



## Southwest Transit Coordinating Council

### Regular Meeting Agenda

Friday, November 15 2019, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

295 Girard Street, Durango, CO

- I. Introductions
- II. Consent Agenda:
  - 1. September 2019 Meeting Minutes
- III. Discussion Items
  - 1. Transit Project List for Statewide Transportation Planning
  - 2. 2020 Regional Transit Council Goals
- IV. Reports
  - 1. Transit Provider Updates
  - 2. Human Service Provider Updates
  - 3. Regional Coordination Updates

Video/Phone Conference Info:

<https://www.zoom.us/j/510934526>

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**Transit Council Meeting Minutes**  
Friday, September 20, 2019, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
295 Girard Street, Durango, CO

In attendance:

Sarah Dodson - City of Durango  
Kalisha Crossland - San Juan Basin Public Health  
Vicky Maestas - La Plata County Senior Center  
Debbie Condrey - Archuleta County  
Jennifer Morris - Montezuma County  
Julie Bingham - Dolores County  
Matt Nesbitt - Southern Colorado Community Action Agency  
Lori Niewold - Southern Colorado Community Action Agency  
Patrick Davis - Southwest Rides  
TJ Burr - CDOT Division of Transit and Rail  
Matt Muraro – Colorado Department of Transportation  
Jessica Laitsch - Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

**I. Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

**II. Consent Agenda**

1. May 2019 Meeting Minutes  
There were no questions or comments.

**III. Discussion Items**

1. Goals and future projects  
Jessica summarized that the COG was awarded funding to expand support for transit. Accordingly, this would be a good opportunity to address goals for the council. Kalisha asked to review what the health department’s role might be in the council. Sarah mentioned the idea of setting up a block of medical appointments for transit riders. Patrick mentioned that he has been working with Mercy Medical Center about coordinating with medical providers to coordinate trips. There was discussion about working with care coordinators to engage health providers and develop best practices. There was discussion about primary goals focusing on service sustainability such as recruitment and retention, service care and provider coordination, travel training, and ensuring provider information is available online. Jessica will follow up by email to seek other specific goals for discussion at the next meeting.

#### **IV. Reports**

##### **1. Transit Provider Updates**

Sarah reported that the City of Durango's ridership continues to grow. She reported that there have been scheduling issues resulting from construction. They have been facing issues with litter. There was discussion about when riders are not allowed to continue to ride and how to deal with potential violence.

Matt reported that Road Runner Transit is short on drivers. They found a tire shop in Grand Junction, this will streamline tire replacements. They are waiting for a replacement bus. They are looking for drivers for the dial-a-ride service in Ignacio.

Debbie reported that Archuleta County is currently understaffed and experiencing issues with buses.

Patrick reported that Southwest Rides has a new dispatcher. They are trying to find funding. They have signed agreements with 9-R and CCI to transport some individuals.

Jennifer reported that Montezuma County is averaging approximately 1000 rides per month, which is higher than usual. They are exploring fixed route options. Sarah asked if they make trips to Durango. Jennifer replied yes, they typically make a trip every day. She reported that retention has been pretty good for drivers.

##### **2. Human Service Provider Updates**

Kalisha reported that the Department of Human Services months is delayed processing reimbursements for travel.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

# Transportation Planning – Southwest Colorado Transit Project List

Southwest Regional Transit Council  
Meeting date: November 15, 2019

Attached is a draft list of transit projects in southwest Colorado. There will be discussion to review this list and make any changes or additions in preparation for the SWTPR's prioritization and vote on Thursday, December 12, 2019. The location and video conference information for the December SWTPR meeting is listed below:

SWTPR Regular meeting  
Thursday, December 12, 2019  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

La Plata County Administration Building, 1101 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Durango, CO

To join from PC, Mac, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/109670693>

Or join by phone: +1 408 638 0968 (US Toll) or +1 646 558 8656 (US Toll), Meeting ID: 109 670 693

