



SOUTHWEST TRANSPORTATION PLANNING REGION

Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 10, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

20581 US 160 W, Durango

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| I. | Introductions | 9:00 a.m. |
| II. | Consent Agenda | 9:05 a.m. |
| | 1. August 2019 Meeting Minutes | |
| | 2. Financial Report: January – August 2019 | |
| III. | Reports | 9:10 a.m. |
| | 1. August and September 2019 STAC Update – Amber Blake | |
| | 2. Transportation Commissioner Report – Sidny Zink | |
| IV. | Discussion/Decision Items | 9:30 a.m. |
| | 1. Southwest Regional Transportation Plan Corridor Needs – Carrie Tremblatt | |
| V. | CDOT Reports | 11:30 a.m. |
| | 1. Funding Opportunities – Matt Muraro | |
| | 2. Construction Update – Kevin Curry | |
| VI. | Other Business | |
| | 1. Transit Provider Updates | |
| | 2. Community Updates – Round Robin (pending available time) | |
| VII. | Adjourn | |

Next meeting date: Thursday, December 12, 2019

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**Southwest Colorado Regional Transportation
Planning Commission
Thursday, August 8, 2019 - 9:00 a.m.
20581 US 160 W, Durango, CO**

TPR Members in Attendance:

Phil Johnson – City of Cortez
David Black – Town of Bayfield
Amber Blake – City of Durango
Doug McDonald - Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Jim Candelaria – Montezuma County
Clyde Church – La Plata County
Martin Schmidt - Town of Pagosa Springs (by phone)
Ronnie Maez – Archuleta County (by phone)

Others in Attendance:

Kelly Leadbetter (by phone)
Ann McCoy-Herald – Senator Gardner’s Office
Patrick Davis – Southwest Rides
Gordon South – Southwest Rides
Sidny Zink – Transportation Commissioner
Sarah Dodson – City of Durango
Debbie Condrey – Archuleta County (by phone)
Michael Snow - Colorado Department of Transportation
Jennifer Allison - Colorado Department of Transportation
Tony Cady – Colorado Department of Transportation
Carrie Tremblatt – Colorado Department of Transportation
Matt Muraro - Colorado Department of Transportation
Kevin Curry – 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 9:15 a.m.

I. Introductions

II. Consent Agenda:

June 2019 Meeting Minutes
Financial Report: January 2019 – June 2019

Jim Candelaria motioned to approve the June 2019 minutes, Phil Johnson seconded, unanimously approved.

Jim asked if the financial report would always show a net negative. Jessica replied yes, expenses are paid then a reimbursement requested, when the grant is closed the financials would zero out. Clyde asked if accrual accounting is used. Jessica replied yes. Amber explained that the grant for FY 2019-2020 was increased to cover travel for her to attend a number of subcommittee meetings.

Clyde Church motioned to approve the financial report, Phil Johnson seconded, unanimously approved.

III. Reports

1. June and July 2019 STAC Update – Amber Blake

Amber stated that the STAC reports are emailed to the group and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

1. Transportation Commissioner Report – Sidney Zink

Sidny reported that the planning meetings have been well attended, Director Lew has been attending and has emphasized that the largest projects are not necessarily the most important and CDOT is looking at how to balance projects of different scopes. She reported that there are a number of new Transportation Commission members. David asked if these changes would affect priorities. Jim asked if there is criteria for prioritization of smaller projects. Sidny replied that they would be looking at “bang for the buck” wherein the greatest impact, such as significant safety improvements, for the cost would be prioritized. Amber added that the subcommittees have been helpful to advocate for rural areas throughout the state. Tony clarified that the funding formulas vary for different types of funding and Region 5 does advocacy for rural funding for these various pots. He added that, particularly with respect to safety, they are comparing similar types of roads.

IV. CDOT Reports:

1. CDOT Westslope Wildlife Prioritization Study - Tony Cady

Tony presented an overview of the Westslope Wildlife Prioritization Study, which included CDOT Region 3 and Region 5. Phil asked if they have seen results at this point. Tony replied that they have found the underpass is being used. He added that they plan to install two more underpasses east of the current one. Additionally, the long-term plan is to reestablish migratory connectivity across major highways.

