



Southwest Transit Coordinating Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Friday, January 17 2020, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

295 Girard Street, Durango, CO

- I. Introductions
- II. Consent Agenda:
 - 1. November 2019 Meeting Minutes
- III. Discussion Items
 - 1. 2020 Regional Transit Council Goals – Deliverables and Deadlines
- IV. Reports
 - 1. Transit Provider Updates
 - 2. Human Service Provider Updates
 - 3. Regional Coordination Updates

Video/Phone Conference Info:

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Transit Council Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 15, 2019, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
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In attendance:

Sarah Dodson - City of Durango
Debbie Condrey - Archuleta County
Jennifer Morris - Montezuma County
Julie Bingham - Dolores County
Matt Nesbitt - Southern Colorado Community Action Agency
Kelly Leadbetter – Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
Gordon South - Southwest Rides
Nate Vander Broek - CDOT Division of Transit and Rail
Tony Cady – Colorado Department of Transportation
Jessica Laitsch - Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

I. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

II. Consent Agenda

1. September 2019 Meeting Minutes
There were no questions or comments.

III. Discussion Items

1. Transit Project List for Statewide Transportation Planning

Nate explained the purpose of reviewing the transit project list and the next steps in the planning process. The Council discussed each project, making additions, deletions, and adjustments to cost estimates as necessary.

1. 2020 Regional Transit Council Goals

Jessica summarized the draft Transit Council goals based on the discussion at the November meeting. Sarah suggested setting specific deliverables and responsible parties at the next meeting.

Jessica described the funding opportunity through the Multimodal Options Fund, the application will be finalized at the next SWTPR meeting.

IV. Reports

1. Transit Provider Updates

Debbie reported that Archuleta County’s ridership is up, this was discovered when some undercounted types of rides were corrected.

Matt reported that Roadrunner Transit may need to adjust their route schedule due to funding issues. They are working to get local funding.

Jennifer reported that Montezuma County has recently lost a number of employees, however ridership has been stable.

Sarah reported that the City of Durango is interviewing for drivers. She reported that ridership is continually increasing. She will be going to Washington, DC with CASTA to lobby for reauthorization of the FAST Act. The city and county will be meeting and will be discussing transportation for the Purple Cliffs site.

Gordon reported that Patrick is covering the fleet position for Southwest Rides. He reported that they continue to look at funding for capacity building to serve needs in the community. Sarah mentioned an NEMT brokerage being developed at the state level.

Julie reported that Dolores County has seem increased ridership. They are looking for a part-time driver.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

DRAFT Southwest Regional Transit Council – 2020 Goals

Vision and Purpose

Southwest Transit Vision: The Southwest Transit Council will provide coordination and support for transportation services that encourage transit travel among the region’s residents, employees, and visitors.

Transit Council Purpose: To collaborate between social services, employers, educators, medical providers and transit to get regional support for present and future issues by recognizing grant opportunities and identifying needs of the region.

Goals:

Long-term Goals:

1. Adopt policies that encourage sustainable, transit-oriented development that maximize choices and incentives for reducing dependency on the private automobile.
2. Identify and explore funding opportunities to preserve existing transportation services, expand the transportation network, and share funding information with all transportation providers.
3. Consider regional bus service to boost commerce, tourism, and economic development.
4. Ensure mobility and access for seniors, people with disabilities, people on limited incomes, and other transit dependent populations.
5. Support existing and future transportation services with informational programs, outreach, and incentives.

2020 Goals:

- 1.1. Work with health care providers/coordinators to develop strategies and best practices to ensure all patients have transportation to medical appointments.
- 2.1. Support efforts by transit providers to recruit and retain qualified staff.
- 3.1. Participate in planning efforts to explore feasibility of regional bus service.

- 4.1. Work with health care providers/coordinators to develop strategies and best practices to ensure all patients have transportation to medical appointments.
- 4.2. Create a resource guide for transportation and healthcare providers outlining types of transportation options, coverage areas, etc.
- 5.1. Increase awareness of transportation resources in the region:
 - 5.1.1 Create a central source of information for travelers.
 - 5.1.2. Host informational transportation forum.

Roles:

Transit Council - content experts, sets the mission, vision, purpose and goals

SWCCOG staff - facilitators, day to day, project based, “linkers,” provide clerical and financial assistance and oversight, explore ways to build capacity

CDOT - serve in advisory capacity

Measures of Success:

The group discussed this question: The Transit Council will be successful if...

The answers:

- Goals are set and met.
- We leave the meeting with information, collaboration, training and other items that help members do their jobs and apply the knowledge and resources to each particular area, agency and community.
- Space is provided to have a conversation about regional transit.
- If it serves as a resource and knowledge center.
- We are able to say we are on a regional transit council for grant purposes.