



Southwest Transit Coordinating Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 17, 2022, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Video/Phone Conference – See connection details below

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- II. Consent Agenda:
 - 1. January 2022 Meeting Minutes
- III. Discussion Items
 - 1. Regional Ticketing
 - 2. SWCCOG staffing update
- IV. Reports
 - 1. Transit Provider Updates
 - 2. Human Service Provider Updates
 - 3. Regional Coordination Updates

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Transit Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 20, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
Webinar

In attendance:

Sarah Hill – City of Durango
Keith Dunning – City of Durango
Kalisha Crossland – San Juan Basin Public Health
TJ Burr – Colorado Department of Transportation
Kenneth Charles – Town of Dolores
Miriam White – San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging
Jessica Laitsch – Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

I. Introductions

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

II. Consent Agenda:

1. January 2022 Meeting Minutes

There were no questions or comments.

III. Discussion Items

1. Token Transit Fare

Jessica summarized that there have been discussions about looking into a regional fare. Sarah added that she is wondering about Archuleta County and Road Runner Transit's transition to Token Transit. Keith reported that Durango's fare revenue has been significantly increasing.

2. Planned agency expansions in 2022

Sarah updated that Archuleta, Durango, and Road Runner will be looking at service expansions due to new federal funds. She reported that Durango is working through the hiring process for several positions and hope to bring back some routes early in the year.

Jessica reported that the SWCCOG executive director resigned. Currently Region 9 EDD is providing oversight for staff, and the Board will be determining next steps soon. She does not anticipate operational impacts for the Transit Council or SWTPR.

IV. Reports

Ken asked about usage of the Bustang daily route. TJ replied that ridership is steady, approximately 10-15 riders. He added that this is now supplemented with a new Telluride to Grand Junction route. There was discussion about stops along the route and about the connection to Denver.

Kalisha reported that they have a nurse coordinator who will be helping with transportation for pediatric specialty care outside region, reimbursements from Medicaid are still slow and they are trying to find solutions.

1. Transit Provider Updates

TJ reported that ARPA awards will be coming out. There are changes happening at Division of Transit and Rail. Ken asked about adding a link to Bustang on the Dolores County website.

Kalisha described the Unite Us referral platform and requested updated transportation service information for inclusion.

Miriam summarized services provided by the AAA. She added that the Connect Colorado Unite Us platform is very useful. Miriam asked about the potential for routes at the Tech Center. Sarah will follow-up.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.