT Statewide Budget Update | |
| VI. | Other Business | 11:15 a.m. |
| | 1. Updates – Round Robin | |
| VII. | Adjourn | |

Next regular meeting date: Thursday, February 11, 2021

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**Southwest Colorado Regional Transportation
Planning Commission
Thursday, October 8, 2020 - 9:00 a.m.
Video/phone conference**

TPR Members in Attendance:

David Black – Town of Bayfield
Sarah Dodson Hill – City of Durango
Fred Brooks – Town of Mancos
Katie Sickles – Town of Bayfield
Archie House Jr. – Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
Doug McDonald – Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Jim Candelaria – Montezuma County
Steve Garchar – Dolores County
Andrea Phillips – Town of Pagosa Springs
Mark Garcia – Town of Ignacio
Martin Schmidt – Town of Pagosa Springs
Bernadette Cuthair – Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

Others in Attendance:

Jennifer Morris – Montezuma County Transportation
Patrick Davis – Southwest Rides
Gordon South – Southwest Center for Independence
Julie Bingham – Dolores County
Elijah Henley – Federal Highways, Federal Lands Division
Sidny Zink – Transportation Commissioner
TJ Burr - Colorado Department of Transportation
Julie Constan - Colorado Department of Transportation
Matt Muraro - Colorado Department of Transportation
Carrie Tremblatt – Colorado Department of Transportation
Tony Cady - Colorado Department of Transportation
Jamie Grim – Colorado Department of Transportation
Kevin Curry - Colorado Department of Transportation
Mike McVaugh – Colorado Department of Transportation
Miriam Gillow-Wiles – Southwest Colorado Council of Governments
Jessica Laitsch – Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

I. Introductions

II. Consent Agenda:

August 2020 Meeting Minutes
Financial Report: July 2020 – August 2020

Jim Candelaria motioned to approve the August 2020 minutes, David Black seconded, unanimously approved.

David Black motioned to approve the financial report, Jim Candelaria seconded, unanimously approved.

III. Reports

1. August and September 2020 STAC Update

Sarah reported that Phil mentioned that a major item was related to CDOT's funding projections, and he would like to see collections versus projections at the next meeting.

2. Transportation Commissioner Report – Sidney Zink

Sidny reported that there is an opening on the Transportation Commission.

IV. CDOT Reports

1. Fed Lands Planning Pilot Updates and Overview of Phase II - Elijah Henley

Elijah presented the results of the needs assessment and next steps on the project including identification and prioritization of specific projects. There was discussion about how to move forward with prioritization of projects. He and CDOT will work to identify a meeting time to begin this process.

2. SWTPR Regional Transportation Plan Adoption - Carrie Tremblatt

Carrie presented an overview of the public comments received on the transportation plan and stated that the State is seeking approval of the final plan from the TPR. David suggested looking into road usage fees. Matt replied that several years ago CDOT had run a pilot project to begin exploring implementation of a user-based mileage fee, the initial general perception is negative due to the tracking of movements. Sarah stated that there is a draft resolution for consideration.

Jim Candelaria motioned to approve the resolution to adopt the Southwest Regional Transportation Plan, David Black seconded, unanimously approved.

3. Construction Update – Kevin Curry

- US 160 Pagosa Signals Pinon Hot Springs Lewis – Completed.
- US 160 Towaoc to Cortez Chipseal – Completed.
- R5 Chain Station Improvements – Ongoing.
- US 550 MP 90.15 & 90.2, SH 145 MP 24.5 & 49.3 Wall Repairs – Work is complete on SH 145, awaiting final update on US 550.
- Hawkins Signal & Curb Ramps Cortez – Working on ramp locations.
- US 550/160 Connection South Design – Clearing work has begun.
- R5 SH 184 MP 11.73, 12.29 Priority Culverts – Awarded, expect to begin work this month.
- US 160 Wolf Creek West Fiber – Under ad.
- US 160/SH 151 Wildlife Crossing Project – They adjusted the timeframes and received a number of bids through the second ad.
- US 160 McCabe Creek Pagosa – Designed, this will be the first priority when funding is identified.
- US 160 West & Cortez PCCP Diamond Grind – Going to ad next month with construction in the spring.
- SH 145 Dolores Rico US 160 Cortez Htr Repave – Adjusted to be a multiple location project, scheduled for ad in January.
- SH 172 at County Road 318 – Working on design.

