



SOUTHWEST TRANSPORTATION PLANNING REGION

Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, June 11, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Video/Phone Conference – See connection details below

- I. Introductions 9:00 a.m.
- II. Consent Agenda 9:05 a.m.
 - 1. April 2020 Meeting Minutes
 - 2. Financial Report: July 2019 – April 2020
- III. Reports 9:10 a.m.
 - 1. April, May 2020 STAC Update – Phil Johnson
 - 2. Transportation Commissioner Report – Sidney Zink
- IV. Discussion/Decision Items 9:30 a.m.
 - 1. Election of Vice Chair – Jessica Laitsch
- V. CDOT Reports 9:40 a.m.
 - 1. Construction Update – Kevin Curry
 - 2. Draft Statewide Transportation Plan out for Public Comment – Carrie Tremblatt
 - 3. STAC Update – Carrie Tremblatt
 - 4. New MMOF Funding – Matt Muraro
 - 5. Statewide and Regional Program Update – Mike McVaugh
- VI. Other Business
 - 1. Updates – Round Robin
- VII. Adjourn

Next regular meeting date: Thursday, August 13, 2020

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**Southwest Colorado Regional Transportation
Planning Commission
Thursday, April 9, 2020 - 9:00 a.m.
Video/phone conference**

TPR Members in Attendance:

Fred Brooks – Town of Mancos
Clyde Church – La Plata County
Phil Johnson – City of Cortez
Andrea Phillips – Town of Pagosa Springs
Sarah Dodson – City of Durango
Martin Schmidt – Town of Pagosa Springs
Doug McDonald – Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Julie Bingham – Dolores County
Debbie Condrey – Archuleta County
Steve Garchar – Dolores County
Jim Candelaria – Montezuma County
Archie House Jr. – Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

Others in Attendance:

Bill Frownfelter - Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc.
Sidny Zink – Transportation Commissioner
Mike McVaugh – Colorado Department of Transportation
Tony Cady - Colorado Department of Transportation
Kevin Curry - Colorado Department of Transportation
Tim Kirby - Colorado Department of Transportation
Carrie Tremblatt – Colorado Department of Transportation
Julie Constan - Colorado Department of Transportation
TJ Burr - 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

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

I. Introductions

II. Consent Agenda:

March 2020 Meeting Minutes

Financial Report: July 2019 – February 2020

Jim Candelaria motioned to approve the March 2020 minutes, Steve Garchar seconded, unanimously approved.

Debbie Condrey motioned to approve the financial report, Jim Candelaria seconded, unanimously approved.

III. Reports

1. March 2020 STAC Update – Phil Johnson/Debbie Condrey

Debbie reported that STAC is meeting weekly to try to keep up with COVID impacts. Mike added that CDOT is working on revenue situation. Phil asked if the recently awarded funding is encumbered. Matt replied that the MMOF funding was from SB-1, and he is not aware of any discussions to eliminate that. Tony added that the MMOF funds are currently available and need to be spent by 2023, there is no indication those will go away, but there is concern about funding that was expected in future years. Phil asked about impacts resulting from changed financial situations. Matt replied that a concern is local agencies finding match. Phil asked if it would be possible to back out without ramifications. Mike replied that CDOT will be working with grantees to address situations as they arise.

2. Transportation Commissioner Report – Sidney Zink

Sidney reported that the meeting was held the middle of March. There were continuing discussions about the budgeting process. CDOT has been keeping the TC posted on an ongoing basis.

IV. CDOT Reports

1. Construction Update – Kevin Curry

- US 160 Passing Lanes North of Towaoc – Project is nearly complete.
- US 160 Pagosa Signals Pinon Hot Springs Lewis – Expected to be done by end of May.
- US 160 Rest Area Improvements – Expected to be done by end of July.
- FY 19 Bridge Preventative Maintenance – Work is completed in Durango, working in Pagosa Springs and near Arboles, next work will begin north of Durango.
- R5 Chain Station Improvements – Contracted.
- R5 FY19 Center Line Rumble Strips – Scheduled to begin in May.
- US 550 MP 90.15 & 90.2, SH 145 MP 24.5 & 49.3 Wall Repairs – Expect to be working through the summer.
- Hawkins Signal & Curb Ramps Cortez – Currently under ad, ramp work will be included.
- US 160 Towaoc to Cortez Chipseal – Under ad.
- US 160 Wolf Creek West Fiber – Expected to go to ad in July.
- US 550/160 Connection South Design – Contract has been signed, looking to begin next month.
- US 160/SH 151 Wildlife Crossing Project – Preparing to go to ad.
- R5 SH 184 MP 11.73, 12.29 Priority Culverts – They have added a couple irrigation culverts.
- US 160 McCabe Creek Pagosa – Plans are being finalized.
- US 160 West & Cortez PCCP Diamond Grind – Planned to go to ad in November with work next spring.
- US 160 N-10-V South Fork Scour – Expect to go to ad later in the year.
- SH 145 Dolores Rico US 160 Cortez Htr Repave – Scheduled for January ad with construction in the summer.
- US 160 San Juan River Bridge Scour – May be incorporated into another project.
- US 160 Four Corners to Aztec Creek – Submitted for INFRA grant, would add shoulders and include work in New Mexico. Mike elaborated that the project is for surface treatment, would be expanded if INFRA Grant is awarded.

