



SOUTHWEST TRANSPORTATION PLANNING REGION

Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 8, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

20581 US 160 W, Durango

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| I. | Introductions | 9:00 a.m. |
| II. | Consent Agenda: | 9:10 a.m. |
| | 1. June 2019 Meeting Minutes | |
| | 2. Financial Report: January – June 2019 | |
| III. | Reports | 9:15 a.m. |
| | 1. June and July 2019 STAC Update – Amber Blake | |
| | 2. Transportation Commissioner Report – Sidny Zink | |
| IV. | CDOT Reports | 9:45 a.m. |
| | 1. CDOT Westslope Wildlife Prioritization Study - Tony Cady | |
| | 2. CDOT Region 5 Safety Study Results and Multi-Objective Decision Analysis (MODA) Tool - Jennifer Allison and Matt Muraro | |
| | 3. SWTPR project prioritization approach for the Southwest Regional Transportation Plan - Carrie Tremblatt and Matt Muraro | |
| | 4. Construction Update – Kevin Curry | |
| 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, October 10, 2019

Video/Phone Conference Info:

<https://zoom.us/j/109670693>

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**Southwest Colorado Regional Transportation
Planning Commission
Thursday, June 13, 2019 - 9:00 a.m.
20581 US 160 W, Durango, CO**

TPR Members in Attendance:

David Black – Town of Bayfield
Keenan Ertel – Montezuma County
Amber Blake – City of Durango
Doug McDonald - Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Jim Candelaria – Montezuma County
David Schanzenbaker – Town of Pagosa Springs
Clyde Church – La Plata County
Floyd Cook – Dolores County
Chad Hill – City of Cortez
Heather Alvarez – Town of Mancos

Others in Attendance:

Sidny Zink – Transportation Commissioner
Debbie Condrey – Archuleta County
Sarah Dodson – City of Durango
Julie Bingham – Dolores County
Cara Bingham – Dolores County
Jennifer Morris – Montezuma County (by phone)
Lori Niewold - Southern Colorado Community Action Agency
Matt Nesbitt – Southern Colorado Community Action Agency
Patrick Davis – Southwest Rides
Jim Horn - Russell Planning and Engineering
Kelly Leadbetter - Felsburg Holt & Ullevig (by phone)
Julie Constan - Colorado Department of Transportation
Shoshana Lew - Colorado Department of Transportation
Rebecca White – Colorado Department of Transportation
Carrie Tremblatt – Colorado Department of Transportation
Sophie Shulman - Colorado Department of Transportation
Kevin Curry – Colorado Department of Transportation
Michael King – Colorado Department of Transportation (by phone)
Miriam Gillow-Wiles - Southwest Colorado Council of Governments
Jessica Laitsch – Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

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

I. Introductions

II. **Consent Agenda:**

April 2019 Meeting Minutes

Financial Report: January 2019 – April 2019

Ratification of letter of support for US Highway 160 Habitat Connectivity Partnership Project in Southwest Colorado

Ratification of letter of support for US 550 Red Mountain Pass Access Improvement Project

Ratification of letter of support for Lake Nighthorse Recreation Area

Ratification of letter of support for Vallecito Lake Recreational District Project

Keenan Ertel motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, Jim Candelaria seconded, unanimously approved.

V. **CDOT Reports:**

1. **Executive Director's goals for the Department of Transportation – Director Lew**

Director Lew presented information summarizing her intent to improve safety, expand modal options, and establish data-drive planning. Keenan asked about the goal for electrification and the related impacts to the gas tax. Director Lew replied that inflation is also a pending concern related to the gas tax and future funding will need to be addressed on a federal level.

2. **2045 Regional Transportation Plan Development - Rebecca White**

Rebecca described the outreach efforts they are trying to meet during the planning process. She described that rather than addressing modes separately, they intend to have the previously distinct discussions together.

3. **Completed Projects between the 2040 and 2045 RTPs - Julie Constan**

Julie summarized the projects from the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) that have been completed.

Rebecca explained that they plan to meet with the TPR three times, they are aiming to attend the August TPR meeting. She presented an overview of various demographic and traffic information for the TPR region. David Black mentioned the local priority to complete US 550 south as a four lane highway. Keenan and Jim added the local priority to build four lanes for US 491 due to freight traffic. Amber asked for the definition of elevated crash patterns. Julie replied that they have a base rate of what would be an expected crash rate, elevated would be at least one standard deviation above. There was discussion about the high number of wildlife collisions and the correlation with the elevated crash rate. Rebecca presented other safety related information. David Schanzenbaker asked about McCabe Creek. There was discussion about the struggles to identify funding to address the project. Debbie asked if there has been discussion about other potential funding sources. Julie replied that they will look at some other possible options. There was discussion about the challenges, and attempts to address these challenges, related to federal grants. Doug asked about Highway 172 and Airport

Road in La Plata County. Julie replied that they are exploring options to address this. There was discussion about various recent, local natural disasters such as fire, resulting in floods, avalanches, and rock slides.

Sophie presented information about various alternate modes of transportation. There was discussion about bicycle routes. There was discussion about various needs to improve safety and access for alternate transportation modes.

Rebecca presented economic data for the SWTPR. There was discussion about various factors such as areas with agricultural and extraction activities and what would be causing increased or decreased truck traffic as a percentage of total traffic. David Black suggested looking into the impact of Farmington on the SWTPR. Doug asked about how projects are identified. Rebecca replied that the projects represent priorities identified on different lists, this is one issue that CDOT is trying to address through this process. Rebecca reiterated that CDOT will be looking to include smaller projects rather than focusing on large projects, in addition to looking at alternate modes.

Rebecca led a discussion to make changes to the Regional Transportation goals as identified in the 2040 RTP. There was discussion about merging the TPR and transit related goals. There was discussion about sending out a draft version of the revised goals for review. Rebecca asked that members encourage citizens to complete the transportation survey.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, August 8, 2019.

SWTPR Financials 7/1/2018-6/30/2019

To: SW Colorado Transportation Planning Region
From: Jessica Laitsch
Date: 5 August, 2019

Comments: A profit and loss report for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 is attached.

The TPR grant runs on a state fiscal year (July 1 to June 30). The attached P&L shows the current grant status. Because this is a reimbursement grant, the net income is showing in the negative as funds have been spent but not yet reimbursed. A reimbursement request for April – June 2019 was submitted in July; the reimbursement income will show in later financials.

Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

PROFIT AND LOSS

July 2018 - June 2019

	TOTAL
Income	
CDOT Grants	
SWTPR Grant	10,864.24
Total CDOT Grants	10,864.24
Total Income	\$10,864.24
GROSS PROFIT	\$10,864.24
Expenses	
Conference Fee	1,015.40
Consulting	258.75
Information Technology (IT)	
Software	179.33
Total Information Technology (IT)	179.33
Internet Connectivity	
Internet Connection (AT&T)	53.28
Total Internet Connectivity	53.28
Meetings	100.00
Office Supplies	120.47
Professional Fees	
Accounting Software	35.00
Audit	381.25
Legal	14.40
Total Professional Fees	430.65
Rent	420.32
Salary and Wages	8,188.74
Travel	6,910.64
Total Expenses	\$17,677.58
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -6,813.34
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