- US 160 Four Corners to Aztec Creek – On the SB 267 list, tentatively scheduled for 2023.
- US 160 San Juan River Bridge Scour – Reevaluating the design.

4. Regional Grant Opportunities – Matt Muraro

Matt described a number of grant opportunities. The Revitalizing Main Streets for repurposing or make improvements to streets for bike and ped, \$2 million has been allocated. The Can Do Community Challenge provides smaller grants for community-wide initiatives to promote teleworking, funds must be spent in 2020. The Safe Routes to School call is out, applications are due November 5, there are some funds available with no match for heavily impacted communities with 75% or higher free and reduced lunch rates. There is a transit call for capital projects which includes a variety of funding sources. There is a Community Change grant intended to increase physical activity. Sarah asked if Safe Routes to School is a one- or two-year call. Matt replied that it is a two-year call. Sarah asked if, since the Revitalize Main Street is awarded on a rolling basis, whether previously awarded agencies may apply a second time. Matt replied he would follow-up.

V. Other Business

1. Community Updates – Round Robin

Andrea, Town of Pagosa Springs, commended CDOT's efforts on Main Street Visioning Plan. They will be submitting a request to do a speed study for the County and Town. Sarah asked if they have hired a replacement for Debbie. TJ replied that the County has hired a replacement.

Mark reported the Town of Ignacio is working with CDOT on a signalized intersection at Goddard with construction likely in the spring. They are also working on an overlay on SH 172 including looking at sidewalks and crosswalks.

Bernadette reported that the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe is working with the SWCCOG on a broadband initiative, the Tribe also plans to seek a secondary grant for fiber to the home, as connectivity has been difficult. They have hired a consultant to help with a broadband strategic plan, they may need to work with CDOT about using right of way. She added that she is currently the point person on transportation matters.

David reported that the Town of Bayfield is concluding a water line project that includes crossing under US 160. They also need to repair a culvert that failed under an irrigation ditch.

Steve reported that there was a tree removed in Dolores County which dramatically improved the line of sight, combined with mowing operations this has decreased deer collisions.

Sidny reported that she attended a meeting of the Efficiency and Accountability Committee, the discussion included closing out projects sooner since remaining funds can be used on subsequent projects if closed out sooner. The auditors had also mentioned closing projects sooner. She described the impact on fees for enterprise funds if Proposition 117 passes.

Sarah reported that the City of Durango hired a new city manager. They also hired multimodal administrator. The Needham Connect project is nearly complete and ahead of schedule. The College and 8th Street project was scheduled for construction next year, but will be delayed due to a planned project by a utility company.

Patrick asked if there is an update on the CDOT 5310 grant. TJ reported that funding decisions have been made and announcements should be made soon.

Jim Candelaria motioned to adjourn, Steve Garchar seconded, unanimously approved.

The meeting ended at 10:31 a.m.

SWTPR Financials 7/1/2020-10/31/2020

To: SW Colorado Transportation Planning Region
From: Jessica Laitsch
Date: 8 December, 2020

Comments: A profit and loss report for the period July 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020 is attached.

The TPR grant runs on a state fiscal year (July 1 to June 30). The attached P&L shows the current grant status. Because this is a reimbursement grant, the net income is showing in the negative as funds have been spent but not yet reimbursed.

Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

PROFIT AND LOSS

July - October, 2020

	TOTAL
Income	
Total Income	
GROSS PROFIT	\$0.00
Expenses	
Administrative Costs	
Operating Expenses	
Internet Connectivity	
Internet Connection (AT&T)	68.74
Total Internet Connectivity	68.74
Professional Fees	
Audit	393.75
Total Professional Fees	393.75
Rent	350.00
Total Operating Expenses	812.49
Personnel Expense	
Salary and Wages	852.65
Total Personnel Expense	852.65
Total Administrative Costs	1,665.14
Total Expenses	\$1,665.14
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -1,665.14
NET INCOME	\$ -1,665.14

STAC Summary – October, November

To: SW Colorado Transportation Planning Region
From: Jessica Laitsch
Date: 1 December, 2020

Comments: Below are some highlights from the October and November, 2020 Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) meetings. The draft minutes for the October meeting is also attached.

