



Southwest Transit Coordinating Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Friday September 29, 2017

Carnegie Building 1188 E 2nd Ave., Durango

- I. Introductions
- II. Consent Agenda:
 - 1. January 2017 Meeting Minutes
- IV. Discussion Items
 - 1. Southwest Center for Independence - Southwest Rides Program
 - 2. CDOT grant funds – FTA 5310 and 5311
- V. Reports
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 - 2. Transit Provider Updates
 - 3. Human Service Provider Updates
 - 4. Grant Updates

Video/Phone Conference Info:

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Southwest Transit Coordinating Council
20 January 2017
Carnegie Building, 1188 E. 2nd Ave., Durango, CO 81301

In Attendance:

Jason Armstrong-Southwest Center for Independence
Dave Horton – Southwest Center for Independence
Sarah Dodson – Durango Transit
Kalisha Crossland-San Juan Basin Health
Peter Tregillus-Road Runner Transit
Mary Holady-Montezuma County Senior Services (by phone)
Daveena Parnell – Montezuma County (by phone)
Matt Muraro-CDOT (by phone)
John Egan –Mountain Express Transit (by phone)
Jessica Laitsch-Southwest Colorado Council of Governments
Sara Trujillo-Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

I. Introductions

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

II. Consent Agenda

1. September 2016 meeting minutes

Jessica asked if there were any comments or updates to the September 2016 meeting minutes. Kalisha said San Juan Basin Health was auto corrected to San Juan “Basic” Health. This was the only update; Jessica will correct.

III. Decision Items

1. Meeting Schedule for 2017

Jessica reported that the Transit Council currently meets every other month. With no CDOT funds to coordinate the Council, this limits COG staff time; Jessica asked what would be helpful to the Council in regards to a meeting schedule for 2017. John said every other month seems appropriate and Friday’s are best. All agreed.

IV. Discussion Items

1. DoLA EIAF 9038 – Marketing campaign

For those involved in the marketing efforts of the DoLA 9038 marketing grant, Jessica emailed information. A solid plan of how funds will be spent must be submitted to the marketing consultant by mid-February so the consultant can bill the COG as grant funds need to be expended by February’s end. If any entity is unable to spend the allocated funds, a reallocation must be done immediately.

2. Google Transit Update

Jessica reported that she has been working with Mountain Express Transit, Road Runner Transit and Durango Transit to get fixed route information input into Google Transit maps. This will help clients have easy access to bus routes and information. Mountain Express and Road Runner Transit information is complete and will be posted very soon. Durango Transit will take a bit longer. Once all information is posted, Jessica will send out an announcement to the group and clients may begin to receive notification of this new tool. Jessica said a decision will need to be made as to who hosts the data, whether it is the COG or the individual transit agencies. John stated that he prefers the COG host the

data as the transit agency is not in the computer business and would not have experts on hand to update and change information as necessary. Jessica said she will need affirmations indicating an authorization to the COG to use and change transit agency information and will follow up with transit agencies individually.

V. Reports

1. Transit Provider Updates

John Egan, Mountain Express:

- Mountain Express will be receiving an MV-1, the first vehicle out of three to be received in 2017.

Peter Tregillus, Road Runner Transit:

- Road Runner had its strongest ridership ever the day after New Year's. Both busses broke down the day after but were back up quickly. Maintenance is a consistent issue.
- An MV-1 has been in operation since October 2016 with the Senior Center.
- Although the Southern Ute Indian Tribe has been a large provider for match in the past, gas prices have reduced funds. Road Runner does not anticipate the Tribe to step in for any loss of funds in 2017. However, Peter said Road Runner plans to operate as normal in 2017 and are looking into ways to shrink with future funding decreases.

Sarah Dodson, Durango Transit:

- Ridership appeared to have been down since last year, but due to a passenger counting discrepancy, ridership seems have increased.

2. Human Service Provider Updates

Kalisha Crossland, San Juan Basin Health:

- Kalisha said she heard that Pagosa Cab would no longer be accepting Medicaid. John stated that he had not heard this news but will look into it. Kalisha plans to reach out as well for confirmation and find out if the reason is something she can assist with, such as billing.

Jason Armstrong, Southwest Center for Independence:

- The Center has had a Ford 250 in operation that will soon have a lift installed.
- Food bank runs will begin in February on Thursdays at no charge.
- The Center will be sending in a 5310 funding pre-application for an MV-1. Announcements should be heard by February or March.
- The Center is gearing up to provide Medicaid transportation and has been in touch with Sheila Casey at the La Plata County Senior Center.

3. Grant Updates

Jessica Laitsch, SWCCOG:

- The COG was awarded 5304 funding for a transit plan that will encompass the greater four corners region of Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado. This will be a 1-2 year grant.

Matt Muraro, CDOT:

- With limited FTA funds and CDOT not receiving all the funding expected, local agencies are being asked to submit reimbursement requests by the end of February so those funds may be secured. A delay in funds may occur with reimbursements not being processed till April or May.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Southwest Transit Coordinating Council – Meeting Notes
26 May 2017
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Jason Armstrong-Southwest Center for Independence
Dave Horton – Southwest Center for Independence
Mary Holaday-Montezuma County Senior Services (by phone)
Jessica Laitsch-Southwest Colorado Council of Governments
Sara Trujillo-Southwest Colorado Council of Governments
Dennis Wegienek– Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

I. Introductions

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

II. Consent Agenda

1. January 2017 meeting minutes

Moved to next meeting.

III. Discussion Items

1. Southwest Center for Independence - Southwest Transit Program

There was general discussion regarding the Southwest Center for Independence's new transportation program and related grant funding. Jessica mentioned that there needs to be a regional nexus for the SWCCOG to write letters of support. Jason described some issues they have been working through in order to set up their transportation program. He mentioned that they will be looking for Passenger Service and Safety (PASS) driver training. Mary replied that they have plans to set up a PASS training and they will be hosting a defensive driver training in a week. Jason added that they are also looking for training specific to safe transfers. Mary replied that PASS includes training for wheelchairs, but not for helping individuals in and out of wheelchairs. There was discussion about practices related to scooters.

IV. Reports

1. Transit Provider Updates

Mary reported that they are working on submitting a couple grants and are expecting delivery of a new 10 passenger vehicle.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.