

Southwest Transportation Planning Region Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 9:00 am

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

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| A. Introductions | 9:00 am |
| B. Consent Agenda | 9:10 am |
| 1. Previous Meeting Minutes' approval | |
| 2. Financial Report approval | |
| C. Reports | 9:15 am |
| 1. TPR Study Update – Herman Stockinger | |
| 2. STAC Update - Jim Candelaria | |
| 3. Transportation Commissioner Report – Mark Garcia | |
| 4. Congressional Updates 10:45 am | |
| 5. Construction Update - Kevin Curry | |
| D. Other Business | 11:00 am |
| 1. Updates – Round Robin | |
| E. Adjourn | |

Southwest Transportation Planning Region Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 9:00 am

A. Introductions

Elected Representatives		Guests	
	Derek Woodman Archuleta County	X	Kevin Bruce Archuleta County
	Ronnie Maez Archuleta County Alt.	X	Kevin Pogue Archuleta County
	Brian Peckins City of Cortez	X	Jamie Grimm CDOT
X	Kevin Kissler City of Cortez Alt.	X	Crystal Soderman CDOT
X	Sarah Hill City of Durango	X	Jennifer Allison CDOT
	Allison Baker City of Durango Alt.	X	Julie Constan CDOT
X	Steve Garchar Dolores County	X	Kevin Curry CDOT
	Linda Yellowman Dolores County Alt.	X	Timothy Funk CDOT
X	Clyde Church La Plata County	X	Phil von Hake CDOT
	Chuck Stevens La Plata County Alt.	X	Melissa English CDOT
X	Jim Candelaria Montezuma County	X	TJ Burr CDOT
	Kent Lindsay Montezuma County Alt.	X	Erin Brown City of Cortez
	Pete Maisel San Juan County	X	Laura Lewis Marchino Region 9 EDD
	Willy Tookey San Juan County Alt.	X	Shak Powers Region 9 EDD
	Mary Eagle Southern Ute Indian Tribe	X	Heather Peterson Region 9 EDD
	Roman Seibel Southern Ute Indian Tribe Alt.		
X	Katie Sickles Town of Bayfield		
	Nicole Killian Town of Bayfield Alt.		
X	Ken Charles Town of Dolores		
	Leigh Reeves Town of Dolores Alt.		
X	Mark Garcia Town of Ignacio		
	Jeremy Mickey Town of Ignacio Alt.		
	Heather Alvarez Town of Mancos Alt.		
X	Richard Tokar Town of Mancos		
	Andrea Phillips Town of Pagosa Springs		
	Matt DeGuise Town of Pagosa Springs		
X	Lucy Mulvihill Town of Silverton		
	Todd Bove Town of Silverton Alt.		

Sarah Hill called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Previous Meeting Minutes' approval

Motion from Kevin Kissler to approve all minutes as presented.

Second: Jim Candelaria; Motion passed unanimously.

2. Financial Report approval

Motion from Jim Candelaria to approve all minutes and the financial report as presented.

Second: Kevin Bruce; Motion passed unanimously.