October:

CDOT, Transportation Commission, and STAC representative Updates
FY21 and FY22 CDOT Budget Overview
Update on CDOT FY21-FY22 Budget
Front Range Passenger Rail Informational Update
Discussion on the revisions to the STAC Bylaws, revisions to bylaws will be approved at the next meeting
Multimodal Options Fund Update

November:

Presentation on the Governor's FY21 Budget Proposal
Transportation Commission and STAC representative Updates
Update on recent federal and state legislative activity
Adoption of the revisions to the STAC Bylaws
Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson
Update on the revised interchange approval policy process
Overview of the Scenic and Historic Byway program

December:

There will be no STAC meeting held in December.

Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)
Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2020

Location: Via Web Conference
Date/Time: October 9, 2020; 9:00 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.
Chairman: Vince Rogalski, Gunnison Valley TPR Chair

Attendance:

Denver Area:	Elise Jones, Roger Partridge, Jacob Riger	San Luis Valley:	Michael Yohn, Keith Baker
Central Front Range:	Dick Elsner	South Central:	Walt Boulden
Eastern:	Chris Richardson	Southeast:	Not represented
Grand Valley:	Dean Bressler	Southwest:	Sarah Dodson
Intermountain:	Bentley Henderson (arrived at 11:15)	Upper Front Range:	Not represented
North Front Range:	Dave Clark, Becky Karasko	Southern Ute Tribe:	Not represented
Northwest:	Heather Sloop	Ute Mountain Ute Tribe:	Archie House Jr.
Pikes Peak Area:	Norm Steen, John Liosatos, Andres Pico, Holly Williams, Kathryn Wenger	FHWA:	John Cater, Bill Haas
Pueblo Area:	Terry Hart, John Adams	FTA:	Not represented

Shoshana Lew (CDOT Executive Director)
 Karen Stuart (Transportation Commission Chair)
 Sidney Zink (Transportation Commissioner)
 Rebecca White (CDOT Director, Division of Transportation Development)
 Herman Stockinger (CDOT Deputy Executive Director/Office of Policy & Government Relations)
 Jeff Sudmeier (CDOT Chief Financial Officer)
 Craig Hurst (CDOT Freight Programs Manager)
 Randy Grauberger (CDOT Director, Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission)
 Erik Sabina (CDOT Manager, Information Management Branch)
 David Krutinger (CDOT Director, Division of Transit & Rail)
 Stephen Harelson (CDOT Chief Engineer)
 Heather Paddock (CDOT Region 4 Regional Transportation Director [RTD])
 Mike McVaugh (CDOT Region 5 RTD)
 Mike Goolsby (CDOT Region 3 RTD)
 Paul Jesaitis (CDOT Region 1 RTD)
 Richard Zamora (CDOT Region 2 RTD)
 Kay Kelly (CDOT Interim Director, Office of Innovative Mobility)
 David Singer (CDOT Manager, Environmental Policy and Biological Resources Section)

Agenda Item / Presenter (Affiliation)	Presentation Highlights	Actions
<p>Introductions & STAC Minutes / Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion to approve the September 11, 2020, STAC meeting minutes by Heather Sloop, seconded by Norm Steen. ● Minutes approved unanimously. 	<p>Minutes approved</p>
<p>CDOT Update on Current Events / Herman Stockinger, CDOT Deputy Executive Director</p>	<p>Herman Stockinger:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Congress approved 1-year Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act extension; ● Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Roadmap is out for public comment; stakeholders are encouraged to review and provide comments ● TC will vote on the RPP formula next week; the last formula was related to the last plan; staff are recommending TC continue using the current formula ● Staff changes: Keith Stefanik has been hired as the new Deputy Chief Engineer <p>STAC Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Heather Sloop: Why are CDOT staff recommending an RPP formula other than STAC's recommendation? ● Herman Stockinger: This is not the same formula brought forward a few months ago; Staff is recommending the existing formula 	<p>No action.</p>
<p>Transportation Commission (TC) Report / Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Roll forward budget actions have completed, moving 2020 funding into 2021 ● TC discussed National Performance Measures (NPM), and how CDOT tracks NPM and Drivability Life; If Interstate pavement isn't kept at 95% Good or Fair condition, funds from other programs would have to be diverted to surface treatment to do so, disproportionately hurting rural programs ● Policy Directive (PD)14 – the extensive discussion was had on new environmental impact and GHG reduction measures; Members noted that CDOT has little control over many of the strategies and goals, and some TC members shared concern about tracking measures that imply we have more control than we do. ● Irv Halter has resigned his position from the TC and is, moving out of state ● FHWA has awarded a \$13 million Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant to Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA), and another of \$5.4 million to Castle Rock for the study of a new potential interchange on I-25. ● All resolutions proposed were approved by the TC <p>STAC comments: None</p>	<p>No action.</p>
<p>TPR & Federal Partner Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG): In September our Board approved a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment of \$29.5 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds to the I-70 bridge over Harlan Street in Wheat Ridge; They also awarded \$4.3 million FTA 5301 and STBG funds to 16 projects benefiting Seniors, disabled and low-income transportation; \$14 million to signal systems operations in the Region. ● Central Front Range; Fall travel has been exceptionally difficult this year with the weekend congestion increasing and severe safety issues needing to be addressed, especially on Kenosha Pass. ● <u>Eastern</u>: The TPR approved our Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and transit plans last month. 	<p>No action.</p>

