# SOUTHWEST COLORADO REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMISSION

Date:

Friday, April 3, 2015

Place:

Durango Public Library 1900 E 3rd Ave, Durango

Time:

9am to 12:00pm

**AGENDA** 

9am

I. Introductions (additions/changes to agenda)

II.

Accept Minutes: February 2015\*

Accept Financial Report: February 2015\*

9:30

III. Reports

1. STAC update

a. February meeting: Kevin Hall

b. March meeting: Bentley Henderson

2. Transportation Commissioner Report: Sidny Zink

10:30

IV. CDOT Report:

1. Stand Up for Transportation Day: Nancy Shanks

2. CDOT Zero Deaths Initiative: Mike McVaugh

3. STIP update: 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: June 5, 2015

\*vote requested

## SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMISSION

#### Friday, February 6, 2015 9am to 12pm

Carnegie Building, Durango

#### **TPR Members**

Kevin Hall, City of Durango Bentley Henderson, Archuleta County Chris La May, Town of Bayfield Andrea Phillips, Town of Mancos Jim Davis, La Plata County Clifford Lucero, Archuleta County Steven Brown, Archuleta County Lee San Miguel, Town of Ignacio Bob Nevins, Town of Silverton Brad Blake, La Plata County Keenan Ertel, Montezuma County Shane Hale, City of Cortez Ernie Williams, Town of Dolores John Egan, Town of Pagosa Springs Rodney Class-Erickson, Southern Ute Indian Tribe Charlie Root, Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe Ken Torres, City of Cortez Greg Schulte, Town of Pagosa Springs

#### **Others Present**

Miriam Gillow-Wiles, SWCCOG
Sara Trujillo, SWCCOG
Mike McVaugh, CDOT
Ed Archuleta, CDOT
Matt Muraro, CDOT
Tony Cady, CDOT
Michael King, CDOT
Cletus Thiessen, CDOT
Sidny Zink, Transportation Commissioner

#### I. Introductions:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Hall at 9:04 am. There were no changes to the agenda.

#### II. Minutes & Financial Reports:

Minutes -

Lee San Miguel motioned to approve the December 2014 minutes as presented. Ernie Williams seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor.

#### Financials -

Ernie Williams motioned to approve the December 2014 – January 2015 financials as presented. Rodney Class-Erickson seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor.

#### III. Reports:

**STAC Updates** 

Tribal Voting at STAC: Miriam Gillow-Wiles

Discussion started in October 2014 regarding the tribal seats at STAC being non-voting seats. Initially the conversation revolved around a letter of support from the SWTPR to make these seats voting eligible until it was discovered that this item was state statute, not a STAC rule. Since October 2014, Miriam has researched and found that both the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe have an interest to take this item to the legislative level to request state statute change and have voting eligibility at STAC. Now the decision is whether or not the SWTPR would like to support legislative change for the tribes to have STAC voting eligibility.

Currently, the SWTPR has one vote at STAC. Because both Indian Tribes are sovereign nations, they should have their own voting rights. If granted voting rights, the Southwest region of Colorado would have three votes. This would be a great benefit as long as the SWTPR and tribes are in alignment when making decisions for the region but a disadvantage if two tribal votes to the one SWTPR vote are not in alignment at STAC.

Rodney Class-Erickson reported the interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to have STAC voting rights; however, STAC voting rights, either way, would not affect the way the tribe does business or approaches goals and projects. Funding the tribe receives does not come from the state, but state rules do affect the tribe. Therefore, tribe interest lies within the infrastructure of the Southwest Region. Rodney does feel this item would carry more significance and weight if the SWTPR promotes legislative change versus the tribe. A large consideration will need to be given to the verbiage used recognizing the tribes as sovereign nations.

Sidny Zink reported that she feels the Transportation Commission would be in support of tribal voting rights and feels this change would be viewed as a positive move. Giving voting rights to the tribes would not take away but add to the benefit. However, disproportionate representation may be viewed as a negative by the Denver metro area.

Miriam pointed out that the timeframe for legislative change is January – April. Given this timeline, it would take the balance of 2015 to get the legislation organized, with legislative action on the proposed not occurring until 2016.