C. Reports

1. STAC Update – Sarah Hill
 - a. The September, October and November meetings will be held in person.
 - b. At the May meeting, the Division of Transit and Rail gave an update on the status of the transit contracts. They are backlogged with many agencies having to lay off staff due to unexecuted contracts. The issues are being addressed.
 - c. The distribution formulas for the funding sources for the 10-year plan were discussed at the May and June meetings.
 - d. House Bill 1101 had multiple discussions with legislative updates from Jamie Grimm.
 - e. The full STAC meeting minutes were provided in the packet.
2. Transportation Commissioner Report – Mark Garcia
 - a. The last TC meeting had discussion regarding additional funding for repairs to State highways due to damage over the winter months.
 - b. Working on Broadband Right-of-Way fees and formed a Special Committee for Transportation Commissioners to work with CDOT Staff on that fee. There is a draft fee proposed for consideration to review at the June meeting.
 - c. There are several TC Members that are resigning from the commission so new appointments will be occurring in the next few months.
3. Legislative Update – Jamie Grim
 - a. The Legislative report is available if requested. The State Legislature session closed in May with the Housing Bill being removed at the last minute as it was not able to be finalized.
 - i. The local governments lobbied against the Land Use House Bill SB23-213.
 - b. A Congressional debt ceiling deal was reached last between Biden and House GOP.
 - i. There could be an impact on transportation funding as there will be a pullback on CIRSA funding, which was a COVID stimulus. We were able to obligate those funds to projects in process to keep those funds protected.
 - ii. The Debt deal also made changes to the NEPA Act and a redline copy of those changes is available upon request.
4. Congressional Updates - Helen Katich
 - a. Attending Rural Philanthropy Days at the La Plata County Fairgrounds.
 - b. Could be available to present to the areas once the NEPA updates are finalized. Senator Hickenlooper is working on an Inter-regional Transmission Bill which has permitting updates.
 - c. Notice of funding opened for the Clean School Bus program. The last funding opportunity did not benefit Colorado due to the formula funding unable to meet the need and desires of the potential participant.
 - i. Worked with EPA to account for application processing. There are priority areas in Colorado, but they do not include SW Colorado, however SW Colorado can for the Clean School Bus Program funding even though we are not in a priority area.
 - d. Working with OEDIT Team for regional information sessions on bill funding for infrastructure. Senator Hickenlooper and Bennet's offices are putting together an overview for impacted areas. There will be 2 regional sessions: June 13th and the 2nd meeting at the end of June. They will be online webinars and each entity will present.

D. Decision/Discussion Items

1. TPR Boundary Study Update – Jamie Grim
 - a. The TPR Boundary Study updates were provided in the packet.
 - b. They are making progress, building maps, and researching background information.
 - c. HB 23-1101 was signed into law by Governor Polis on April 28th. This Bill has 2 impactful provisions.
 - i. Requires TPR's to appoint a Transit Representative as a voting member to the Board.
 - ii. Requires CDOT to complete a TPR Boundary study since the boundaries have not been reviewed for 30 years.
 - iii. The Bill also increased the flexibility for the Fare Free August program.
 - d. The key points to the study includes:
 - i. It mandates that the number of rural TPRs cannot be reduced. There are currently 10 rural TPRs and 5 urban MPOs.
 - ii. It outlines additional criteria for the study at the recommendation of stakeholders in rural Colorado, such as lane miles, freight traffic, and truck vehicle miles traveled.
 - iii. It organizes the stakeholder process and allows opportunity for public comment across the state.
 - iv. While the Transportation Commission may consider any recommendations the TPRs make in the study, the authority to change TPR boundaries remains with the Transportation Commission and not with the TPR Committees.
 - e. There are various TPR Committee structures throughout Colorado and CDOT would like to move towards standardization throughout the State.
 - i. Going to release survey into community regards public comments on their TPR performance in each region.

Meeting Discussion

- ***There is no standardization throughout the State. Are there existing guidelines from State on TPR by-laws, membership, and standardization.***
 - ***Regarding guidelines - Yes, in 1993 there was an IGA template that the regions signed but some regions changed language to combine administrative requirements with other governmental entities. For the most part, the language was very similar.***
 - ***In 2017, Regions were encouraged to review the IGA's again and for the most part, the language was very similar throughout also.***
- ***By-laws are not required by State Statute but are important in terms of process. Would like to create a by-law template for Regions as a guide.***
 - ***Region 9 has the IGA and by-laws for our Region, approved in 2017. Shak will resend to governments.***
- ***For information gathering for the Study, feedback can be provided directly to Jamie Grimm.***
 - ***Submit Survey questions that TPR thinks are helpful.***
 - ***Will distribute information once survey is complete.***

2. Letters of Support (LOS) – Laura Lewis Marchino
 - a. Critical Wildlife Crossing Application LOS
 - i. Tony Cady asked for a Letter of Support from Region 9 for the Critical Wildlife Crossing Application. Region 9 requested that the TPR provide a Letter of Support also.
Motion from Katie Sickles to approve a Letter of Support as presented.