Sidney reported that the TC held a special meeting to establish emergency rules.

V. Other Business

1. Community Updates – Round Robin

Andrea reported that the Town of Pagosa Springs is working through the crisis.

Debbie reported that Archuleta County Transportation is running as usual and they are encouraging passengers to ride only for necessities.

Doug reported that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is operating on a modified basis, many people are working from home.

Clyde reported that La Plata County Road and Bridge is continuing work as usual.

Fred reported that the Town of Mancos is focused on essential services.

Julie reported that CDOT crews are out working on various projects.

Miriam reported that the SWCCOG is working with CDOT on mobility management.

Mike mentioned possible opportunities for federal funding for rural broadband. Miriam mentioned a couple possible funding opportunities for broadband development. Clyde asked what is needed for existing fiber to be lit. Miriam explained that there needs to be middle mile backbone. Mike mentioned that deadlines are coming up and suggested that potential applicants should double check deadlines online.

TJ reported that CDOT's Division of Transit and Rail is working on the CARES Act apportionment.

Carrie reported that CDOT's planning process is moving forward.

Phil reported that the City of Cortez is social distancing, working with a reduced workforce, and the courthouse is closed. He mentioned concerns about a resurgence later in the year.

Jim reported that Montezuma County Road and Bridge is moving forward.

Archie reported that the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe is shut down with the exception of essential services, most staff is furloughed.

Steve reported that the Dolores County courthouse is closed to the public and they are working with reduced staff. The Pioneer Center is providing rides and grocery pickup. He requested a review of the intersection of SH 491 and Road G to identify safety improvements for left hand turns.

Steve Garchar motioned to adjourn, Clyde Church seconded. The meeting ended at 9:51 a.m.

Sarah provided the following written report from the City of Durango:

Grateful for CDOT DTR's work to distribute the CARES Act funding to rural transit recipients, because that will be the difference between having to reduce service in the near future or not.
THANK YOU!

City Council approved the 2020 Budget at their 4/7 meeting. They also approved adjustments to CIP prioritization for 2020 based on anticipated sales tax reduction. The 30th Street Connect project that will be funded in part by the MMOF is included in 2020 CIP.

Construction of Safe Routes to School Needham Connect Project begins May 4.

Preliminary Camino Crossing Study goes to Council Study Session 4/28.

City facilities are currently closed through May 10. Will re-evaluate based on the Governor's Stay at Home Public Health Order.

Durango Transit operating at reduced capacity in each bus and only allowing "necessary travel" as defined in public health order. Reduced weekend service to hourly (instead of every 30 minutes) because of reduction in force due to COVID.

SWTPR Financials 7/1/2019-4/30/2020

To: SW Colorado Transportation Planning Region

From: Jessica Laitsch

Date: 8 June, 2020

Comments: A profit and loss report for the period July 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020 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.

Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

PROFIT AND LOSS

July 2019 - April 2020

	TOTAL
Income	
Grant Project Income	
CDOT Grants	
SWTPR Grant	2,755.77
Total CDOT Grants	2,755.77
Total Grant Project Income	2,755.77
Total Income	\$2,755.77
GROSS PROFIT	\$2,755.77
Expenses	
Administrative Costs	
Operating Expenses	
Consulting	389.99
Information Technology (IT)	
Hardware	42.50
Software	118.36
Total Information Technology (IT)	160.86
Office Supplies	201.24
Professional Fees	
Audit	381.25
Total Professional Fees	381.25
Rent	962.50
Travel	1,623.73
Total Operating Expenses	3,719.57
Personnel Expense	
Salary and Wages	5,608.00
Total Personnel Expense	5,608.00
Total Administrative Costs	9,327.57
Total Expenses	\$9,327.57
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -6,571.80
NET INCOME	\$ -6,571.80

Election of 2020 Vice Chair

To: SW Colorado Transportation Planning Region
From: Jessica Laitsch
Date: 8 June, 2020

Comments: Due to a staffing change, the SWTPR Vice Chair position recently became vacant. The SWTPR Board may wish to elect a new Vice Chair at this point, or may wish to postpone this decision until the December meeting.

The by-laws of the SWTPR state that “the officers shall be elected by vote at a regularly scheduled TPR meeting to serve a term of one year or until their successors are elected. Their term of office shall begin upon adjournment of the regular meeting during which the election took place. Officers may be elected to successive one year terms as voted on by the representatives” and that elections shall generally be held at the last meeting of every year.