SAP	Project ID	State Highwa	Project Name	Project Description	Project Cost (\$M)	Capital Cost (\$M)	Operations Cost (\$M)
Multiple PGV7013, PSW7007	1030	SH 145	Expanded Inter-regional Transit Service between Telluride and Rico	2 full size expansion buses	\$2.70	\$1.60	\$1.10
Multiple PSC7003, PSC7008, PSC7009, PSL7018, PSL7019, PSL7020, PSL7021, PSL7022, PSW7009	1041	I-25, US 160	Essential Bus Service between Durango-South Fork-Alamosa-Walsenburg-Pueblo (Proposed Outrider Service)	Outrider bus service between Durango and Pueblo. Assumes one roundtrip per day 365 days/year, purchase of 2 vehicles. Cost based on \$4.20 per mile.	\$5.02	\$0.85	\$4.17
Multiple PSW7009, PSW7013	1058	US 160, US 491	Essential Bus Service between Durango and Dove Creek (Proposed Outrider Service)	Outrider bus service between Durango and Dove Creek. Assumes one roundtrip per day 365 days/year, purchase of 2 vehicles. Cost based on \$4.20 per mile.	\$2.05	\$0.85	\$1.20
Multiple PSW7009, PSW7014	1059	US 160, US 550	Durango Zone 6 Transit Accessibility Upgrades (ADA Transition Plan)	Upgrade transit stops along Route 1 Main Avenue Trolley and along Route 4 Crestview/US Highway 160 to include ADA-compliant curb ramps, sidewalk cross slopes, and landings.	\$9.90	\$9.60	\$0.30
Multiple PSW7009, PSW7014	1060	US 160, US 550	Durango Zone 7 Transit Expansion	Durango Transit route expansion from City limits to Durango/La Plata County Airport. Durango Transit route expansion from City limits to Hermosa, Durango West, Hesperus and Edgemont.	\$36.80	\$16.80	\$20.00
PSW7007	1323	SH 145	Dolores Bus/Vehicle Shelter	Improve bus/vehicle shelter with concrete floor and doors	\$0.15	\$0.05	\$0.10
PSW7007	1324	SH 145	Dolores Park-n-Ride	Establish Park-n-Ride utilizing existing parking infrastructure where possible	\$0.50	\$0.20	\$0.30
PSW7009	1326	US 160	Pagosa Springs Transportation Center	Build a Transportation Center in Pagosa Springs	\$0.85	\$0.80	\$0.05
PSW7009	1327	US 160	Bayfield Park-n-Ride and Access Improvements	Establish Park-n-Ride facility, extend roadway access to Hwy160 and improve grading and drainage	\$1.60	\$1.50	\$0.10
PSW7009	1328	US 160	Cortez Park-n-Ride	Establish Park-n-Ride utilizing existing parking infrastructure where possible	\$0.30	\$0.20	\$0.10
PSW7009	1329	US 160	Archuleta County Bus Stop Shelters	Building of 4 bus stop shelters	\$0.18	\$0.08	\$0.10
PSW7009	1330	US 160	Durango Zone 4 Transit Accessibility Upgrades (ADA Transition Plan)	Upgrade transit stops along Route 4 Crestview/US Highway 160 to include ADA-compliant curb ramps, sidewalk cross slopes, and landings.	\$7.52	\$7.22	\$0.30
PSW7009	1331	US 160	Durango Zone 5 Transit Accessibility Upgrades (ADA Transition Plan)	Increase transit service to Mercy Housing and Three Springs Development, including shorted headways and service on Sundays, holidays, and late night service. Upgrade transit stops along Route 3 Walmart/Mercy to include ADA-compliant curb ramps, sidewalk cross slopes, and landings.	\$3.52	\$3.42	\$0.10
PSW7009	1332	US 160	Archuleta County Park-n-Ride	Establish Park-n-Ride utilizing existing parking infrastructure where possible	\$0.50	\$0.20	\$0.30
PSW7009	1345	US 160	Dynamic TSP at signals in Durango	Transit Signal Priority (TSP)			
PSW7009	1355	US 160	Transit and ADA Accessibility Upgrades (Durango)	A series of transit accessibility improvements around the city such as improved bus stops and access to bus	\$20.00		
PSW7013	1357	SH 491	Dolores County Senior Services Scheduling and Records Software	Scheduling and records software	\$0.13	\$0.03	\$0.10
PSW7013	1358	SH 491	Dolores County Senior Services Vehicle Maintenance Facility	Maintenance facility; 3600 square feet	\$1.00	\$0.50	\$0.50
PSW7014	1359	US 550	Camino Crossing in Durango	Crossing of Camino del Rio to connect east and west sides of town	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$1.00
PSW7014	1360	US 550	SoCoCaa Bustang bus Barn	Build Bus Barn to shelter Bustang/Outrider vehicles	\$6.10	\$6.00	\$0.10
PSW7014	1361	US 550	Durango Transit Bike Racks for Buses	Identified Durango Transit capital need	\$0.15	\$0.08	\$0.07
PSW7014	1362	US 550	SoCoCaa Transit Bus Barn	Bus Barn for Transit buses with dispatch room	\$3.10	\$3.00	\$0.10
PSW7014	1363	US 550	Durango Transit Center Facility Access Control/Generator	Access control, generator, access badges, security enhancements	\$1.03	\$1.00	\$0.03
PSW7014	1364	US 550	Durango Transit Center Expansion	Identified Durango Transit capital need	\$2.25	\$1.75	\$0.50
PSW7014	1365	US 550	Durango Zone 1 Bus Stop Improvements (ADA Transition Plan)	Upgrade transit stops along Route 2 Fort Lewis College to include ADA-compliant curb ramps, sidewalk cross slopes, and landings.	\$3.22	\$3.12	\$0.10
PSW7014	1366	US 550	Durango Zone 2 Transit Accessibility Upgrades (ADA Transition Plan)	Upgrade transit stops along Route 1, 2 and 4 to include ADA-compliant curb ramps, sidewalk cross slopes, and landings	\$4.52	\$4.32	\$0.20
PSW7014	1367	US 550	Durango Zone 3 Transit Accessibility Upgrades (ADA Transition Plan)	Upgrade transit stops along Route 2 Fort Lewis College to include ADA-compliant curb ramps, sidewalk cross slopes, and landings	\$6.41	\$6.21	\$0.20
PSW7014	1368	US 550	Durango Transit Fleet Replacement and/or Expansion	Fleet replacement and/or expansion	\$6.00	\$1.00	\$5.00
PSW7014	1369	US 550	Durango Transit Bus Barn	Identified Durango Transit capital need	\$0.88	\$0.63	\$0.25