Second: _____ Jim Candelaria _____; Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Community Connections LOS for 5310 Funding
 - i. Community Connections seeks a continuation of support from the Colorado Department of Transportation through the FTA 5310 program to operate its 2023 transportation program serving approximately 75 Montezuma and La Plata County residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) who have no other transportation options within the cities of Durango and Cortez.

Meeting Discussion

- ***TPR had previously sent offers to all entities requesting 5130 Funds to provide a Letter of Support.***
- ***TPR should support all entities requesting 5310 Funding, not just Community Connections.***
- ***Provide a Statement of Coordination with each request to show the combined effort within the 5310 spending.***
- ***Will get a consolidated request for 5310 at the Transit level.***
- ***These would be separate letters for each entity but include consistent language in each letter showing the consolidated effort.***
- ***Will email the applicable entities for open requests for LOS with deadline requirements.***
- ***La Plata County is also willing to provide an LOS to these entities.***

E. CDOT Reports

1. Construction Update - Kevin Curry
 - a. 4 Corners / Aztec Creek Project
 - i. Construction complete. The walk-thru was completed in May. The project worked out well for both CDOT and New Mexico.
 - b. Signal at SH 145 & Chestnut Street
 - i. Waiting for poles to arrive. The project is shut down until the poles come arrive.
 - c. US 160 West of Pagosa Springs Surface Treatment
 - i. Work started 3 weeks ago. The crew is milling and paving at night and are on schedule for completion by Fall.
 - d. 160 Culverts
 - i. Work is underway; the Contractor is outside of Bayfield and has converted 3 culverts.
 - ii. Most of the culvert work is lining to extend the life. Lining provides a smooth interior and very little size reduction. Some culverts will be full replacements.
 - iii. Life expectancy is 15 years with repairs.
 - e. US 172 to Elmer's Corner Surface Treatment
 - i. Work has been underway for a month and the Contractor is wrapping up the ramp work in Ignacio.
 - ii. Irrigation culverts were completed for water flow. There is still 1 box culvert that needs to be installed by Fall.
 - iii. Paving starts next week and CDOT requested the Contractor to start in Ignacio and head towards Elmer's Corner, but the Contractor has begun paving in the opposite direction of the request. Starting in either direction could be problematic.
 - (a) There is high traffic to the airport in July, thus paving at Elmer's first could be challenging.

- (b) There are paving restrictions during the school year so ending at Elmer's Corner is also infeasible.
- f. Wolf Creek Fiber Installation
 - i. Contractor is working again and being proactive in progress to meet schedule.
 - ii. Contractor would like to complete the project this year after delays last year.
- g. McCabe Creek Culverts
 - i. The walk-thru was completed on Tuesday. There are many punch list items that need to be completed.
 - ii. The culvert box and other major work is complete, including painting.
 - iii. Completion by June 19th is expected.
- h. US 550/160 Connection
 - i. The Contractor is currently paving the Southbound lanes.
 - ii. The retaining walls and wildlife passes are under construction.
 - iii. Expect completion in April 2024 and transition US 550 to the new alignment in 2023.
- i. US 160 Chipseal
 - i. Will advertise the project this Fall for a 2024 construction start date.
- j. San Juan River Bridge
 - i. Doing scour mitigation in bridge to help contain runoff.
 - ii. This is basically a riprap installation project.
- k. US 160 Pagosa Springs Reconstruction
 - i. The project converts the asphalt through town to concrete pavement.
 - ii. This Includes the pedestrian crossing and sidewalks.
 - iii. Will advertise the project this fall for a 2024 construction start date.
- l. US 160 & CR 225 Improvements
 - i. No change. Construction to begin in 2025.
- m. US 160 Mancos Pedestrian Improvements
 - i. Ramp improvement is in the planning phase. Construction funding is not available yet.
- n. County Road 151
 - i. Failed culvert system which qualifies as a major structure and was rated poor.
 - ii. Design is in progress with 80% design review next week. Procurement package is finished from Engineer.
 - iii. CDOT will replace the two 12' box sections and purchase the new culverts in parallel with the Contractors' Bid in July.
 - iv. Meeting with Property Owners for possession and use permits.
 - v. Flows have decreased and the road is open with decreased speeds.
- o. Hwy 17 Sinkhole
 - i. Emergency project; not in TPR Region but CDOT working on issue.
- p. CR 145 Rock Mitigation
 - i. Geo Hazard team just met with the consultant to identify spots of hazards for monitor or scaling work.
 - ii. Waiting for a prioritized list of items to be addressed.