The SWTPR feels more folks need to be involved and their thoughts received, such as Senator Ellen Roberts, Mr. Ernest House, and the Colorado Council of Indian Affairs. Receiving feedback from legislators could also give the TPR an idea of potential support for a state statue change. In addition, someone like Senator Roberts could give the TPR guidance on when it would be appropriate to move forward and request the change.

Bentley Henderson motioned to table this item until the April meeting to allow time for additional research and contact be made with Senator Roberts, Mr. Ernest House, and the Colorado Council of Indian Affairs with the knowledge that the SWTPR does support, in principle, the idea of making STAC tribal seats voting seats. Ernie Williams seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor.

December & January STAC: Kevin Hall

- Statewide Transportation Plan/Regional Plans
  - CDOT has put these plans out to the public. Previous inconsistencies with priority corridors between TPR and MPOs have been corrected. STAC recommendation has put this item on hold giving TPR/MPOs time to adopt Regional plans.
- Policy Directive 14
  - PD 14 helps guide funding decisions and helps frame planning activities that occur. Essentially, PD 14 will act as an umbrella that guides activities. It does need revision to bring it into consistency with other existing Planning Documents. The Transportation Commission has had committees working on this for several months and will most likely act on PD 14 at the February meeting.

- Supercircular (This item is also listed under the CDOT report section, so the STAC update portion and CDOT report were combined for this item).
  - Supercircular became effective December 26, 2014 and applies to project phases (design or construction) authorized by FHWA. The issue that prompted this change was the inability to balance books due to the amount of frozen funds in projects. Under supercircular projects must have specific start and end dates identified. All parts of the project, including final documentation and final reimbursement, must be complete by the end date. If design and construction are funded together, design end date and construction beginning and end date are required. If funded separately, beginning dates of construction are not required. Supercircular is a new concept that will go through fluctuations and changes throughout the year. The ultimate goal is to get final billings on projects complete in a timely manner so funds can be reassessed and distributed back out. This should help create a faster flow of funds and better book balances.

#### I-70 Viaduct

This issue has been assigned three possible solutions, 1) remain and maintain, which would be a 10-year plan at a cost of \$30 million, 2) reconstruction as is at a cost of \$550 million, or 3) lower and partially cover with no expansion at a cost of \$950 million. Adding toll express lanes would be beneficial to solution #3 but would increase costs to \$1.2 billion. Solution #3 has the most support other than the financial aspect.

#### TIGER Program

- The next TIGER round is coming up in 2015 with \$500 million available. An application would not be due until later in the year, but now would be a good time to start soliciting input.
- Division of Transit and Rail Funding Update
  - 140 applications received from 50 organizations requesting \$45.5 million with only \$27 million available over two years. Some of the Southwest Region's projects are recommended for funding, others are not. The Transportation Commission will act on funding requests February 19.
- CRBRC (Civil Rights & Business Resource Center)
  - A survey will be conducted to identify needs and gaps relative to Disadvantage Business Enterprise requirements (DBE). The survey will be conducted later this winter.

## Transportation Commissioner Report: Sidny Zink

- The I-70 East project is the largest project the Transportation Commission is dealing with currently. This project consists of 2.5 miles of crumbling viaduct that needs repair or replacement. Three options have been (given previously under STAC update).
- There was a special meeting held February 5, 2015 to talk about how this project can be funded. The TC plans on asking for \$850 million to come from Bridge Enterprise funds (FASTER legislation). The primary risk taker of success or failure would be private enterprise although this is a state highway and the state has ultimate responsibility. This is because rather than the state issuing bonds, the state uses private financing.
- CDOT Executive Director Don Hunt is one week away from stepping down and new Executive Director Shailen Bhatt stepping up. Director Bhatt comes with FHWA experience, which will benefit our region greatly with him understanding and being able to communicate the state perspective.
- Sidny had the opportunity to meet with the governor who is in full support of bicycle infrastructure that would present cyclists with opportunities that do not involve the shoulder of the road.

#### IV. CDOT Reports

Adoption of the Regional Transportation Plan: Matt Muraro

The SWTPR had been over the Regional Transportation Plan in previous meetings and links to this information were provided to the TPR prior to this meeting. Therefore, discussion was minimal. Matt did

point out that the Regional Plan will be rolled into the State Plan, which will be approved by the Transportation Commission in March 2015.