## DRAFT Southwest Regional Transit Council – 2020 Goals

### Vision and Purpose

Southwest Transit Vision: The Southwest Transit Council will provide coordination and support for transportation services that encourage transit travel among the region’s residents, employees, and visitors.

Transit Council Purpose: To collaborate between social services, employers, educators, medical providers and transit to get regional support for present and future issues by recognizing grant opportunities and identifying needs of the region.

### Goals:

#### Long-term Goals:

1. Adopt policies that encourage sustainable, transit-oriented development that maximize choices and incentives for reducing dependency on the private automobile.
2. Identify and explore funding opportunities to preserve existing transportation services, expand the transportation network, and share funding information with all transportation providers.
3. Consider regional bus service to boost commerce, tourism, and economic development.
4. Ensure mobility and access for seniors, people with disabilities, people on limited incomes, and other transit dependent populations.
5. Support existing and future transportation services with informational programs, outreach, and incentives.

#### 2020 Goals:

- 1.1. Work with health care providers/coordinators to develop strategies and best practices to ensure all patients have transportation to medical appointments.
- 2.1. Support efforts by transit providers to recruit and retain qualified staff.
- 3.1. Participate in planning efforts to explore feasibility of regional bus service.

- 4.1. Work with health care providers/coordinators to develop strategies and best practices to ensure all patients have transportation to medical appointments.
- 4.2. Create a resource guide for transportation and healthcare providers outlining types of transportation options, coverage areas, etc.
- 5.1. Increase awareness of transportation resources in the region:
  - 5.1.1 Create a central source of information for travelers.
  - 5.1.2. Host informational transportation forum.

**Roles:**

Transit Council - content experts, sets the mission, vision, purpose and goals

SWCCOG staff - facilitators, day to day, project based, “linkers,” provide clerical and financial assistance and oversight, explore ways to build capacity

CDOT - serve in advisory capacity

**Measures of Success:**

The group discussed this question: The Transit Council will be successful if...

The answers:

- Goals are set and met.
- We leave the meeting with information, collaboration, training and other items that help members do their jobs and apply the knowledge and resources to each particular area, agency and community.
- Space is provided to have a conversation about regional transit.
- If it serves as a resource and knowledge center.
- We are able to say we are on a regional transit council for grant purposes.