- Grand Valley: The region has received several Revitalizing Main Streets grants; two in Grand Junction are both done, one in Fruita is underway to enable diners to use outdoor space; Palisade received another for their downtown area. Our Multimodal Options Fund (MMOF) roadway infrastructure projects are all underway and under contract; the Grand Valley Transit projects are still awaiting contracting from CDOT. The MPO will lead a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) application to seek funding for deploying an application to help students find the safest routes to schools.
- Intermountain: No report.
- North Front Range: We held a hybrid meeting on October 1, both in-person and remote attendees; that worked well. We discussed our GHG roadmap comments - lots of issues that affect us; We also discussed transit services for vulnerable populations; The MPO received \$115,000 for the region for these services. The week of Sept 20-26 staff partnered with Greeley and Loveland on the NOCO active transportation challenge to encourage people to change one route to alt mode; 110 participants, Greeley came in first place on that. Construction on I-25 Segments 6, 7, and 8 continue with overnight closures; A virtual public meeting was held the next day by CDOT on the next phase.
- Northwest: The region is still in full construction season – Highways 13, 141, and 40 from Steamboat to Granby are under construction, Hwy14 is currently closed due to fires; The Steamboat area is surrounded by fires on all sides; air pollution is dangerous and reached an air quality reading of 566 yesterday. On the local Steamboat US40 pinch point from the west, CDOT added an additional lane at downtown, hopefully alleviating those issues.
- Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG): We had no board meeting since the last STAC meeting. The first of the Military Access Mobility Safety Program projects have begun. CDOT finished the resurfacing of US24 in Teller County. Reportedly, an arsonist attempted to start a fire in the Ute Pass area.
- Pueblo Area Council of Governments (PACOG): Hwy50 west project expansion at Purcell is ongoing; Region 2 acquired \$2.5M to continue the I-25 project for ROW purchases; Our Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is in final review and will be out for public comment the end of the month. The final will be adopted in December. This Tuesday is our region coordinating meeting; The Rail Commission heard a presentation on the draft Front Range Passenger Rail study. On I-25 north we have several box culverts being replaced.
- San Luis Valley: Hwy17 & 160 signalization project is ongoing; Hwy17 north into Moffat is also ongoing; Locally, Lane 6 into The Sand Dunes had a kicked off meeting; that'll start next year; We're working on a 529 certificate for our airport. November 5 is our next TPR meeting. Keith Baker: The Chaffee Shuttle received a grant to study transit services in the north SLV area; which will enable us to hire a consultant to do a thorough study for service and hardware needed to serve the area.
- South Central: Virtual TPR meeting was held on Sept 24; We approved our RTP and Transit Plans, and heard a presentation on the Southern Mountain Loop Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) final draft; The Transportation Planning Region (TPR) discussed Trinidad's exits after hearing a presentation on it; The bridge on exit 59 is moving forward. All our MMOF are still awaiting progress on contracting.
- Southeast: No report.

