

# SOUTHWEST COLORADO REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMISSION

**Date:** Friday, October 2, 2015

**Place:** Carnegie Building 1188 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Durango

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**Time:** 9am to 12:00pm

## AGENDA

- 9am**     **I.     Introductions** (additions/changes to agenda)
- II.     Accept Minutes: August 2015\***  
             **Accept Financial Report: August 2015\***
- 9:05**     **III.    Reports**
1. STAC update
- a. August & September meetings: Kevin Hall
2. CDOT Processes and Local Agency Feedback: Roundtable
3. Transportation Commissioner Report: Sidney Zink
- 10:35**    **IV.    CDOT Report:**
1. National Center for Rural Road Safety - Website Launch and  
                    Training Announcement: Mike McVaugh
2. Transportation Legislative Review Committee: Kerrie Neet
3. Transit Call for Capital Applications: Matt Muraro
4. Construction Project Update: Ed Archuleta
- 11:45**    **V.     Other Business**
1. Transit Provider Updates
2. Community Updates –Round Robin (pending available time)
- VI.    Adjourn**

Next proposed meeting date: December 4, 2015

*\*vote requested*

**Southwest Colorado Regional Transportation  
Planning Commission  
Friday, August 7, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.  
Carnegie Building 1188 E 2nd Ave., Durango**

TPR Members in Attendance:

Kevin Hall - City of Durango  
Clifford Lucero - Archuleta County  
Bentley Henderson - Archuleta County  
Chris La May - Town of Bayfield  
Greg Schulte - Town of Pagosa Springs  
Keenan Ertel - Montezuma County  
Rodney Class-Erickson - Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Edward Box III - Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Andrea Phillips - Town of Mancos  
Dan Naiman - Town of Ignacio (by phone)  
Philip Johnson - City of Cortez (by phone)  
Ernie Williams - Dolores County (by phone)

Others in Attendance:

Matt Holden, City of Durango  
Scott McClain - City of Durango  
Jim Davis - La Plata County  
Sidny Zink - Transportation Commissioner  
Aaron Greco - Colorado Department of Transportation  
Kerrie Neet - Colorado Department of Transportation  
Mike McVaugh - Colorado Department of Transportation  
Ed Archuleta - Colorado Department of Transportation  
Matt Muraro - Colorado Department of Transportation  
Miriam Gillow-Wiles - Southwest Colorado Council of Governments  
Jessica Laitsch - Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

**I. Introductions (additions/changes to agenda):**

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

**II. Accept Minutes and Financial Report:**

**Bentley Henderson motioned to approve the June 2015 minutes, Clifford Lucero seconded, unanimously approved.**

**Chris La May motioned to approve the June 2015 Financial Report, Andrea Phillips seconded, unanimously approved.**

**III. Reports**

1. Federal Enhancement Grant: Scott McClain, City Landscape Architect  
Scott McClain described the Animas River Trail project and the SMART 160 Trail project that the City of Durango is planning to undertake. He described the purpose behind the proposal to shift the Federal Enhancement Grant funds from Animas River Trail project to the SMART 160 Trail project.

Andrea Phillips asked what they would do if they are not able to transfer the funds. Scott McClain replied that the City would still intend to complete both projects, however there would be delays.

Bentley Henderson asked if there are steps beyond the TPR in order to shift the funds. Kerrie Neet replied that there would be additional steps, but if the TPR supports it CDOT should be able to make it happen.

Rodney Class-Erickson asked what action the TPR is being asked to do. Scott McClain replied that they are seeking approval to transfer the funds from the grant from one project to the other.

Greg Schulte asked if the purpose for this being presented is because the TPR had originally approved a specific use that would be changed. Scott McClain replied that this is the case.

