



# SOUTHWEST TRANSPORTATION PLANNING REGION

## Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 4, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

Carnegie Building, 1188 E 2nd Ave., Durango

- I. Introductions 9:00 a.m.
  
- II. Consent Agenda:
  - 1. August 2018 Meeting Minutes
  - 2. Financial Report: January – August 2018 – Sara Trujillo
  
- III. Reports 9:15 a.m.
  - 1. August and September 2018 STAC Update – Amber Blake
  - 2. Transportation Commissioner Report - Sidney Zink
  
- IV. CDOT Reports 9:45 a.m.
  - 1. Construction Update – Kevin Curry
  - 2. Proposition 109 and 110 Funding Update - Mike McVaugh
  - 3. Safe Routes to School Grant Opportunity - Matt Muraro
  - 4. CDOT Bike and Pedestrian Planning – Betsy Jacobsen
  - 5. Transportation Planning Toolkit Module 4: Project Selection – Michael King
  
- V. Other Business 11:30 a.m.
  - 1. Transit Provider Updates
  - 2. Community Updates – Round Robin (pending available time)
  
- VI. Adjourn

Next meeting date: Thursday, December 6, 2018

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**Southwest Colorado Regional Transportation  
Planning Commission  
Thursday, August 2, 2018 - 9:00 a.m.  
Carnegie Building, 1188 E 2nd Ave., Durango**

TPR Members in Attendance:

Bentley Henderson – Archuleta County  
Keenan Ertel – Montezuma County  
Amber Blake – City of Durango  
Brad Blake – La Plata County  
Steve Garcher – Dolores County  
Myron Baker - Ute Mountain Ute Tribe  
Chris La May – Town of Bayfield  
Phil Johnson – City of Cortez (by phone)  
Fred Brooks – Town of Mancos (by phone)

Others in Attendance:

John Dougherty – City of Cortez  
Nita Purkat – Dolores County  
Debbie Condrey - Archuleta  
Kevin Curry - Colorado Department of Transportation  
Matt Muraro - Colorado Department of Transportation  
Miriam Gillow-Wiles - Southwest Colorado Council of Governments  
Sara Trujillo - Southwest Colorado Council of Governments (by phone)  
Jessica Laitsch – Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.

**I. Introductions**

**II. June 2018 Meeting Minutes**

**Keenan Ertel motioned to approve the June 2018 meeting minutes, Chris La May seconded, unanimously approved.**

**Financial Report: January - June 2018 – Sara Trujillo**

Bentley asked if the TPR received a new CDOT grant. Sara replied yes, the new grant began in July. **Chris La May motioned to approve the January-June 2018 Financial Report, Amber Blake seconded, unanimously approved.**

**2019 Contributions – Sara Trujillo**

Sara explained that staff believes the contributions are currently at an appropriate level. Amber asked what the total amount is. Sara replied that the contributions total \$6,800.

**Ratify letter of support for US Highway 160 Habitat Connectivity Partnership Project – Jessica Laitsch**

Bentley explained that Matt sent this to him a couple weeks ago, it was then sent to the group for comment, and there were no comments. **Amber Blake motioned to ratify the letter of support, Chris La May seconded, unanimously approved.**

**III. Reports**

**1. June and July 2018 STAC Updates - Bentley Henderson**

Bentley stated that he did not attend the June STAC meeting. He reported that at the meeting in July there was discussion about the multimodal plans that are underway and how these relate to the Statewide Development List. There was also discussion about how appropriations may be impacted depending on various funding possibilities. Matt mentioned that he has a presentation on the ballot initiatives. Bentley reported that there was discussion about the freight program. Matt added that Region 5 was approved for the two projects it submitted. Bentley added that there was an update on the Central 70 Project. Matt asked if the group would like to add this update to the next agenda. The consensus was that a short update would be useful. Bentley reported that STAC discussed various CDOT policy directives and performance measures.