F. Other Business

1. Updates – Round Robin

- a. Town Dolores – Ken Charles
 - i. Met with CDOT regarding flooding. There are some choke points for water flow from the North to South side of the highway getting to the river. Will continue to discuss issues with CDOT.
 - (a) Undersized pipelines are adding to the issues.
 - (b) The CDOT Hydrologist will be looking at issues and will reach out this Fall for next steps.
- b. City of Cortez – Kevin Kissler
 - i. Active Grants
 - (a) Revitalize main street and creating scope of work.
 - (b) Raised Planning Grant, Safe Streets All
 - ii. TPR Items
 - (a) Culverts 160, if approved could align with Wildlife Crossing project application.
 - (b) Frontage Road 491, surface improvements and devolution is on hold.
 - (c) Would like to get \$40M on TPR agenda over next 10-20 years so when the USDOT RAISE Discretionary Grant applications are submitted, the request is already on the TPR's project list.
 - (d) Reviewing funding per capital for Montezuma County
 - i. Using some Grant money and internal funds for the following:
 - (a) Montezuma has slightly higher fatality rates
 - (b) Using street light data along with Police Dept. to determine the most dangerous intersections.
 - (c) Improving traffic counting and safety program analysis to provide better data.
 - ii. Current Projects
 - (a) US 160 Traffic light – small issues with the adjustments of the bulbs for better visibility.
 - (b) Would like to partner regarding the municipal airport; airport might need to be moved due to current runaway pavement crowning.
 - The Region needs more air freight transportation so possible partnering could be available using this path.
 - (c) Using some of the SRPS Grant for pedestrian crossings.
- c. Archuleta County – Kevin Bruce
 - i. The transportation facility is out for bid.
 - ii. Waiting for the transfer of property from CDOT for the Park-n-Ride.
 - iii. Finalizing road projects regarding paving, culverts and drainage.
 - iv. Aggressive road maintenance scheduled for the summer.
 - v. Trying to shift from dirt County Roads to more paved roads.
- d. Dolores County – Steve Garchar
 - i. Dollar General getting ready to open.
 - ii. Fiber project – burying more lines, thought would be overhead.
 - (a) Can CDOT use the buried lines for monitoring traffic. – CDOT will not use the lines either way but will look into as most of the lines should be going overhead.
 - (b) Maintain transmission line from Dove Creek to Cross Canyon which is going underground.