Chris La May motioned to approve the Regional Transportation Plan that would be incorporated into the State Plan. Ernie Williams seconded, and the motion passed with all in favor.

FHWA Supercircular: Matt Muraro

Please see STAC updates under section III.

Construction Project Update: Ed Archuleta

- US 491/160 New Mexico to Towaco This is a current RAMP Surface Treatment project expected to be completed August, 2015.
- US 160 Wilson Gulch Road Extension Started construction and are in the process of moving utilities. There are many gas lines from gas wells.
- SH 145 at CR P North of Cortez This is a RAMP project consisting of intersection improvement and turn lanes. Construction to begin 2015.
- SH 172/151 Signalization This project is underway. A large underground storage tank was
  discovered that could be a health hazard to workers and an environmental hazard. This is
  currently being dealt with.
- US 160 Bayfield to Yellow Jacket Had a bid come in yesterday that was significantly under the engineer estimate (approximately \$300,000). There should be no issue awarding a bid and construction should begin April, 2015.
- US 550 Cribwalls Phase II/III Project This project has been delayed to avoid tourist season but expected to start up fall of 2015.
- US 160 Mancos Hill to Hesperus Essentially a resurfacing project in its 2<sup>nd</sup> phase.
- FY 15 Priority Culvert US 160 Consists of installing a new culvert.
- US 160 W. Wildlife Crossing at Dry Creek This is part of the highway safety improvement plan as 75% of accidents in this area are wildlife hits. Wildlife fencing and underpass along with shoulder improvements are part of the project.
- US 160 McCabe Creek Pagosa –Advertising will begin in September, 2015 with the project taking well over a year. There is concern for Pagosa Spring's businesses in this area with this project being downtown. CDOT always has public relations to reach out and make sure businesses are taken care of.
- FY 15 Bridge Preventative Maintenance An award has been given to GA Western for the maintenance on bridges.
- US 291 Cortez to MCR 30 This project consists of resurfacing and reworking medians. There will be a meeting with the city in two weeks to discuss lighting through this area.
- FY 15 Priority Culverts This project consists of the lining of four existing culverts, may just have to do three, and most on public lands with one on private land. Hoping to advertise in June depending on expenditures.
- 184 Maintenance Job This is an asphalt surface project from 491-145.
- A future project through the CDOT partnership with DMR may include pavement removal. There have been many sideswipe accidents near DMR as motorists are racing to get to DMR first. To manage traffic and reduce accidents, removing a lane is being considered. In addition, a chain station just north of DMR with lighting and a VMS notification board just south of DMR are being considered.

Ed Archuleta mentioned that there will be an annual meeting with local contractors in March, 2015. The TPR will be kept up-to-date on the details of this meeting for local agencies to attend and discuss work plans for the year. This meeting will be hosted in Durango.

#### V. Other Business:

**Community Updates** 

#### Mike McVaugh -

Flashing yellow lights will be expanded throughout other communities.

#### John Egan & Greg Schulte -

- Looking to do work this summer on the downtown sidewalk, south side.
- Crestview will get paving done with CMAC funds.
- Pagosa has purchased a speed monitor trailer to place on 160 on eastern part of town to slow down traffic as there is more and more pedestrian traffic in that area.
- Finishing up with the 6<sup>th</sup> street pedestrian bridge
- The Town Council has been talking about resurfacing 8<sup>th</sup> street and looking to do this in 2016.
- FIR for Town to Lakes Trail continues to move forward and is in the first phase.

John announced that there will be a meeting February 26 called Archuleta County Transportation Summit. Pagosa is trying to make public transportation a big topic and are looking for consensus with the community as to how important transportation is to the public, i.e. transit for medical transportation, general transit, and economic development. John will report back to the TPR with how much community involvement the meeting produces. If you are interested in attending the meeting, please RSVP to John.

#### Lee San Miguel -

- Ignacio will be seeking help from CDOT with an entrance at Cedar Street and Goddard. Ignacio has a signed contract for new develop going into that location. May be in need of restriping or added pavement
- Family Dollar will be coming in soon

#### Kevin Hall -

- The city Operations Director has announced retirement. Amber Blake will take on additional roles as Transportation Director.
- The Airport Master Plan is in process. There have been several proposed plans with a new terminal facility proposed to be built on the east side of the runway as the preferred alternative.