**IV. Decision Agenda**

**1. Election of Chair for remainder of 2018 – Bentley Henderson**

Bentley reported that he will be resigning from Archuleta County, and suggested that the group appoint a new chair. He added that Phil has indicated that he is not interested in becoming chair at this time. **Brad Blake nominated Amber Blake, Chris La May seconded, Keenan Ertel motioned to close nominations, Bentley Henderson seconded. Unanimously approved.**

**V. CDOT Reports:**

**1. Construction Update – Kevin Curry**

- Dolores SH 145 Sidewalk RAMP Project – Project complete.
- US 550 Riverside Snowshed Lighting – This includes changes to make the road more visible.
- US 160 Paving from SH 84 to Treasure Falls – Stabilization on the bank has been completed and paving has begun.
- Wolf Creek Pass Phase I Signage – Includes work on the overlook area and new signs to improve safety for truckers.
- US 550 Striping and Mumble Strips – Work is ongoing.
- US 160 Junction SH 172 to Bayfield Resurfacing – This is a night paving job, the project is moving quickly.
- Region-wide Chain Stations – Project was awarded.
- Region 5 Guardrail Replacement – Received no bids, they will be adjusting the scope to try to obtain bids.
- Durango Signal Replacement US 550 – Project was awarded, work is expected to start after Labor Day.
- SH 151 Priority Culverts – Project was awarded, work is anticipated to begin in the fall.

Kevin reported that Region 5 is looking at the construction calendar for 2019. Brad asked if there is an update on the work on Red Mountain. Kevin replied that the reconstruction of the cribwalls is nearly complete, however there was some damage due to heavy rains. He expects the cribwalls to be completed within a week or two. After the cribwall work they will be installing secondary fencing, pinning down the drape netting, and scaling work.

## **2. Current and Proposed Funding Update - Mike McVaugh**

Matt summarized the current status of authorized funding. He described the proposed transportation funding initiatives and what each would entail. He reviewed the implications depending upon if either of the initiatives pass or fail. Miriam asked if Initiative 167 had the potential to further impact the general fund due to Tabor. Matt replied that is true. Miriam asked if Initiative 153 would include fiber for autonomous vehicles. Matt replied that would likely be included in the multimodal portion. There was discussion about potential scenarios if both initiatives pass. Matt added that CDOT has been working throughout the region to identify priority projects. Chris asked about the significant drop to local communicates in 2019. Matt replied that the temporary increase came from a two-year allocation from the general fund. Amber asked if the allocation is in addition to the standard HUTF distribution. Matt replied yes.

## **Discussion**

### **1. Discuss anticipated local Capital Construction and Road & Bridge Improvement Projects**

Jessica summarized that at the last meeting there was a discussion about keeping CDOT informed about local projects. Chris added that this would be an attempt to get better bids for the region. Bentley added that if a local agency and CDOT are undertaking similar projects it may be possible to coordinate to get better prices. Amber asked if this would require adding CDOT requirements to local projects. Matt clarified that this would just be coordinated bids to make bidders aware of other potential projects. Bentley asked how the bids could be coordinated. Kevin replied that timing would be the primary factor. There was discussion about how timing could factor into this coordination. Kevin added that CDOT needs to ensure that their project list is balanced across years to ensure there are sufficient contractors and materials in a given timeframe to allow the projects to be completed efficiently. There was discussion about the need to be efficient if additional funding becomes available.

## **VI. Other Business**

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

Nita reported that since Dolores County's move they have been very busy, the number of trips has been increasing every month. They take many trips to Durango, Farmington and Moab, particularly for medical trips. With a higher number of trips, operating costs will continue increasing.

Debbie reported that ridership on Mountain Express continues to climb, marketing efforts seem to have helped. They have been working on medical transportation.

Amber reported that Durango Transit is settling into service reductions. The coordinated service with Roadrunner is working well. The trolley is not operating as anticipated, so they will need to add another trolley. They are currently short-staffed due to a number of retirements.

Jessica shared an update from Roadrunner Transit that drivers are difficult to find. The collaboration with the City of Durango is working well. The return of seven day service to Grand Junction has been postponed pending training and signed leases. Additionally, there will be adjustments to the schedule to coordinate with CDOT's route on I-70.

Jessica reported that the SWCCOG has been working on a four corners transportation plan, there will be a stakeholder meeting immediately following the SWTPR meeting.