- iii. Anxiously waiting for traffic count on CR 491, fatalities and traffic issues need to be addressed.
- e. Town of Ignacio – Mark Garcia
 - i. Clean Transit Enterprise Board issued the 1st round of Grants for 0 emission Transit Grants. Grants are due July 21st.
 - ii. Next round of funding for Capital Improvements will open in July.
 - iii. Working on 151 improvements and CDOT is working on handicap ramps.
 - iv. Replacing sewer lines to residents prior to paving; there were more than 2 dozen requests.
- f. Town of Bayfield – Katie Sickles
 - i. Approached by American West for culvert replacements and want to use Bayfield Parkway as detour for traffic off Hwy 160. Construction starts on Aug. 15th, using Hwy 160 the work will take 9 weeks, if they use Bayfield Parkway, it will take 2 weeks.
 - (a) Asking contractor to delay due to other various events occurring in the same timeframe.
 - (b) Date set by endangered species located in the area.
 - (c) CDOT was unaware of the detour request.
 - (d) CDOT does not recommend using town roads.
 - (e) CDOT will contact Contractor for discussion.
 - ii. Town will be location for USDA 'SHOP' (Supporting Hometown Opportunity Projects) event – July 19th at Town Hall. Some items to be discussed are:
 - (a) Building high speed internet
 - (b) Supporting public community facilities
- g. CDOT – Phil von Hake
 - i. Division of Transportation is interviewing for a Planning Liaison position based in Region 3 or Region 5.
- h. City of Durango – Sarah Hill
 - i. MOF Grant for construction is out for bid; third time to bid since there were no bids received previously.
 - ii. US 550 transit stop project is moving forward. SEH Engineering is starting to design and will design the entire corridor.
 - iii. Camino crossings underpass is on hold while they coordinate with the Fire Protection District.
 - iv. Mid-town Safety project is being coordinated with CDOT on traffic study.
 - v. The City is reviewing budget and prioritizing Capital Improvements Projects and North Main Access Control Plan for 2024.
 - vi. Multi-modal Transportation Plan is going to Council for adoption on June 20th.
 - vii. Offering free transit all summer (June, July, and August). The buses are at full capacity and cannot pickup all riders.
- i. Montezuma – Jim Candelaria
 - i. Most road repairs have been completed.
 - ii. Working to replace the Alkali Creek Bridge using the CDOT 'Off Roadway' bridge funds for the project. County Road N is closed until the project is complete. Traffic is diverted to Road P.
 - iii. CDOT will revisit culvert site at CR 491.
 - iv. Will begin chip sealing on County Roads for next month.

2. Region 9 Update

a. Transit

i. Bill 1102 – transit providers must elect a voting representative beginning in September for the TPR Committee. Transit providers will elect the representative at July meeting.

(a) State will be hosting Transit Town Halls around the State. Durango's Town Hall will be held June 22nd.

- Brian Metzler, who is coordinating the Town Hall Meetings for the State said the meetings may be placed on hold due to staffing changes and updates.

ii. Fiber

(a) The CDOT memo has been released for the proposed Middle Mile Fees. For the Region 9 Middle Mile route, the fees appear to be \$0.33/ft/yr which is approximately \$300k annually.

- Might not be able to use NTIA funds due to the \$300k annually as our Region cannot sustain that cost with an open access network.
- This fee really prohibits rural CO. TPR region can still provide comments regarding these cost requirements and comments can be posted on the CDOT website. Public comments will be heard at the Transportation Commission next week.
- Creates challenges to provide BB to rural CO.
- If fee is cost prohibitive then other routes will be taken, then NTIA funding will not be viable for our Region.
- Also cost prohibitive for private industry as payment mostly goes towards infrastructure buildout. The private industry will have challenges re-cooping these costs from their customer.

(b) The Transportation Commission will be briefed on June 14th. The conversation will be streamed live via YouTube.

(c) Region 9 applied for CHFA funding for the Transit Council to help establish their GPFS data.

3. Next Meeting: August 10, 2023 at 9:00 am

G. Adjourn 10:50 am

Region 9 Economic Development District
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
From 7/1/2023 Through 7/31/2023

		<u>TPR</u>
Expenditures		
Wages	5110	907.76
Payroll taxes	5120	72.20
Retirement Expense	5135	27.22
Workers' Comp Insurance	5140	3.87
FAMLI	5145	4.09
Health Expense	5150	123.70
Travel	5510	2.16
Meetings	5512	<u>28.62</u>
Total Expenditures		<u>1,169.62</u>
Net Revenue Over Expenditures		<u><u>(1,169.62)</u></u>