**Greg Schulte motioned to approve the shift of enhancement funds to the suggested project by the City of Durango, Clifford Lucero seconded, unanimously approved.**

2. September 24 Transportation Legislation Review Committee in Durango:  
Matt Muraro reported that the Transportation Legislation Review Committee will be in Southwest Colorado in late September, this agenda item is a simply notification of the meeting that will be held in Durango. Kevin Hall asked if the Committee will be looking at the RAMP project at the 550/160 interchange. Matt Muraro replied that they do plan to, although they are currently working on logistics.
3. STAC update  
July meeting: Kevin Hall
  - Kevin Hall stated that he would like more feedback from the TPR group to enable him to provide a more regional report to the STAC. He will coordinate with the SWCCOG to obtain any information that TPR members would like reported to the STAC.
  - They had received the Transportation Commission report.
  - Mike Lewis, the new deputy director of CDOT, spoke about being the best DOT and there was discussion about how to achieve and measure this. CDOT is seeking ideas for areas of improvement. Bentley Henderson asked what direction the conversations are headed. Kerrie Neet replied that right now they are just gathering ideas and there is considerable overlap among the various issues. She recommended that the TPR

provide feedback as a group. Kevin Hall and Kerrie Neet described the types of issues that have been raised.

- They received an update on the CDOT bus system and will be seeking public input to identify areas for improvement.
- They received an update on the Interstate 70 project, the plan is to begin construction in 2017. Kevin Hall recommended checking the CDOT website for more information.
- There had been a presentation on the Risk and Resiliency Program, the intent is preparing for unexpected issues that arise.
- There was notification given that CDOT's Fiscal Management Information System, which is used for authorizations and reimbursements, will be shut down for software upgrades. During this time there will be no authorizations for new projects, however current reimbursements will not be affected. Ed Archuleta mentioned there are a few projects that may be delayed slightly. Chris La May expressed concern about the bridge project in Bayfield. There was discussion on the current status and next steps of the project.

#### 4. Transportation Commissioner Report: Sidny Zink

- The Transportation Commission meeting in July meeting had begun with a bus tour from Denver to Grand Junction. Sidny Zink added that there was due consideration to ensure CDOT did not compete with private bus companies.
- The July meeting had been the last for three commissioners and there are currently three vacant seats.
- There was a special executive session to discuss real estate issues.
- They discussed the Interstate 70 East project, including complications due to the scope of the project. They also approved an IGA with the City of Denver for increased contributions to the project. Bentley Henderson asked about the construction term. Sidny Zink replied that it is expected to be five years.
- Sidny Zink attended the Gunnison Valley TPR meeting. She also attended the Club 20 Transportation Committee meeting and they approved a resolution in favor of bonding if there is a new source of funding to pay the bonds back.
- Sidny Zink was elected chair of the Audit Review Committee of the Transportation Commission. They have been rewriting the charter and policy for the Audit Division with the intent to improve the process. She added that she has received feedback from local contractors and asked TPR members to pass on additional feedback they may hear.
- Rodney Class-Erickson pointed out that at the STAC meeting there was interest expressed in ensuring rural communities have their issues and funding levels addressed. He suggested that the TPR try to expand on collaborations and added that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is open to expanding opportunities for collaboration.

#### IV. CDOT Report:

##### 1. Federal Transportation Legislation: Matt Muraro

- CDOT is working on scheduling meetings with counties and tribes, the hope is to set up meetings in locations with improved technology to allow for more robust discussion. Kerrie Neet elaborated that the intent to provide the best customer service possible, with

improved technology more information would be readily available. Kevin Hall asked if these meetings will be with counties and tribes but not municipalities. Kerri Neet replied that the meetings will be scheduled with counties and they are encouraged to invite the municipalities. Kevin Hall requested having these discussions with cities. Mike McVaugh replied that they have asked counties to coordinate with municipalities because it is so complicated for CDOT to coordinate with every entity. Bentley Henderson asked if the intent is public outreach. Kerri Neet replied that it depends on what the entities want. Mike McVaugh added that the intent is an update for elected officials rather than a public forum. There was discussion about how these sessions have been handled in the past in different communities. Mike McVaugh stated that if an entity wished for an update on specific issues CDOT could set up a meeting.