#### Chris La May -

- The replacement of two bridges will be happening this summer or early fall.
- Completing access control plan

#### Miriam Gillow-Wiles -

The next Transit Coordinating Council meeting will be February 10 at the Durango Transit Center,
 1:30pm.

### The next meeting date is scheduled for Friday, April 3rd.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12am

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## Southwest Colorado Council of Governments Profit & Loss

February 2015

	Feb 15
Income 4007 · TPR	4,365.58
Total Income	4,365.58
Gross Profit	4,365.58
Expense 5510 · Travel Exp 5512 · Meeting Exp	777.00 66.71
Total Expense	843.71
Net Income	3,521.87
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Hi all,

Some of you are aware that CDOT is closely collaborating with RTD on a nation-wide event to draw awareness to the role of transportation in people's lives, how transportation needs are addressed around the state and the need for predictable, dedicated funding, especially as MAP-21 expires in May.

There will be a significant event on Thursday, April 9 in Denver that includes a transportation unity march down 16th Street Mall and a media event with transportation officials, including Shailen, our congressional party and others at Denver Union Station.

Leading up to that event, CDOT and our regional transit partners will be hosting regional public awareness days on Monday, April 6 and Tuesday, April 7 as well as regional media events on Wednesday, April 8, all with the focus of driving the statewide discussion to the Denver event.

Below and attached is the event plan for the day. Our regional communications managers will be working with the RTD and our transit partners to coordinate this event. Working with Herman's office, we would also like to invite local elected officials to join us.

I will be in touch with more details soon but wanted us all to be aware of our plans. Depending on further discussion, CDOT employees may be invited to the Denver event.

Thanks!

Amy

## Regional Public Awareness Days (Monday, April 6 and Tuesday, April 7)

- a. Host a CDOT vehicle and a local transit bus at a key location in up to six locations around the state (location TBD, but likely key transit stop)
  - a. Fort Collins
  - b. Colorado Springs
  - c. Grand Junctions
  - d. Durango
  - e. Glenwood Springs

- f. Vail
- g. Sterling or Ft. Morgan
- b. Vehicles will have a SU4T banner
- c. Transit partners will have staff/volunteers to explain SU4T and ask if people want to sign banner as sign of support for transportation

## Region Media Event (Wednesday, April 8)

- a. Host a media event at approximately 10 a.m. in:
  - a. Fort Collins
  - b. Colorado Springs
  - c. Grand Junction
  - d. Durango
- b. Media event includes speaking by:
  - a. CDOT RTD or designee/State Transportation Commissioner
  - b. Transit Head or designee
  - c. Elected official
- c. Focus of the talking points is to:
  - a. Highlight the importance of transportation in people's lives
  - b. Identify the challenges that we face in Colorado (population growth, dying gas tax, uncertain federal funding future)
  - c. Discuss the need to address these issues

- d. Focus on how CDOT is doing more with less in the region (highlight some key upcoming projects or initiatives)
- e. Close with: And we are onto Denver where we will be joining a statewide effort with our elected officials and to make a final awareness push on Thursday, April 9
- d. Media event to be coordinated by CDOT Regional Communications Manager and will work with CASTA and transit reps to identify locations (options: transit center, key project, CDOT maintenance shed, etc.)
  - a. Send media advisory announcing the CDOT/Bus presence on April 6-7 and event on April 8
  - b. Need to coordinate "sound logistics" and staging of CDOT vehicle and transit vehicle as backdrop (possibly Bustang if in Ft. Collins or Colorado Springs)

## **EVENT DAY PLAN (Thursday, April 9)**

## **Unity Parade and Event at Union Station**

- Thursday, April 9
- 10 a.m.
  - $\circ\,$  Governor may issue a state proclamation recognizing April 9 as "Stand Up for Transportation Day"
- Stage at Market Street Plaza at RTD headquarters and walk down 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall to Union Station
- Unity walk led by a live band, key regional leaders and representatives from various modes of transportation (RTD signature bus, Mall Shuttle, CDOT vehicles, Bustang, vehicle, DIA shuttle, bicycles, Car2Go, disabled in wheelchairs, etc.)
- Participants may wear matching t-shirts for a strong visual show of unity
- Participants carry signs and wave "transportation towels"