SW Colorado Council of Governemnts

Profit & Loss

08/02/23

June 30, 2022 through July 1, 2023

Accrual Basis

	<u>Jun 30, '22 - Jul 1, 23</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4020 - Grants - Program	13,600.82
4090 - Membership Dues	5,281.00
4960 - Region 9 support	0.00
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Total Income	18,881.82
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Gross Profit	18,881.82
Expense	
5110 - Wages	9,838.50
5120 - Payroll Taxes	481.38
5130 - SUTA	2.48
5135 - Retirement Expense	179.56
5140 - Workers' Comp Insurance	16.81
5145-FAMLI	15.07
5150 - Health Expense	718.78
5410 - Rent Expense	328.13
5510 - Travel Expense	895.15
5512 - Meeting Expense	336.85
5515 - Legal Fees	126.00
5527 Internet/Computer/Software	550.00
5540 - Memberships/Subs	2,209.20
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Total Expense	15,697.91
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Net Ordinary Income	3,183.91
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Net Income	<u>3,183.91</u>

Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC)

Meeting Notes

Date/Time: Thursday, July 6, 2023; 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Recording: July 6, 2023 <https://www.youtube.com/live/Lea5FxErYmk?feature=share>

STAC Meeting July 6, 2023 Recording

Attendance:

Denver Area:	Nicholas Williams, Ron Papsdorf	Pueblo Area:	Eva Cosyleon
Central Front Range :	Richard Elsner, Dwayne McFall	San Luis Valley:	Keith Baker, and Vern Heersink
Eastern:	Chris Richardson	South Central:	Jennifer Oliver, John Galusha
Grand Valley:	Dana Brosig, Rachel Peterson	Southeast:	Stephanie Gonzales, Ron Cook
Gunnison Valley:	Vince Rogalski	Southwest:	Sarah Hill
Intermountain:	Bentley Henderson, Brian Pettet	Upper Front Range:	Elizabeth Relford, Jon Becker
North Front Range:	Becky Karasko, Scott James, Suzette Mallette, Johnny Olson	Southern Ute Tribe:	None
Northwest:	Brian Cerkvenik, Heather Sloop	Ute Mountain Ute Tribe:	Manual Heart
Pikes Peak Area:	John Liosatos, Holly Williams, Dave Donelson, Danelle Miller	FHWA:	Will Keenan, Ailish Ferrick, Dahir Egal
		FTA:	Emma Belmont
		Transportation Commissioners:	Eula Adams

Highlights and Action Items

1. Welcome and Introductions – Heather Sloop, STAC Vice-Chair ([Meeting Recording Time Stamp 00:04:51](#))
 - Meeting commenced at 8:50 by Heather Sloop- STAC Vice-Chair
2. Approval of the June 2023 STAC Meeting Minutes – Heather Sloop, STAC Vice Chair ([Meeting Recording Time Stamp 00:08:31](#))
 - Dick Elsner of Central Front Range TPR made a motion to approve the June 2023 STAC minutes. Female STAC Commissioner seconded the motion.
3. CDOT Update on Current Events – Herman Stockinger, CDOT Deputy Director ([Meeting Recording Time Stamp 00:09:50](#))
 - Herman Stockinger filled attendees in on the Transportation Commission activities.
 - We know the Governor will appoint at least three new commissioners, with the potential to have up to six new commissioners coming onboard.
 - Until new Commissioners are appointed the TC agendas will be shorter, as approvals by the new Commissioners on decisions will need to be discussed prior to their approval.
 - On the Transportation Commission agenda for July 2023 the most substantive decision item/update is that we have the DRCOG’s greenhouse gas (GHG) Transportation Report that will be presented to the TC.
 - We will provide a TPR Boundary Study update similar to what is presented today.
 - We will also have the regular Budget Workshop, and the CDOT Region 2 Regional Transportation Director, Shane Ferguson, will be giving a presentation in Region 2 accomplishments and ongoing projects.
 - For Policy Directive 14, which sets the goals set for various highway conditions, we will go through the performance scorecard to discuss the results of our performance against our performance targets.
 - DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS
 - STAC Vice-Chair Heather Sloop asked when the Governor was going announce the TC appointments. CDOT does not have a clear answer, but will be sure to share the appointments as soon as they are known.

