



Southwest Transit Coordinating Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, May 27, 2021, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Video/Phone Conference – See connection details below

- I. Introductions
- II. Consent Agenda:
 - 1. March 2021 Meeting Minutes
- III. Discussion Items
 - 1. NEMT/Intelliride Update
 - 2. Transportation Access to Vaccine Sites
 - 3. Regional Digital Mobility Hub Implementation Plan Introduction
- IV. Reports
 - 1. Transit Provider Updates
 - 2. Human Service Provider Updates
 - 3. Regional Coordination Updates

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Transit Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 18, 2021, 9:00 a.m.
Webinar

In attendance:

Patrick Davis – Southwest Rides
Gordon South – Southwest Rides
Sarah Hill – City of Durango
Julie Bingham – Dolores County
Laura Vanoni – Archuleta County
Clyde Church – La Plata County
Jennifer Morris – Montezuma County
Kalisha Crossland – San Juan Basin Health Department
TJ Burr – Colorado Department of Transportation
Matt Muraro - Colorado Department of Transportation
Jessica Laitsch - Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

I. Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

II. Consent Agenda

1. January 2021 Meeting Minutes
There were no questions or comments.

III. Discussion Items

Patrick summarized State HB 21-1206 concerning Medicaid Client Transport. Jessica will email information to the group.

Jessica summarized the SWCCOG’s one-call one-click design project. TJ asked about the timeframe. Jessica replied looking to have a contractor begin work in the spring. Sarah asked what the system is expected to look like. Jessica replied this process is intended to explore what elements would be helpful for providers. There was discussion about the impact of the Intelliride service on existing one-call one-click services.

Patrick reported that ridership is increasing. They installed a UV disinfecting light in one van. Sarah suggested they discuss transfer of the opportunity bus they will be retiring.

Jennifer asked if there are any plans for Intelliride. She described challenges they are experiencing in Montezuma County. Jennifer and Patrick described efforts by the cab companies to have clients agree to exclusively use their services. Jennifer added that the additional requirements for drivers are challenging. Jennifer, Patrick and Julie explained that riders are consistently dissatisfied with the Intelliride system and often are preferring to forgo rides altogether. There was discussion about setting up a discussion with the owner of the cab companies. TJ asked about Archuleta County’s experience. Laura replied that they have been in the process of negotiating a revised contract.

Sarah reported that Durango Transit is using CARES funding to offer rides to vaccines for seniors and fixed route access to Mercy Medical Center for the remainder of the year. They are struggling with meeting demand due to capacity constraints on buses. Drivers will be eligible for the vaccine. Durango

and Archuleta County are working on a joint application to install electric chargers and purchase two EV buses.

Laura reported that Archuleta County is working on a feasibility study for a route between Pagosa Springs and Durango. Their bus facility was designed to accommodate electric; they are hoping the joint application for the EV busses will be more competitive since it is collaborative.

Patrick asked if numbers to the hospital have increased. Sarah replied they are not as high as when they previously offered this service, they are letting people know there are regular trips available, though still limited due to capacity limits.

Sarah reported that Durango will be hiring a transit supervisor.

Jessica mentioned that the next regular meeting is during the CASTA conference, so the meeting would need to be rescheduled.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.