

**Southwest Colorado Regional Transportation  
Planning Commission  
Thursday, April 14, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.  
Video/Phone Conference**

TPR Members in Attendance:

Sarah Hill – City of Durango  
Clyde Church – La Plata County  
Jim Candelaria – Montezuma County  
Doug McDonald – Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Steve Garchar – Dolores County  
Bernadette Cuthair – Ute Mountain Ute Tribe (remote)  
Martin Schmidt – Town of Pagosa Springs (remote)  
Rich Landreth – City of Cortez (remote)  
Todd Bove – Town of Silverton (remote)  
Mark Garcia – Transportation Commissioner, Town of Ignacio (remote)

Others in Attendance:

Alisa Schultz – Dolores County (remote)  
Jay Rhodes – Roadrunner Transit (remote)  
Laura Vanoni – Archuleta County (remote)  
Laura Lewis Marchino – Region 9 (remote)  
Tony Cady - Colorado Department of Transportation  
Matt Muraro - Colorado Department of Transportation  
Annelies Van Vonno - Colorado Department of Transportation (remote)  
Jamie Grim - Colorado Department of Transportation (remote)  
Kevin Curry - Colorado Department of Transportation (remote)  
TJ Burr - Colorado Department of Transportation (remote)  
Kim Kinnison - Colorado Department of Transportation (remote)  
Jessica Laitsch – Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

**I. Introductions**

**II. Consent Agenda:**

February 2022 Meeting Minutes  
Financial Report: July 2021 – February 2022

**Jim Candelaria motioned to approve the February minutes, Clyde Church seconded, unanimously approved.**

**Jim Candelaria motioned to approve the July-February financials, Clyde Church seconded, unanimously approved.**

**III. Reports**

**1. January 2022 STAC Update – Sarah Hill**

Sarah reported there was an update about snowplow safety. There was an update on the GHG implementation process. There was an update on the 10-year plan. There was a presentation of transportation funding.

**2. Transportation Commissioner Report – Mark Garcia**

Mark reported that the Transportation Commission met in person. They are looking at a transaction fee for the clean fleet enterprise. There was a worksession in March.

### **3. Congressional Updates**

Jamie reported that Congress is in recess. She provided an update on funding opportunities. Clyde asked about the status of the Elmore's Corner grant. Matt replied that a request for a letter of support is in the decision items.

### **4. MMOF update – Jessica Laitsch**

Jessica summarized the deadlines for the MMOF funds. Matt clarified that the ARPA MMOF funds can be used to match other federal funds. Clyde asked if they know how much funding will be sought. TJ replied that there seems to be adequate project requests to spend the money.

## **IV. Decision Items**

### **1. SWTPR and SWCCOG Contract for Services – Jessica Laitsch**

Jessica described the purpose of the request. Sarah and Jim asked about the integration with Region 9. Jessica replied that Region 9 and the COG are integrating but does not anticipate impacts to the contract.

**Steve Garchar motioned to approve the contract with the SWCCOG, Clyde Church seconded.** Jim expressed concern about the contract if the COG did not remain a separate organization. He requested to make this for a one-year term without automatic renewal.  
**Unanimously approved.**

### **2. Letter of support for La Plata County grant on behalf of CDOT**

Tony described the scope of the proposed project.

**Jim Candelaria motioned to approve a letter of support from the SWTPR for La Plata County for a grant for this project, Steve Garchar seconded, unanimously approved.**

## **IV. CDOT Reports**

### **1. US550/160 Construction Video**

CDOT staff shared short videos showing progress on the US 550/160 project.

### **2. Construction Update – Kevin Curry**

- SH 172 at County Road 318 – Expect completion next month.
- US 160 McCabe Creek Pagosa – Finishing wingwalls and headwalls on one side.
- US 550 Durango 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> – Most of the median work is complete, hope to be done by summer.
- US 160/SH 151 Wildlife Crossing Project – Hope to be done by June. Animals have been using the underpass.
- US 550/160 Connection South Design – Hoping to have the northbound side paved by the end of summer.
- US 160 Wolf Creek West Fiber – A contractor has been secured.
- US 160 West of Pagosa – Bids were rejected due to cost, expect to be going back out to bid in October.
- US 550 and 30<sup>th</sup> Street – Added to existing project.
- US 160 Four Corners to Aztec Creek – Had preconstruction meeting.
- US 160 Bayfield – Yellow Jacket Cape Seal – On hold due to cost increases.
- US 172 Ignacio to Elmore's Corner – Planning to advertise in the fall.
- US 160 Mancos Pedestrian Improvements – Working on design.
- US 160 & CR 225 94.04 Improvements – Dependent upon grant application.
- US 160 Section 3 Priority Culverts – Tentatively identified for spring 2023.
- US 160 San Juan River Bridge Scour – Tentatively scheduled for construction in 2023.

Jim asked about a fiber design project from Pagosa Springs to Cortez. Tony replied that the fiber group is separate. There was discussion about various efforts to build broadband. There was discussion about challenges with moving forward on various types of projects exacerbated by unpredictable costs.

### **3. Planning Update – Tony Cady, Kim Kinnison**

Tony and Kim provided updates on the 10-year plan update.

## **VI. Other Business**

### **1. Community Updates – Round Robin**

Representatives from Montezuma County, Dolores County, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, La Plata County, City of Durango, Town of Ignacio and City of Cortez provided updates on transportation related activities and projects by their entities. Due to technical difficulties, the detailed conversation was not captured.

The meeting ended at 11:10 a.m.