4. TPR Representative and Federal Partners Reports – ([Meeting Recording Time Stamp 00:14:48](#))

- **DRCOG**

- Met a couple of times in June- June 1st and June 7th work session. Discussed a process to develop a Regional Housing Strategy, and further integrate, Regional Housing, Transportation and Economic Development
- At the June 21 Board meeting attendees received presentations from the Regional Transportation District (RTD) on their study of the Northwest Rail Corridor and the July through August 2023 Zero Fare for Better Air campaign - making transit services free for these two months.
- More than 18,000 people participated in the 2023 Bike to Work Day on June 28th organized by DRCOG Way to Go Program
- DRCOG has released the draft 2024-27 TIP for public review and the required GHG Transportation report will go to the TC this month

- **Central Front Range TPR**

- The next TPR meeting is July 10th to be held in Florence, Colorado.
- Construction Projects noted included:
 - CO 67 North of Woodland Park is getting some work around a curve
 - CO 24 at Fluorescent and CO 96 is getting paving
 - Work going on in Penrose on US 50
 - US 285 has a Bailey Project which is kicking off
 - US 285 Fairplay project is underway and is experiencing long traffic backups, that involves replacing a bridge and improving an intersection

- **Eastern TPR**

- Wanted to thank Herman for coming out and attending their TPR meeting. A lot of good discussion occurred.
 - One thing generated from the meeting was asking questions and what could the TPRs potentially do to help CDOT in terms of stretching out TPR dollars a little bit further.
 - Commissioner Terry Hofmeister from Phillips County is on the TPR Boundary Study Advisory Committee

- **Grand Valley MPO**

- Had a GVRTC Board Meeting at the end of June
- Elected a Vice-Chair for the Board which is Cody Davis and he'll also be the new STAC representative. Unable to join STAC today but will hopefully be present at future meetings
- Board also approved a letter of opposition to modifying the Grand Valley TPR Boundary and will be sending that to the STAC, TC and the TPR Boundary Study Advisory Committee.
- Board approved a student pass program for middle school and high school students. Grand Valley MPO has been doing for a couple of years now, and it has been quite successful with students representing 10% of ridership in the Grand Valley MPO area
- Will be participating in the Zero Fare for Clean Air initiative this year. Unable to do it last year due to a shortage of drivers and buses. In a better position with drivers and are able to do that for the month of August
- Received \$1.2 million of FTA Low or No Emission Vehicle Funding for bus replacement and expansion of the Grand Valley Transit (GVT)

- **Intermountain TPR**

- Will have a TPR meeting later this month, as we haven't had one since the last STAC meeting
- Looking to redistribute some planning program grant funds that were returned to the TPR
- Working with the Northwest COG to hire some administrative support for both agencies. We are seeking a Mobility Manager that would help us with the TPR's administration

- With the summer season here it includes full hotel beds and highway repairs on our highways (I-70) and roadways

- **NFRMPO**

- The NFR Planning Council approved the 2023 Congestion Mitigation Process as well as re-approved the 2050 RTP goals, objectives, performance measures, targets, with safety as a standalone goal as the Council wanted to keep safety as a separate measure
- Planning Council had a presentation from the state demographer on population and employment projections for the state and NFRMPO region and its continued fast growth, anticipated to double in population by 2050. Herman Stockinger, CDOT Deputy Executive Director, did a presentation on the TPR Boundary study

- **Northwest TPR**

- Have not met since May and will meet again in September
- Lots of construction, tourism, people moving around in the area

- **PPACG**

- Area has experienced bad weather with hail, storms and flooding
- People not following road closure signs
- Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority has 2% tax on roads and a full cent sales tax going to them
- Sometimes it is very difficult to travel, due to road closures
- Region 2 RTD, Shane Ferguson will be updating the PPACG area
- Work on I-25, mostly ramps, and a project for addressing a choke point at Fillmore to Garden of the Gods
- Work on US 24 West also
- Expressed a big thank you to Shane Ferguson and Director Lew for coming to Colorado Springs for the Military Access Mobility and Safety Improvement Project (MAMSIP) project ribbon cutting
 - Ribbon cutting was for the Jug Handle that will provide safety improvements to trash hill (trash company situated there) with a lot of fatalities that have occurred there. This safety improvement is needed and it is great that CDOT got this done
- Projects in Fountain are occurring to improve barriers and paving of roads