- Aaron Grecko, Local Government Liaison, introduced himself. He stated that Congress approved a three month extension of MAP-21. Also the Senate passed the DRIVE Act. He described growth in the State and the resulting effects on infrastructure. He stated that CDOT is seeking input on the local impacts and needs relative to transportation as the State works to identify funding sources. Kevin Hall mentioned that locally the needs have been identified, however there is not enough money. He added that the 160/550 Intersection is a large project that impacts other projects. Aaron Grecko asked if getting this project done quickly could be a selling point for raising money. Kevin Hall replied that the project is significant, but there are other important regional projects. Kerri Neet added that she would expect support if there were a separate funding source as it is a large, strategic project and remaining monies could then be used for other regional projects. Aaron Grecko mentioned that the same conversation is being heard around the state and sufficient funding will always be a challenge. Sidney Zink mentioned that the 160/550 Intersection is a major regional issue, not just important for Durango. Aaron Grecko pointed out that there are challenges related to taxation in the State, but there are alternate funding options that have proven successful. Sidney Zink added that this discussion is happening locally and a major concern is various projects competing for new funding sources. Aaron Grecko elaborated on the issues surrounding obtaining funding and the competition between local and state governments and between rural and urban areas. Chris La May mentioned that there are benefits to a statewide funding source. Kerri Neet opined that one issue will be to demonstrate to the taxpayers that projects are addressed efficiently without significant waste. Bentley Henderson added that there is a perception that State funding will tend to be spent in the Denver metro area. Aaron Grecko mentioned that some areas have addressed funding for specific projects with specific funding sources. Clifford Lucero asked about the possibility of counties using Secure Rural Schools funding. Bentley Henderson replied that if SRS monies are shared with schools then the full amount remains local, otherwise there is an offset to PILT monies. Aaron Grecko closed with encouragement to continue talking about these issues to help keep the discussion going.
2. Construction Project Update: Ed Archuleta
    - US 491/160 New Mexico to Towaoc - This project is nearing completion.
    - They are working on an emergency repair to a culvert on SH 41.
    - US 160 Bayfield to Yellow Jacket - This project is nearing completion.

- US 160 Wilson Gulch Road Extension - Kevin Hall reported that work is continuing. Mike McVaugh added that they are starting demolition at the roundabout to make it a double-lane roundabout. He added that the utility relocations are done and work on the road grade should begin soon.
- US 160 Mancos Hill to Hesperus - This project is underway.
- R5 FY15 Bridge Preventative Maintenance - Work to complete a few structures will begin after September 1. There is also a third year project at Wolf Creek that will begin in September.
- Region-wide Highway Striping - Mike McVaugh stated that they try to stripe every road every year, at this point it appears they are two months ahead of schedule. He added that the restriping at Durango Mountain Resort is being readvertised due to no bidders.
- SH 172/151 Signalization - Mike McVaugh reported that this project will be readvertised due to no bidders. He added that the lack of bidders is not isolated to this area, presumably this is a result of construction companies gradually ramping back up from the economic downturn.
- US 160 W. Wildlife Crossing at Dry Creek - This project has begun and will be a two season project.
- US 550 Cribwalls Phase II/III - This project has begun. There will be extensive delays and closures on Red Mountain Pass after Labor Day. This will be a two season project.
- SH 145 at CR P North of Cortez - This project has been awarded and construction will begin after September 1.
- SH 172/151 Signalization - This project will be readvertised in the fall for construction in the spring.
- Culvert near Pagosa Springs - This project will be advertised in the fall for construction in the spring.
- US 491 Cortez to MCR 30 (CR M) - This project will be advertised in the winter.
- US 160 McCabe Creek Pagosa - This project will be postponed for one year, the design and scope need to be readdressed. This project will be scheduled for 2017.
- FY15 Priority Culverts, SH 141 - The bids are due next week for construction in the fall.

#### Upcoming Projects:

CDOT is preparing plans for:

- Paving from Rico toward the summit of Lizard Head Pass.
- Double chip seal SH 145 from West Fork toward Rico.
- Paving over Wolf Creek Pass is expected next season.
- Four culvert projects.

Ed Archuleta reported that the expenditure goal for next year is \$64 million, the plan currently exceeds this, so they are working to scale back. They plan to advertise all projects by end of the year. Keenan Ertel asked about the savings related to the US 491/160 New Mexico to Towaoc project. Ed Archuleta replied that the budget includes all aspects of the project.

Keenan Ertel stated that the SH 184 bypass is becoming an issue. Ed Archuleta replied that this is an enforcement issue. Keenan Ertel asked if there is any way to discourage truckers from using this route. There was general discussion regarding difficulties with enforcement at the port of entry, specifically insufficient staffing, and how to address this issue.