- Rally at Wynkoop Plaza (east side of Union Station)
- Park vehicles on Wynkoop Street
- Rally features a series of speakers from a cross-section of the community sharing brief comments about the importance of transportation in their lives; Congressional members speak last in response to the community as a "We heard you" feel
- Potential speakers' list: transit dependent, veteran, WIN worker, student, transportation advocate, Governor Hickenlooper, Mayor Hancock, RTD Board Chair Chuck Sisk, Phil Washington, Shailen Bhatt, Kim Day, Tony Milo, members of Congress in attendance
- Allows transportation partners and supporters to participate in a direct and tangible way
- Provides a visible show of unity and advocacy in the spirit of a rally
- Involves elected officials, stakeholders and the public
- Allows us to continue education and outreach at event
- Opportunity for widespread earned media



REGION 5 DURANGO RESIDENCY APRIL 2015

### **CURRENT PROJECTS**

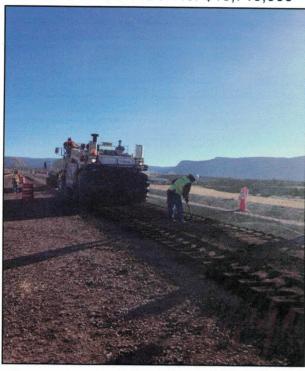
US 491/160 New Mexico to Towaoc - 19202

Budget: \$19,708,000

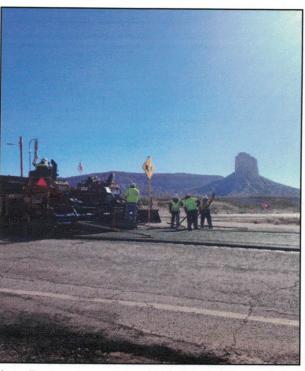
Funding Type: RAMP- Surface Treatment

Ad Date: April 2014

Awarded: Skanska USA for \$13,715,000



Full depth reclamation of existing road on the Trail of the Ancients



Leveling course paving at US 160/141 intersection

This is a RAMP Surface Treatment project from the New Mexico Stateline to Towaoc along US 491 and US 160. The funding includes a 1' leveling course and 2' overlay from the state line to the US160/491 intersection (milepost 6.422). A full depth reclamation overlay will then proceed north to Towaoc and tie into the Towaoc to Cortez Resurfacing Project constructed in 2013.

Work began July 8, 2014. Pipework, including headwalls and wingwalls, have been completed. Earthwork has been seeded and mulched ahead of schedule. Project was suspended in mid-January and construction resumed March 16, 2015. Remaining work includes preventive maintenance on bridges, lighting, full depth reclamation, paving, striping and finishing touches. The 14 mile long project is expected to be completed in August, 2015.

US 160 Wilson Gulch Road Extension - 19902

Budget: \$6,400,000 (CDOT: \$4,288,000; La Plata County: \$180,000; City of Durango:

\$180,000)

Funding Type: RAMP Ad Date: September 2014

Awarded: Oldcastle SW Group, Inc.

This is a RAMP Project which will be managed by the City of Durango. It will construct a connector road between the US 160 Interchange and the Grandview development. The roadway will serve as a frontage road for US Highway 160 from Three Springs Blvd to the Grandview Interchange, a distance of approximately 1.1 miles. Construction began January 26, 2015 and will be completed by the end of 2015.

## US 160 Bayfield to Yellow Jacket - 19710

Budget: \$8,650,000

Funding Type: Surface Treatment

Ad Date: January 2015

Awarded: Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. for \$6,322,392

This project consists of 1" levelling course and 1.5" HMA overlay. It will include new guardrail, new mailboxes, shoulder gravel, rumble strips, pavement markings and other safety improvements. There will also be patching at milepost 109 and 113.

The project was awarded to. Work began March 24, 2015 and is expected to be completed late summer 2015.

## **UPCOMING PROJECTS**

SH 145 at CR P North of Cortez - 19397

Budget: \$1,660,194 (CDOT: \$1,577,185; Montezuma County: \$83,036)

Funding Type: RAMP Ad Date: May 2015

This RAMP project consists of the intersection improvements and turn lanes north of Cortez at County Road P. Minor widening is needed to accommodate additional turn lanes. Design will occur in 2014 with construction in 2015.