<p>FY21 and FY22 Budget Overview – Jeff Sudmeier, Chief Financial Officer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Southwest</u>: At our TPR meeting yesterday, we adopted our RTP and transit plan; Thanks to CDOT for the excellent outreach efforts on that. We heard a Federal Lands study presentation, and we'll be diving deeper into the list of needs identified at future meetings. CDOT is very busy on several large projects in the region, including the US160&550 project. ● <u>Upper Front Range</u>: No report ● <u>Southern Ute</u>: No report ● <u>Ute Mountain Ute Tribe</u>: We're still working on grants for some ongoing projects; News from our transportation department, Bernadette Cuthair will be leaving that position; we will be refilling that position soon. ● <u>Gunnison Valley</u>: The TPR met on October 1 to approve our RTP. We also heard the Federal Lands presentation and improved coordination with federal agencies to improve getting funding to access projects. Resurfacing in Region 5 is underway to upgrade chain up areas before winter; Region 3 is doing a big intersection surface treatment project at Hwy92 and 50; Repair work is also underway on Hwy 92 that's expected to cause detours; It's a \$40M project, and many have concerns about access along Hwy 50; the road can't handle large vehicles for detours; legislators talked about those issues; there are communities within the construction zone, so those will be getting done first; Some folks are suggesting bridges or tunnels as an alternative, but those are cost-prohibitive. ● <u>Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)</u>: John Cater: FAST Act extension is for 1 year at current funding levels; reauthorization conversation is put off for a year. The Omnibus bill appropriation was extended through December. The State TIM conference (incident management), had 150 attendees, brings owners of roads, first responders, towing, etc. to coordinate efficient, safe incident response and clearing. Over 55% of all first responders in Colorado have been trained; that's about 12th highest in the nation; This is reducing closure times; FHWA is also working on non-freeway incident management initiatives. ● <u>Federal Transit Administration (FTA)</u>: No report. 	<p>No action.</p>
<p>Jeff Sudmeier: Items coming before TC next week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Updated Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF) Revenue projections for FY21 and FY22 ● FY20 & FY21 Budget Balancing in response to updated revenues and projections ● First draft FY22 proposed draft allocation plan ● FY2020 revenues are \$37 million below forecasts, which is slightly lower even than what was projected in June. ● FY2021 & FY2022 projections, however, are slightly better than projected in June. ● Relative to pre-pandemic forecasts, HUTF revenues are projected to be reduced by a combined \$117 million for the three FY20-FY22 fiscal years. ● Combined FY20 and FY21 revenue shortfalls of \$71.3 million must be balanced in the FY21 budget. ● CDOT's FY2022 budget draft will be reviewed by the TC in November and must be submitted to the Colorado Office of State Planning and Budget (OSPB) in December, but not finalized until March 2021. Despite revenue shortfalls due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we expect to be able to maintain core program funding through FY2022. 	<p>No action.</p>	<p>No action.</p>

	<p><u>STAC Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy Pico: Have you adjusted forecasted revenues for the planned increase of electric vehicles in the market according to the state's plans for expanded electric vehicles (EVs)? • Jeff Sudmeier: Yes. Revenue models account for the makeup of the vehicle fleet in Colorado, which increases over time the number of EVs; the model does not, however, account for possible future policy impacts. Over the short term forecast, as this one is, those possible impacts would be very small. Long-range forecasts used assumptions that were available, at which time the state's EV and GHG reduction plans had not been created. 	
<p>Front Range Passenger Rail Study Update – Randy Grauberger, Project Director, Southwest Chief & Front Range Passenger Rail Commission</p>	<p>David Singer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented an update on the Front Range Passenger Rail Study which examined rail alignments from Pueblo to Ft. Collins; • Included three alignments: freight rail alignments, commuter rail alignments, and highway alignments; • Reviewed components of the study and planning outreach, including agency coordination, environmental, engineering, operations (travel model), stakeholder engagement, and governance - legislative proposals for the creation of authority or district(s); • Route comparisons included operational, environmental, economic, and feasibility considerations; • All alternatives are technically feasible and can be mixed and matched to find the best components and minimize impacts; • Future steps include a comparative analysis of alternatives; National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) scoping package, which includes public involvement, existing conditions, coordination, and decisions on rail technology used, station locations, phasing of segments and service characteristics <p>Erik Sabina:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel Demand Modeling shows significant demand for rail transit on all alignments; • Future TDM will consider transit-oriented development (TOD) development around stations, fewer trains, different sets of stations, lower fares • Modeling uses the most advanced, current modeling techniques available. • Ridership projections fall approximately in the middle of the range for other successful passenger rail lines in the country; • Special events ridership is also considered, as is GHG reduction projections. <p>Randy Grauberger:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed public outreach efforts and successes, survey results, and evidence of significant public and private support for rail on the Front Range; • Governance options include a Public Rail Authority, Front Range Passenger Rail Authority, or to Expand the current commission authority; • Amtrak's Network Modernization Program puts Colorado's Front Range Rail as its number one priority with potential for \$2.1 billion federal investment. <p>STAC Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Clark: This is a controversial issue, and it's not advised to brush off the negative feedback received; People will say they want rail, but if asked if they want to pay for it, they don't. In the 	<p>No action.</p>