Mike McVaugh reported that the estimate for the list of top six intersection projects is \$13 million, over the next 4 years they will have approximately \$4.5 million available. CDOT will work to plan these projects so they are shelf-ready in the event monies become available. He added that there may be opportunities for funding partnerships which may help some of these projects move faster. There was general discussion regarding the criteria for putting in signalization.

## **V. Other Business**

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

There were no transit provider updates.

### **2. Community Updates - Round Robin**

Bentley Henderson:

- Archuleta County has a number of ongoing projects described in the past.
- He asked about traffic counters that have been out. Mike McVaugh replied that CDOT does this throughout the State annually. He added that he expects traffic counts to be higher this year than in the past several years.

Chris La May:

- The Town of Bayfield is working on their bridge project.
- The Town is upgrading the water treatment plant.
- The Town approved the US 160 Access Control Plan, currently awaiting County and State approval.

Greg Schulte:

- The Town of Pagosa Springs is working on a couple of projects, one in conjunction with Archuleta County.
- The Town has completed their sidewalk project.
- The Town completed one pedestrian bridge, then discovered issues with another bridge that may also need to be replaced.
- Kerri Neet asked if he has suggestions regarding communications for the McCabe Creek project. Greg Schulte replied that this is a difficult project and CDOT is looking at ways to make it more cost effective.
- Clifford Lucero mentioned that the Town is paving Piedra Street.
- The Town will be exploring changes downtown to accommodate more people and traffic.

Miriam Gillow-Wiles:

- The Transit Council meeting will be held August 13.

- The SWCCOG is awaiting word on the Transit Coordinator Grant.

Dan Naiman (notes read by Miriam Gillow-Wiles):

- The Farmers Fresh Market has opened in the Town of Ignacio.
- The Town is working on a gas line replacement project.
- The Town received a permit for infrastructure for a future Family Dollar store.

Keenan Ertel:

- Montezuma County is trying to keep up with road maintenance to accommodate the Kinder Morgan expansion.
- There is a fire on the back side of Sleeping Ute Mountain, no structures are in danger.

Edward Box III:

- This is Rodney Class-Erickson's last day working for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.
- The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is working with a consultant on the Long Range Transportation Plan and the Tribal Traffic Safety Plan.
- The Tribe has approval for the subaward agreement for signalization.
- The Tribe has approval for the subaward agreement with La Plata County for CR 517/SH 172.
- The Tribe was just notified that the sidewalk south of Ouray Drive has buckled.

Andrea Phillips:

- The Town of Mancos has been hosting public discussions related to the 160 Corridor Access Control Plan.
- The Town has finalized the IGA for the TAP Grant for a pedestrian crossing.
- A Family Dollar store is being built in Town.
- The Town is working with Montezuma County, the City of Cortez and Mesa Verde National Park on a grant for a multi-purpose trail.

Kevin Hall:

- The City of Durango is working on the Wilson Gulch Road Extension project.
- The City of Durango and La Plata County are working with CDOT on a Transportation Plan update.
- The City is working on a number of overlay projects.
- The City is working on rebuilding ADA curb ramps.
- The City will have a number of intersection improvement projects next year.
- The City is working on various trail projects that are in various stages of completion.

## VI. Adjourn

**The next meeting date is scheduled for October 2, 2015.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

## Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

## Profit &amp; Loss

January through August 2015

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	<u>Jan - Aug 15</u>
<b>Income</b>	
4012 · TPR Dues revenue	3,313.42
4030 · Grant-CDOT	15,680.85
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<b>Total Income</b>	18,994.27
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<b>Gross Profit</b>	18,994.27
<b>Expense</b>	
5009 · Bookkeeper	56.65
5510 · Travel Exp	9,499.98
5512 · Meeting Exp	152.82
5527 · Internet & software	89.00
5545 · Office Equipment/Computers	806.77
5580 · Salary & Wages	3,757.03
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<b>Total Expense</b>	14,362.25
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<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u><u>4,632.02</u></u></b>

# Southwest Regional Transportation Planning Commission 2015

## Status of Representation

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