SH 172/151 Signalization - 19908

Budget: \$1,800,000 (CDOT: \$1,430,000; La Plata County: \$180,000; Southern Ute

Tribe: \$180,000, Town of Ignacio: \$10,000)

Funding Type: RAMP Ad Date: July 2015

This RAMP project consists of the signalization and intersection improvements in the Town of Ignacio at the intersection of SH 151 and SH 172. Design is nearly 90% complete. Construction will begin in September and should finish in November, 2015.

## US 160 Mancos Hill to Hesperus - 19632

Budget: \$8,250,000

Funding Type: Surface Treatment

Ad Date: January 2015

Awarded: Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. for \$5,953,190

This project consists of resurfacing and overlay from MP 62 to MP 71.1. Construction to begin spring of 2015.

## US 550 Cribwalls Phase II/III Project- 18928/19305

Budget: \$4M

Funding Type: Rockfall Ad Date: April 2015

The project is located on US 550 from MP 77.0-79.6. The scope of work includes widening the roadway to the west using blasting and scaling so that the centerline is shifted a maximum of 15 feet. Additional work includes the replacement of three cribwalls, two cross-culvert replacements, and guardrail installation. This project will also build a concrete cap at Ruby Walls, MP 89.7, which was damaged by rockfall in 2014.

The project is currently in design and has clearances from ROW, Environmental, and Utilities. Construction to begin summer 2015.

## FY 15 Priority Culvert US 160 MP 136.61 - 19791

Budget: \$961,480

Funding Type: Priority Culvert Re-Ad Date: Summer 2015

This project consists of the installation of a new culvert on US 160 at MP 136.61. Construction to begin September 2015.

## US 160 W. Wildlife Crossing at Dry Creek - 20430

Budget: \$6,546,331 Funding Type: HSIP Ad Date: March 2015

This project will consist of improvements for safer wildlife migration east of Durango between mile marker 97 and 98. This project is open for bids on March 26, 2015 with construction set to begin May 2015.

## US 160 McCabe Creek Pagosa - 19263

Budget: \$5.4M

Funding Type: Priority Culverts Ad Date: September 2015

This project consists of replacing the existing culverts on US 160 at MP 143.25, near downtown Pagosa Springs, with a box culvert. Construction to begin in spring of 2016.

## R5 FY15 Bridge Preventative Maintenance - 20305

Budget: \$2,800,000 Funding Type: CBR Ad Date: December 2014

Awarded: G.A. Western Construction Co. for \$1,492,270

This RAMP project includes maintenance on Bridges: J-12-AK one mile outside of Salida, I-12-B location by Big Sandy Creek, K-11-G located East of Doyleville, M-01-C which is by Dove Creek, O-05-AW just north of Hermosa, P-05-R north of Ignacio, P-06-D which is east of Junction US 55, and K-09-C in Saguache County.

## MTCE R5 SH 184 HMA Overlay MP 3.5-8.157 - 20072

Budget: \$1,500,000 Funding Type:

Ad Date: December 2014

Awarded: Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. for \$1,397,798

This project consists of a 1.5" HMA overlay. There is a fixed completion date of June 15, 2015.

## US 491 Cortez to MCR 30 (CR M) - 19399

Budget: \$7,500,000

Funding Type: FSA/RPP/SUR

Ad Date: January 2016

This project involves 3 components. (1) A full-depth reclamation from approximate milepost 26.3 to 27.3. This includes relocation of utilities, replacement of storm sewer system, new median islands and street lighting, and repaving with approximately 8 inches of concrete pavement. (2) Includes the re-alignment of the Lebanon Road (CR 25) with US 491 to improve sight distance and protect turning movements in to, and off of this roadway. (3) A 4" mill and 3" fill from approximate milepost 27.3 to 29.2 (CR M).

## FY 15 Priority Culverts, SH 141 - 20380

Budget: \$2,100,000

Funding Type: Priority Culvert

Ad Date: June 2015

This project consists of the lining of existing culverts at four locations on SH 141. MP 41.51, MP 43.49, MP 44.89, and MP 54.91. Construction to begin in September 2015.

