



Southwest Transit Coordinating Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 19, 2022, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Road Runner Transit Bus Barn
6699 County Road 521, Bayfield, CO 81122

- I. Introductions
- II. Consent Agenda:
 - 1. March 2022 Meeting Minutes
- III. Discussion Items
 - 1. La Plata County Transportation Plan project
 - 2. Council meeting schedule – July 2022
- IV. Reports
 - 1. Transit Provider Updates
 - 2. Human Service Provider Updates
 - 3. Regional Coordination Updates

Transit Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 17, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
Webinar

In attendance:

Patrick Davis – Southwest Rides
Laura Vanoni – Archuleta County
Keith Dunning – City of Durango
Gordon South - Southwest Center for Independence
TJ Burr – Colorado Department of Transportation
George Gromke – Colorado Department of Transportation
Ken Charles – Town of Dolores
Jennifer Morris – Montezuma County
Vicki Maestas – La Plata County
Amber Beye – Unite Colorado
Clyde Church – La Plata County
Jessica Laitsch – Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

I. Introductions

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

II. Consent Agenda:

1. January 2022 Meeting Minutes

There were no questions or comments.

III. Discussion Items

1. Unite Colorado

Amber provided an update of the Unite Colorado referral system. Kalisha described some specific benefits of using a continually updated referral system. Jessica mentioned that if providers choose not to join, she could update information for out-of-network referrals.

2. Regional Ticketing

Jessica mentioned that there has been discussion about a regional ticketing option. Laura mentioned that they do not currently have connectivity to Durango but may be eligible for funds to purchase an electric bus. She explained that it would take some time to set up, including revamping the rate structure, however in the future a regional option would be helpful. Keith mentioned that Durango is very interested in this concept.

3. SWCCOG staffing update

Jessica reported that the SWCCOG will be pursuing hiring project manager staff.

IV. Reports

Keith reported that the City of Durango has launched a US 160 West route. He added that they, with Archuleta County, have received notification of funding for electric bus infrastructure.

Laura mentioned that considering the funding award, Archuleta County will need to figure out routes and times. She reported that they are working on pre-design of a bus terminal. They will be seeking MMOF funding for planning efforts.

Vicki reported that La Plata County is short a bus driver position. She added that Patrick had suggested setting up a job fair and recruitment event.

Patrick reported that Southwest Rides is also experiencing a shortage of drivers. He added that coordinating a job fair with the various organizations that require CDL could be helpful.

Jennifer reported that Montezuma County is also experiencing challenges hiring drivers. She added that a job fair might be helpful.

Vicki asked if Archuleta County has enough drivers. Laura replied that their buses don't require CDLs, so they are fully staffed. TJ mentioned that the City of Durango has been successful with onboarding and retention bonuses. Keith described their bonus policies and benefits package.

TJ reported that CDOT is working on the national transit database reporting. There are a number of questions on the upcoming MMOF funding. He introduced George who is working in the southwest and the southeast regions. Moira accepted the Project Management Unit Manager position. George introduced himself.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.