

Southwest Transportation Planning Region Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 9:00 am

*Colorado Department of Transportation
20581 US-160 West, Durango, CO*

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89468420554>

Meeting ID: 894 6842 0554

A. Introductions

X	Brian Peckins	City of Cortez	X	Mike Torres	Archuleta County
X	Kevin Kissler	City of Cortez Alt.	X	Andrew Mylorie	Archuleta County
X	Sarah Hill	City of Durango	X	Emily Barden	CDOT
X	Phil Von Hake	CDOT	X	Jennifer Allison	CDOT
X	Clyde Church	La Plata County	X	Christa Curtiss	CDOT
X	George Tripp	CDOT	X	Darius Pakbaz	CDOT
X	Brendon Adams	Ute Mountain Ute	X	Timothy Funk	CDOT
X	David Harris	Town of Pagosa Springs	X	TJ Burr	CDOT
X	Derek McCoy	Town of Bayfield	X	Micharl Snow	CDOT
X	Scott Hahn	Town of Bayfield	X	Erik Sabina	CDOT
X	Mark Garcia	Town of Ignacio	X	Jamie Grim	CDOT
X	Heather Alvarez	Town of Mancos Alt.	X	Christa Curtiss	CDOT
X	Stephen Mead	Town of Silverton	X	Spencer York	CDOT
X	Travis Anderson	Montezuma County	X	Cameryn Cass	CDOT
X	Keith Dunning	Transit Council Rep.	X	John Whitney	Senator Bennet’s Office
X	Ian Roberson	CDOT	X	Warren Brown	Archuleta County
X	Jim Candelaria	Montezuma County	X	Alisa Schultz	Dolores County
X	Shak Powers	Region 9 EDD	X	Laura Lewis Marchino	Region 9 EDD
X	Elizabeth Heine	Region 9 EDD	X	Lisa Pool	Senator Hickenlooper’s Office

Heather Alvarez called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Previous Meeting Minutes’ approval from December 12, 2024

Motion from: Sarah Hill to approve all minutes as presented.

Second: Jim Candelaria ; Motion passed unanimously.

C. Public Comment - None

D. Reports

1. **STAC Update – Sarah Hill**

-At the STAC meeting there was a lot of conversation regarding the loftiness of goals and the current lack of funding to achieve them.

-The minutes from this meeting was provided to the SWTPR for further information.

2. **Transportation Commissioner Report – Mark Garcia**
-Funding for the 10 year plan was discussed as well as general monthly budgets.
3. **Congressional Updates – Lisa Pool, John Whitney, and Jamie Grim**
-The new administration has brought some interesting discussions and ultimately will affect transportation funds.
-There is no current freezing of funds for transportation that they are aware of.
-Conversation will begin with congressional directed spending opportunities which may or not be happening this year.
-Grant confirmations have been going on to ensure that grants that were awarded are also being distributed.

E. Decision/Discussion Items

1. Rural RTP Development Scheduled Meeting #3 – Transportation Priorities – Spencer York

York went over the last meeting’s topics like that the regional plans will get incorporated into the statewide vision. The 2050 Draft Priority Project List needs to be voted on and confirmed. Noted that the completed projects were removed from the list and then the list was backfilled with projects that the SWTPR scoring subcommittee thought were the highest priorities. The hope for this list is that it will feed into the 10 year plan. Noted not all of these projects will make it on the 10 year plan due to a lack of funding.

a. Discussion of Draft Priority Project List

- There questions about the order of the list, specifically from Montezuma County.
- There was confusion surrounding the transit project priorities. All Transit Council members will need to submit their top three priorities to Shak, with the exception of brand new projects. Already scored projects will not be rescored.
- The April meeting is the deadline for having this draft approved by the SWTPR. Shak Powers will follow up with an email regarding a timeline and expectations.
- The Scoring Committee will meet on March 31st after the Transit Council meets. There was an open invite for SWTPR members to join the Scoring Committee. Andrew Mylorie and Travis Anderson joined the subcommittee.

2. MMOF Project recommendations

Further information of each of the MMOF projects were provided to the board for review. Below is a summary of each project.

- a. **Durango – Sarah Hill** – The pilot phase of the evening micro-transit service is ending soon. The evening micro-transit service provides transportation from 5pm-12am in Durango city limits. The City of Durango is needing additional funding to continue running the program. They have 1200-1500 riders per month and their goal of getting low-income service workers to and from work is being achieved.
- b. **Montezuma – Jim Candelaria** – The project scope is preliminary construction on a 7 mile bike path connecting Mancos and Mesa Verde National Park.
- c. **Roadrunner – Shak Powers** - In house maintenance for several of their current vehicles.
- d. **Silverton – Stephen Mead** – Their project is a need to match TAP funds for the Blair Street Revitalization. The funds will be used to update the designs to meet CDOT’s required standards.

F. Other Business

1. Next Meeting: April 10, 2025

G. Adjourn

Heather Alvarez, Chair, adjourned the meeting at **10:15am.**

Minutes provided by Elizabeth Heine