



Southwest Transit Coordinating Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 18, 2021, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Video/Phone Conference – See connection details below

- I. Introductions
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 - 1. January 2021 Meeting Minutes
- III. Discussion Items
 - 1. Open discussion
 - 2. Grant Coordination Discussion
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Transit Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 21, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
Webinar

In attendance:

Henry Gonzales – Purgatory Transportation
Sarah Hill – City of Durango
Jennifer Morris – Montezuma County
Laura Vanoni – Archuleta County
Vicki Maestas – La Plata County
Cara Bingham – Dolores County
Ellen Stein - Community Connections
Kalisha Crossland – San Juan Basin Health Department
TJ Burr – Colorado Department of Transportation
Matt Muraro - Colorado Department of Transportation
Jessica Laitsch - Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

I. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

II. Consent Agenda

1. November and December 2020 Meeting Minutes
There were no questions or comments.

III. Discussion Items

Sarah reported that thanks to CARES funding, the City of Durango will be operating to Mercy Medical Center in 2021. They have made progress working with Walmart and other stakeholders to develop an enforcement plan which could allow the transit stop to be moved to a more accessible location. They received a donation to cover annual passes for any veteran in La Plata County. They have launched new fare options and passes. Vicki asked if there is an application for seniors to ride the opportunity bus. Sarah replied that while they do need an application to be submitted, any senior can ride.

Vicki reported that the Durango-La Plata Senior Center transportation is temporarily suspended. They are working with SJBHD and the City of Durango to address transportation needs.

Laura reported that Archuleta County has an RFP out for a feasibility study for service between Pagosa Springs and Durango. They are looking to build a number of bus stop shelters. They are working with the Food Coalition to provide food to outlying areas. They are working on predesign for a bus facility.

Jennifer reported that ridership in Montezuma County is trending upwards. They are still having issues with Intelliride, she sent client feedback to CASTA. She added that there are two new county commissioners.

Ellen reported that Community Connections' day program is currently closed, so their transportation program is not currently operating. Staff is exploring possible options to use their vehicles to better serve clients during the pandemic.

Kalisha reported that SJBHD is serving clients remotely. Sarah asked if transportation is needed for vaccine clinics. Kalisha will look into this. She added that up-to-date vaccination information is on their website. Ellen mentioned that people can sign up for vaccine alerts on the SJBHD website. Kalisha added that in-house programs are being impacted by state funding.

Henry explained that Purgatory Transportation provides transport around the ski resort as well as to and from the airport. They are struggling to move people due to the 50% capacity limits. They canceled the skier shuttle for the year. He mentioned that people have generally been understanding of the situation.

Cara reported that Dolores County is providing medical rides and delivering home meals.

Jessica presented a draft summary of transportation services.

Matt reported that the legislature is looking at how to help local communities. CDOT is discussing expanding the Main Streets Program. They are expecting additional SB 267 funding which will include projects such as Outrider stops.

TJ reported that CDOT is working on distribution for the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations. He mentioned that the CARES funding needs to be spent by the end of 2021. Sarah mentioned that if possible, extending the expiration would be helpful, particularly for small agencies. Ellen asked how to proceed since their day programs will be closed for a portion of the year. TJ replied they may be able to look into allowing an extension.

Matt congratulated Sarah on being selected as the SWTPR chair.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.