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

Chris reported that the Town of Bayfield is working to complete an overlay project. They are also working on the east intersection.

Brad commended CDOT on their work mitigating mudflows. There was discussion about the mudflows as a result of fires.

Steve reported that Dolores County is laying concrete in the Pioneer Center parking lot.

Myron reported that the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe is working on the Mancos farm ditch realignment. They are also preparing for work on the passing lane near the casino. Kevin mentioned that this project is slated for 2019.

Bentley reported that Archuleta County will be working on Piedra Road and is working with Pagosa Springs on US 160 North Pagosa intersection.

There was discussion about flood insurance following the fires over the summer, it will be important for impacted individuals to pursue this in the near future. Brad mentioned that new laws will help ensure that impacted individuals are covered.

Amber reported that the City of Durango has been working on US 550 to repair a sewer line. The City has cut capital projects identified for 2018 due to low sales tax collections. She described a potential ballot question to increase sales and/or property tax. Miriam asked about the sales tax increase if both the City and State sales taxes increase. Amber replied that the State's increase would raise the rate to 8.5%, however with the City's increase the total rate would remain lower than many communities.

Keenan reported that Montezuma County is still building roads. The County relocated various county offices. He mentioned that Sue and Mary will be retiring, so the County is considering moving their buses into the transportation department. The County will be considering looking at a sales tax in the future.

Phil reported that the City of Cortez is working on medians, ADA ramps and a number of other projects. They may pursue loans from the USDA for the water system.

**VII. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 4, 2018.

## Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

## Profit &amp; Loss

09/26/18

January through August 2018

Accrual Basis

	<u>Jan - Aug 18</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
CDOT Grants	
SWTPR Grant	14,274.96
Total CDOT Grants	14,274.96
Dues Revenue	
SWTPR Contributions	6,842.00
Total Dues Revenue	6,842.00
Total Income	21,116.96
Gross Profit	21,116.96
Expense	
Conference Fee	647.70
Information Technology (IT)	
Software	23.00
Total Information Technology (IT)	23.00
Internet Connectivity	
Internet Connection (AT&T)	37.41
Total Internet Connectivity	37.41
Meetings	38.00
Office Supplies	89.10
Salary and Wages	5,153.42
Travel	10,228.65
Total Expense	16,217.28
Net Ordinary Income	4,899.68
Net Income	<u><u>4,899.68</u></u>



## TC Adopts Priority List

The Transportation Commission approved a list of projects at their July meeting to be funded if a .62 sales tax is approved by Colorado voters this November. The list includes regional and statewide projects strategically curated by state-wide planning partners over the last two years. Projects include 107 road and bridge projects across the state, statewide programs for fiber and technology, ADA compliance, bicycle and pedestrian projects, safety shoulders, rest area restoration, small freight projects, truck parking, wildlife mitigation and a pavement improvement program. Additionally there are 19 multimodal projects identified across the state that require a 50/50 match.

Click [here](#) to see a interactive project map. For more information about the priority project list contact Herman Stockinger, CDOT Director of the Office of Policy & Government Relations at [Herman.Stockinger@state.co.us](mailto:Herman.Stockinger@state.co.us).

## The Power of Partnerships

Don Butler, Executive Director, Connected Vehicle, and Services, Ford Motor Company will be the keynote speaker at the Colorado Transportation Summit on Friday, September 28th in Denver, Colorado. 2018 will be the 5th year that the Colorado Department of Transportation has brought together the transportation industry, local officials, business leaders and advocacy organizations from across the state for the largest transportation gathering in the state.



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The Transportation Summit will showcase the power of partnerships between industry, local officials, technologists, advocacy groups and others to increase awareness of the challenges we face; and more importantly drive solutions and innovations to address how we effectively move people, goods, and services. When we work WITH each other, WITH focus, WITH a vision, we can save lives and make people's lives better. Presenters include representatives from a wide variety of transportation related interests including, transit, freight, the Olympic Bid committee, farmers and many more. Governor Hickenlooper is also scheduled to address the Summit for the 5th year in a row.



Early bird registration discounted tickets are available until August 15th. For more information about the Colorado Transportation Summit visit our website at <https://www.codot.gov/summit>