



Southwest Transit Coordinating Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Friday, January 18, 2019, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

La Plata County Administration Building, 1101 E 2nd Ave., Durango

- I. Introductions
- II. Consent Agenda:
 - 1. November 2018 Meeting Minutes
- III. Discussion Items
 - 1. Public Transportation Forum
- IV. Reports
 - 1. Transit Provider Updates
 - 2. Human Service Provider Updates
 - 3. Grant Updates

Video/Phone Conference Info:

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Southwest Transit Coordinating Council –Meeting Minutes
16 November 2018
Carnegie Building, 1188 E. 2nd Ave., Durango, CO 81301

In Attendance:

Mark Reavis: Silverton Planning Director (By Phone)
Gordon South: Southwest Center for Independence
Angel Tracy: Southwest Center for Independence
Kalisha Crossland: San Juan Basin Public Health
Dave Gore: Durango Transit
Debbie Condrey: Archuleta County
Jessica Laitsch: Southwest Colorado Council of Governments (SWCCOG)
Martina Pansze: Southwest Colorado Council of Governments (SWCCOG)

I. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am.

II. Consent Agenda

The September 2018 meeting minutes were approved without comment or concern.

III. Discussion Items

Implications of Election Results

Dave said that 2A wouldn't have helped transit in the City of Durango. He said that the budget has no significant changes compared to last year's and reported there is not much street improvement planned.

Angel said Southwest Rides wouldn't be affected by the ballot measures unless there were changes to CDOT's funding distribution.

Debbie said that because the jail measure didn't pass, there will be budget cuts within Archuleta County that will be hard to predict. She said that the timeframe is unknown at this point.

Kalisha reported that Rocky Mountain Health Plans is trying to fund providers working within primary care centers in Archuleta and La Plata counties to begin administering a social determinant of health screening; one of the strongest determinants in the region being reliable transportation. She said she will forward the documents to the group for editing.

Gordon said that one gap in services he sees is transportation to basic services other than medical care, such as food. He said this group works well to identify gaps and leverage all resources to connect the dots.

Kalisha said that she has been speaking with Sarah about a potential plan involving bus tokens that would make access to services more affordable. The group discussed the challenges of the Opportunity Bus and how the token system, punch passes, or pre-paid cards may fill those gaps.

Angel said that the scope of Southwest Rides' service no longer allows for booking unlimited recurring trips. Instead they are implementing a two-week in advance booking system to ease the driver and van demand. Despite this cutback, they have expanded to now offer services on Saturdays.

Angel and Kalisha discussed efforts to try to expand rides to human services buildings. Kalisha said that access to health includes access to TANF, SNAP, and applying for Medicaid. Angel said that systems within city limits pose challenges to those who can't access in-city transportation, and added that Southwest Rides has community support but little community buy-in.

Kalisha and Angel discussed their respective organization's home visit services. Gordon suggested the Transit Council as an opportunity to build linkages. He suggested the idea of more ride shares and identified challenges around working with medical organizations who aren't interested in transportation services, such as Mercy and Animas Surgical Hospital (ASH). Kalisha agreed and added that clients have been denied service because they didn't have a discharge plan.

Gordon, Angel and Debbie discussed wrapping vehicles. Angel suggested magnets that businesses can pay for as advertising space.

Gordon asked Jessica about strategic planning. She responded she spoke to Sarah with Durango about a transportation provider forum in La Plata County. Gordon affirmed the need for such an event and asked about a regional strategic plan. Jessica responded that there is a statewide transportation planning process coming up shortly. She explained that the process occurs periodically and is approached by TPR region. Jessica said that the strategic plan is helpful to identify top-priority projects, but finding funding makes implementation difficult.

General Updates

Debbie said that Archuleta County is looking into putting trackers in their busses. The system would track the speed and location of vehicles and the data could be accessed by smartphone users. She reported that the county is also researching card systems for seniors that will replace the current system of handwritten tracking.

Gordon said that top priority of Southwest Rides is to identify business partners and collaborate with other service providers. He and Kalisha discussed potential collaboration.

Kalisha offered several public health updates and reported on a project in progress to offer pediatric telehealth in Montezuma and Archuleta counties.

Dave reported that Durango Transit's biggest challenges are budget and staffing-related. He reported difficulty in finding drivers, noting that there are still currently three full-time positions open. Angel says that Southwest Rides has faced a similar issue.

Mark said that Silverton is working on updating their master plan and trying to find a place for transportation within the plan. He reported that van service had been cancelled, but train passengers need transportation options. He and Gordon discussed how community members respond to the lack of resources by working together with rideshares, etc. Mark said he would like to see more communication and a formalized connection to the Chamber in future transportation efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

Durango & La Plata County

Transportation Forum

Monday, January 28 5-7 pm
Durango Public Library

Join local transportation professionals for a panel discussion about transportation options & opportunities in our community. Visit booths showcasing transportation services in Durango & La Plata County. Participate at interactive stations where you can help identify transportation needs.



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