	<p>northern part of the corridor, we're concerned that people think it's going to eliminate vehicle traffic, and it's not. There's concern this will take funding away from vehicle transportation system needs, which aren't going away; this all needs to be considered in the modeling and planning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Terry Hart: We do consider the negative comments, and we know transportation must be addressed in all modes. Rail will take vehicles off the road, but not all of them; Rail transit is critical to our future considering our population growth expectations; It's also the best alternative for GHG reduction. We do consider the negative comments, but we are hearing a very positive response, especially when people see how rail would integrate with existing transit networks. Amtrak has budgeted \$2.1 billion toward Front Range rail and nationally, we've seen as far ahead of the game because of this planning. ● Elise Jones: In the DRCOG region we recognize funding mechanisms are difficult; need to look to federal money; need to do a lot more to attain our air quality targets; we've done little to reduce VMT; Denver and NFR currently are not in attainment, but the nonattainment area (NAA) will only expand to other Front Range areas if we don't do something. ● Andy Pico: This is controversial because of the price tag; should not be a fully subsidized service, people who use it need to pay the tab; need to hear more on the financial feasibility and solutions ● Dave Clark: past conversations were either transit or roads, and that's not the message anymore; it must be both if we want any chance of it moving forward. ● Terry Hart: Agreed, that is the challenge statewide ● Steve Harelson: Is the rail south of Pueblo to Trinidad, does it connect to the Raton Pass Line? ● Randy: Yes, it connects in Trinidad; eventually re-route Southwest Chief (SWC) from La Junta to Pueblo, then south to Trinidad ● Walt Boulden: The rail proposal from La Junta through Pueblo will find no support from South Central; People are not happy with the current alignment proposal and people will not go from Trinidad to La Junta just to get to Denver. ● Terry Hart: South Central commission representative, Mayor Rico, is fighting for that; None of the commission's proposals are to avoid service to Trinidad <p>Break at 10:56; resumed at 11:01</p> <p>John Liosatos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A survey of only 10 STAC respondents was again split 50/50 on Option 1 and Option 2 ● STAC materials are currently required two weeks in advance; that's not happening and needs to be honored or changed. ● Subcommittee recommends the meeting materials be delivered one week prior and emergency items are considered only with a voting approval by STAC. <p>STAC Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dave Clark: I'm in favor of Option 1, making no change to the Bylaws ● Heather Sloop: Option 2 is preferred by the committee; I believe that it would benefit STAC for other members to have the opportunity to rise to the top, to develop Chair leadership capabilities ● Dave Clark: Are elections usually last of December?
<p>STAC Bylaws Revision – John Liosatos, Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments</p>	<p>No action.</p>

