



## Southwest Transit Coordinating Council

### Regular Meeting Agenda

Friday, May 17 2019, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

295 Girard Street, Durango, CO

- I. Introductions
- II. Presentation:
  - 1. SWCCOG Four Corners Coordinated Transit Plan – Meredith Greene
- III. Consent Agenda:
  - 1. March 2019 Meeting Minutes
- IV. Reports
  - 1. Transit Provider Updates
  - 2. Human Service Provider Updates
  - 3. Grant Updates

Video/Phone Conference Info:

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**Southwest Transit Coordinating Council –Meeting Minutes**  
**March 15, 2019, 9:00 am**  
**295 Girard St., Durango, CO**

In Attendance:

Jessica Laitsch – Southwest Colorado Council of Governments (SWCCOG)  
Martina Pansze – Southwest Colorado Council of Governments (SWCCOG)  
Gordon South – Southwest Center for Independence  
Patrick Davis – Southwest Rides  
Dave Gore – Durango Transit  
Angel Tracy – Southwest Rides  
Kalisha Crossland – San Juan Basin Public Health  
Vicki Maestas – La Plata County Senior Center  
Jennifer Morris – Montezuma County  
Matt Muraro – Colorado Department of Transportation  
Debbie Condrey – Archuleta County

**I. Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am.

**II. Consent Agenda**

The January 2019 meeting minutes were approved without comment.

**III. Discussion Items**

Public Transportation Forum

The regional forum was held on Monday, January 28 from 5-7 p.m. at the Durango Public Library. Jessica suggested a follow-up discussion. Angel said she thought the event was a success with a lot of participation including for-profit, non-profit and government providers. There was good discussion regarding accessibility and she looks forward to future forums. Kalisha said the timing was perfect for Sarah Dodson’s extended route announcement and added that it seemed like people thought that CDOT representation was the only missing piece. Jessica said that any CDOT-related questions from the follow up will be directed to Matt. Sarah compiled the questions, but the group reported that they mostly regarded pedestrian improvements and were outside of the improvement projects currently in progress. Kalisha said the event should definitely be continued in the future. Dave said that he heard feedback about holding the event earlier in the day. Angel added that better advertising the fact that there is free transportation to/from the forum would also be beneficial for future events.

### Final Report on Cortez-Durango Bus Route

Jessica reported that the SWCCOG explored possibilities of a fixed route between Durango and Cortez and had requested technical assistance to look into feasibility. The report is included in the packet. Matt pointed out that the headquarters and Bustang crew are looking at expansion of Outrider facilities and taking input on possible routes. Jessica said that she will forward the report to Bustang.

## **IV. Reports**

### Transit Provider Updates

Dave reported that the Highway 160 addition is going well, and Durango Transit is at full staff for the first time in years. He also announced that new busses are coming in later this year.

Angel announced that she is leaving so her position will be open, among other office changes. She also reported that Southwest Rides has been approved through VOA to pick up riders from the Durango safe house. In addition to the Transit Forum, they also held a forum at Leadership La Plata regarding healthcare. She also announced that food runs with Manna are unclear.

Debbie announced that Archuleta County's ridership has doubled.

Kalisha reported a funding program for Medicaid clients based out of the Front Range. She also announced that Rocky Mountain Health Plans has launched a project called the Accountable Communities Health Model regarding social determinants of health screening to collect data and identify needs, which will likely be related to transportation.

Jennifer announced that ridership is at an all-time high.

Matt announced the Admin and Operating Call for Projects.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.