

**Southwest Transit Coordinating Council  
Regular Meeting Agenda**

September 15, 2022, 9:00-11:00 A.M.

Archuleta County Administration Offices, Board Chamber Room  
398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

- I. Introductions
- II. Consent Agenda:
- III. Discussion Items
  - 1. Square Space Memo
  - 2. Region 9 update
  - 3. Next Meeting Date
- IV. Reports
  - 1. Transit Provider Updates
  - 2. Human Service Provider Updates
  - 3. Regional Coordination Updates

Video/Phone Conference Info:

<https://zoom.us>

1-669-900-6833 (US Toll)

Meeting ID: 988 8606 4474

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**Transit Council Meeting Minutes**  
Thursday, August 18 2022, 9am  
Durango Senior Center 2424 Main Ave. Durango

In attendance:

Matt Nesbitt, City of Durango  
Jay Rhodes, Road Runner Transit  
Keith Dunning, City of Durango  
TJ Burr, Colorado Department of Transportation (remote)  
Vicki Maestas, La Plata County Senior Center  
Clyde Church, La Plata County  
Laura Lewis Marchino, Region 9 EDD  
Christina Knoell, San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging (remote)  
Mikayla Collins (Axis Health System)  
Jennifer Morris, MOCO (remote)  
Lucy Mulvihill, Silverton (remote)

**I. Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 9:08am

**II. Consent Agenda:**

1. July 2022 Meeting Minutes

There were no questions or comments.

**III. Discussion Items**

1. La Plata County Transportation Plan

This was on the agenda but didn't have any updated information. Clyde expressed interest in having a map that shows all routes and a call center for the region. A web-based call center has been of interest. Jay with Roadrunner is working with all the counties through Bustang to coordinate some service and looking at what would be a fair price to cross the region. Getting seniors that live rurally to the senior Center is a gap. There was discussion that it takes 45 minutes one way to get to Marvel.

2. Region 9 Update

Laura provided an update on the SWCCOG transition and the history of Colorado having one regional umbrella organization per their 14 regions and plans for SWCCOG programs to come under Region 9. Region 9 previously administered the TPR and Transit Council. She also said that Jessica has left her position and that she and Shak are covering the meetings and will work to get up to speed.

3. Next meeting date and future agenda items

The next few meetings have been scheduled and new Zoom invites will be sent out by Shak. They will continue to be hybrid meetings. Future agenda items brought up include an update on Commercial Driver's License activities and moving forward with the one stop, one click system. Laura was curious if it could be aligned with other efforts and understands she is getting back engaged and might be off track.

#### IV. Reports

**Durango Senior Center** – Vicki says they have a second bus drive and already know they need to replace some van and are looking at 2024 capital expenditures now.

**Durango Transit** – Matt reported that they do have some driver openings and they have been busy with the free fare August. It has been very successful. They are looking to add some of the routes they lost in 2018 as well as new fleet vehicles that got behind due to Covid. There was a lot of discussion of the delays to get chasses nationwide which had put everyone behind. Durango Transit is offering incentives to get drivers like \$350 for part-time drivers that do 10 shifts.

Roadrunner Transit – Jay discussed the Centura grant of \$100K that will allow them to expand service starting Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. They said that they hope to cover Wildcat Canyon and as far out as Mayday and including Mayday and around to Durango West. They applied for County funding of \$114K. They need more vehicles now that their website is up, and they are proving transit to Arboles. Started Bustang service from Bayfield June first. There is no funding to go to NM, but they would like to include Aztec to get employees for the Tribe and maybe connect to Red Apple Transit. Jay reported that the free fare August has resulted in 40% higher ridership rates. Other discussion included:

- increasing vehicle costs and waiting for parts.
- There was discussion about the COTrams website and how nonuser friendly it is.
- Mentioned some transit service gaps includinCR314/318
- Communications in buses are critical and they are putting a repeater on top of Smelter. Mentioned that the Bustang radios are more reliable than cell phones.
- Looking to get some demand response software next year.

Silverton – Lucy introduced herself and interest in getting any kind of transit to Silverton. She was also interested in getting CDOT data on traffic counts. Christina mentioned that Kerri Metzler in San Juna offers gas vouchers and that their office will fund a stipend for drivers in the region. Matt mentioned that Purgatory is looking at a FT transit route that might benefit Silverton.

Area Agency on Aging – Christina was curious about the Region 9 transition for Triple A's and Laura said there was no change. Christina said modeling after Region 10 was preferable rather than DRCOG. Her total budget is \$225K which will be hard as it is at preCOVIDI levels.

Archuleta Transit -Laura reported that they got money for two electric buses. They are wanting to continue to increase service but are also struggling getting vehicles. They offer every other Thursday trips from Pagosa to Durango and would like to go weekly. They also do every other week to Arboles. They are looking to develop a park n ride at the Aspen Springs Subdivision (economically disadvantaged area that already has an informal ride share). Laura said they are working on a multimodal plan to identity all those items form reroutes to bikeshare etc.

CDOT – TJ said they are working on the applications for 5310/5311 funding and agreed with the struggles on increasing vehicle prices and the lack of availability. They are trying to make their grants to cover the increases but said to definitely take care of what you have.

Montezuma – Jennifer said that they are seeing precovid ridership numbers which is good. It is a struggle to hire people and they are looking to do a feasibility study for fixed routes. She mentioned that a staff member the group knows is a first-time grandmother.

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

**From:** Jessica Laitsch <info@swccog.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 23, 2022 11:48 AM

**To:** Shakalo Powers <shak@region9edd.org>; Laura Lewis Marchino <laura@region9edd.org>

**Subject:** Fwd: Update to Your Squarespace Subscription Price

This is for a transit website that is not currently live. The renewal will be tied to a cancelled credit card, so would need to be updated if you keep this. Login info is on the password list.



ACCOUNT INFORMATION

The following Squarespace plan will be increasing in price upon renewal:

<https://gecko-contrabass-6662.squarespace.com>

Annual Business

New Price: \$252.00

The new pricing will go into effect on your next renewal after September 20, 2022.

Thank you for being a Squarespace customer. The new pricing helps support the significant improvements we continue to make to the Squarespace platform every year.

We are always here to help. Please reach out to [Customer Support](#) if you have any questions related to your Squarespace subscription.

Thank you,  
The Squarespace Team

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