2. CDOT Region 5 Safety Study Results and Multi-Objective Decision Analysis (MODA) Tool - Jennifer Allison and Matt Muraro

Jennifer presented an overview of the Region 5 safety priority study. Clyde asked these are officer reported crashes. Jennifer replied they are. There was discussion about various specific intersections. Matt stated that at the October meeting the SWTPR would be asked to prioritize projects and summarized the methodology that would be used to help inform the decision. There was discussion about how the prioritization of categories would be used to assess the projects.

Phil Johnson motioned to include economic development as a fourth category for the MODA project prioritization, Jim Candelaria seconded, unanimously approved.

3. SWTPR project prioritization approach for the Southwest Regional Transportation Plan - Carrie Tremblatt and Matt Muraro

Carrie summarized the status of the planning process. There was discussion about the anticipated meeting schedule.

4. Construction Update – Kevin Curry

- US 160/550 Durango Signal Ops – Ongoing
- US 550/160 Pedestrian Sidewalk Ramps – Most critical needs mostly complete
- US 160 Wolf Creek Pass Phase 1 Signs – Work is done
- US 491 CR S/CR BB Intersection – Ongoing
- US 160 Passing Lanes North of Towaoc – Ongoing and on schedule
- US 160 Mesa Verde Chipseal – Most of the chip has been placed, working on striping
- US 491 Ute Farms Ditch – Work being done by the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
- Bridge Preventative Maintenance – Just recently awarded
- US 160 Pagosa Signals Pinion, Hot Springs, Lewis – In final design phases
- US 160 Priority Culvert – Bids are in, preconstruction meeting scheduled
- R5 Guardrail Replacement – Bids are in, preconstruction meeting scheduled
- R5 Chain Station Improvements – Work to begin in the fall
- West 160 to Highbridge Tape and Pavement Markings – Through Bodo area
- US 160 Rest Area Improvements – Expected to go to bid in November
- US 550/160 Connection South Design – Final RFP is out
- US 550 Wall Failures – Two cribwall repairs to be done in 2020
- US 160 San Juan River Bridge Scour – Have experienced a number of delays, looking to adjust scope
- Avalanche mitigation – Improvements on Wolf Creek, Monarch and Lizard Head expected this fall

Matt reported that CDOT was notified that they, as well as the City of Durango and Montezuma County, were shortlisted for the FLAP program.

Jim asked about the status of the buildings near the port of entry in Cortez. CDOT staff will follow up.

V. Other Business

1. Transit Provider Updates

Sarah reported that ridership in the City of Durango is increasing and customer satisfaction is high. They are seeking drivers.

Debbie reported that Archuleta County has applied for a number of grants. They are also seeking drivers.

Patrick reported that Southwest Riders is seeking drivers.

Miriam asked how a CDL training program could help the issue finding drivers. There was discussion about marijuana legalization impacting the number of eligible drivers. There was discussion about the need for separate trainers and testers being available.

2. Community Updates – Round Robin (pending available time)

Phil reported that the City of Cortez wrapped up the ADA improvement project. It is a busy construction season with various projects.

Amber reported that the City of Durango finished painting and are working on resurfacing. The dedicated streets tax began in July. Staff is working on the annual budget.

David reported that the Town of Bayfield is resurfacing Bayfield Parkway.

Jim reported that Montezuma County is working on several construction and resurfacing projects.

Clyde reported that La Plata County is doing chipseal on CR 318. He reported that there was a presentation on a coal mine expansion and related road maintenance projects.

Doug reported that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is partnering with CDOT on the intersection of US 160 and SH 151. They are looking to build a skate park. They are working on a striping project.

Ann asked about winter maintenance. Tony replied that maintenance has a separately identified budget.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 10, 2019.

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PROFIT AND LOSS

January - August, 2019

	TOTAL
Income	
CDOT Grants	
SWTPR Grant	10,041.26
Total CDOT Grants	10,041.26
Total Income	\$10,041.26
GROSS PROFIT	\$10,041.26
Expenses	
Conference Fee	527.70
Consulting	540.00
Information Technology (IT)	
Software	179.33
Total Information Technology (IT)	179.33
Internet Connectivity	
Internet Connection (AT&T)	40.77
Total Internet Connectivity	40.77
Meetings	100.00
Office Supplies	70.35
Professional Fees	
Accounting Software	35.00
Audit	762.50
Total Professional Fees	797.50
Rent	670.82
Salary and Wages	6,350.79
SWIMT 2019-2020	89.34
Travel	1,905.38
Total Expenses	\$11,271.98
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -1,230.72
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