- Heather Sloop: We can change when our elections are to November
- Aaron Willis: Officer elections currently planned for November
- Dean Bressler: There were five of us on the committee, we deliberated this through three meetings; Option 2 was favorable. So considering the 50/50 split on the survey, the fact the committee favored it, we might consider Option 2.
- Elise Jones: I'm leaning toward Option 1; I believe it takes away choice; If we want Vince to continue, we can, and if we want to find someone new, we can do that too. But the Chair commitment is really big, and I don't see anyone else readily, myself included, with that time and ability to commit that much.
- Norm Steen: The power of incumbency is powerful; Term limits is a polite way to move on to new leaders; Can we consider separate Chair and TC liaison officers?
- Heather Sloop: That's in the Articles of Incorporation, that Chair is also the TC representative; the subcommittee already went through this.
- Vince Rogalski: There was legislation passed designating representation; chairman or not?
- John Liosatos: Still pretty split; vote may be close enough to take a name vote; Motion by Heather Sloop to draft Bylaws including changes in Option 2 – officers may serve 2-year terms for two consecutive terms and period of two years must pass before elected officers are again eligible for the same office.
- Vince Rogalski: This is only to agree on drafting changes to the Bylaws
- Rebecca White: Officer elections must be held this year, so it's not another 4 years possible for Vince.
- Motion seconded by Norm Steen
- Heather Sloop: Rebecca has indicated that it's likely possible for STAC members to participate in TC remotely, even after the pandemic.
- Aaron Willis called for STAC members' votes individually:
 - CFR: No
 - Eastern: No
 - Grand Valley: Yes
 - DRCOG: No
 - Gunnison Valley: No
 - NFR: No
 - Northwest: Yes
 - Intermountain: Yes
 - PPACG: Yes
 - PACOG: No
 - SLV: not present at time of vote
 - SC: No
 - SE: not present
 - Southern Ute: not present
 - SW: Yes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o UFR: not present o Ute Mountain: Yes • <u>Motion failed</u>, 6 to 7; no change to Officer terms will be considered. • John Liosatos: The survey indicated a strong majority for amending the Bylaws to require delivery of materials one week before meetings, and to allow emergency items be considered with approval of the STAC agenda. • Vince Rogalski: These Option 4 elements will be drafted into the Bylaws and voted on next month for adoption as the first item on the agenda, followed by chair/vice-chair elections. • John Liosatos: Hopefully we can have the Bylaws considered early in the agenda and then have the elections after that. • Norm Steen: My limited term as County Commissioner ends in January; December will be my last STAC meeting as Vice-Chair. • Vince Rogalski: And I am willing to serve another two years as STAC Chair. 	
<p>1601 Interchange Process Outreach Update - Rebecca White, Director, Division of Transportation Development (DTD)</p>	<p>Aaron Willis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDOT has sought broad input on proposed revisions to PD1601, which considers new Interstate interchanges and interchange modifications; Input has been obtained from most MPOs; we have a meeting scheduled next week with DRCOG; We are also kicking off outreach with local governments and with Colorado transportation management organizations (TMAs). • Next month's presentation of a draft PD will have incorporated this broad input for STAC's consideration. • Rebecca White: Please reach out to me or Aaron if anyone wishes to discuss or provide more input. <p>STAC Discussion: None</p>	No action.
<p>Multimodal Options Fund Update - Rebecca White, Director, Division of Transportation Development (DTD)</p>	<p>Michael Snow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDOT is tracking closely the progress to getting MMOF project Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) and/or contracts executed, their expected start dates, and their project durations to limit the risk of any MMOF funds expiring before projects complete. • Projects are expected to complete by the end of FY2023. • MPOs and TPRs are urged to stay closely informed by the awarded local agencies of any potential delays to projects that may threaten to extend them beyond FY2023. • Some local agencies are also at risk of being unable to deliver projects due to COVID-19 revenue impacts; Any of these impacts to MMOF projects may cause previously awarded funds to be returned. • MPOs/TPRs are urged to be ready to respond in these situations should they have to decide how to program unused funds to projects that can also be completed by end of FY2023. <p>STAC Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vince Rogalski: Gunnison Valley TPR has some un-programmed funds. We are reserving these funds for a while in case any of the already awarded projects require additional funding. • John Liosatos: Was there a mistake in the memo regarding PPACG having some remaining, un-programmed funds? 	No action.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Snow: Yes, there is a mistake in the memo, which states that PPACG carries an un-programmed balance of approximately \$951,000; That is incorrect – it is the DRCOG region that has \$951,000 remaining to be programmed. 	
Other Business / Vince Rogalski, STAC Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A survey request went to all STAC members; Please take the time to fill this out as it helps inform CDOT's planning staff on how to continue improving the transportation planning process. • Our next STAC meeting will be November 13, 2020 (virtual). 	No action.

STAC ADJOURNED at 11:35 am

Election of 2021 Officers

To: SW Colorado Transportation Planning Region
From: Jessica Laitsch
Date: 8 December, 2020

Comments: The by-laws of the SWTPR state that “the officers shall be elected by vote at a regularly scheduled TPR meeting to serve a term of one year or until their successors are elected. Their term of office shall begin upon adjournment of the regular meeting during which the election took place. Officers may be elected to successive one year terms as voted on by the representatives” and that elections shall be held at the last meeting of every year. The offices to be voted on are the Chair and Vice-chair.