- **Pueblo Area COG**

- Board met a couple of weeks ago and heard from the city of Pueblo, and gave and PACOG provided an update on the Safe Streets for All grant program
- The RAISE grant that they've been working with the FHWA on- working through logistics on that.
 - The Pueblo area Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant has several elements so just trying to figure how best to work out implementation through the years
- July 14th will be a Walk Audit as part of the Complete Streets initiative
- Split diamond 104 initiative, is a key project and we will hear from Shane Ferguson on that which is currently underway

- **San Luis Valley TPR**

- Has not met since the last STAC meeting. Next TPR meeting is scheduled for Aug 24th
- Buena Vista paving project has been completed
- Paving projects began on CO 114 and US 50
- On July 18, CDOT Region 5 will visit Chaffee County and have a lot to visit because Chaffey County would like to see a lot of things incorporated into the US 285 resurfacing project, which will be coming up over the next couple of years, including acceleration/deceleration lanes, two-way turn lanes, etc.
- Major projects upcoming months
 - Like Baylor Drive/US-24 intersection realignment at the southern edge of Buena Vista

- Starting to scope a roundabout of Buena Vista where Steel Drive intersects with CO 24. Have a new county building going in there with an increased traffic flow.
 - CO 169 corridor with four striping projects that are in progress
 - US 160 Wolf Creek Pass Fiber project is important and very happy to see it occurring
 - US 160 Pagosa Springs project is making progress

- **South Central TPR**
 - The TPR has not met since last STAC meeting
 - Did have a presentation from the Front Range Rail
 - Work on I-25 is slowly progressing
 - Participating in Free Fare for Clean Air initiative

- **Southeast TPR**
 - Next TPR meeting July 26th
 - Recorded over 15 inches of rain in our area
 - A lot of projects are moving slowly
 - Lamar Main Street project continues
 - Bridge work for US 285 that was supposed to start in May is moving slowly
 - Bridge repair CO 109
 - CO 194 surface treatment should start in July

- **Southwest TPR**
 - June 8th TPR meeting- Jamie Grim gave a TPR Boundary Study update
 - Digging into bylaws and IGAs for future discussion
 - Approved letters of support for 5310 and 5311 transit projects for the transit agencies
 - In roundtable agencies continue to express a lot of anticipation for updating the 10 Year Plan
 - A lot of projects in the works, and looking forward to adding more
 - Quick update on the US 550/US 160 design build project, a \$99 million project; both bridges are constructed, continuing work on bridge rails, wing walls, wildlife mitigation features, with a spring 2024 completion anticipated
 - Echoed Commissioner Baker's enthusiasm for the Wolf Creek Pass Fiber Project
 - Cortez received a RAISE grant for \$825,000 to do public engagement, engineering & design, and a feasibility study on some of their state corridors
 - Durango transit participating in Free Fare for Clean Air this summer
 - Gave 15,000 more rides this year than last year under this program

- **Upper Front Range**
 - Had a TPR meeting in June
 - Thanked Herman Stockinger for coming up and speaking on the TPR Boundary Study, HB 23-1101 and the recommendation regarding the data he's collecting
 - UFRTPR was unsuccessful for the RAISE grant for the I-76 application for Morgan county
 - Hoping to be successful in the next round and submit for rural surface transportation
 - Did have presentations from the Northern Integrated Supply project for relocation of US 287
 - Bustang Program Manager provided an update on the Outrider route from Sterling to Denver to Greeley
 - Craig Hurst presented freight plan effort that's occurring and how our TPR can be involved with that effort that's going very quickly
 - Thanked the Division and Transit and Rail (DTR) team for trying to help to advance MMOF contracts as a part of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and hear CDOT consider swapping out some TAP funds with MMOF ARPA funds to get money spent more quickly and meet the federal deadline for obligation.
 - The next meeting is not until September, unless there's special meetings on 1101, public outreach, etc.

5. CDOT Transportation Commission (TC) Update – ([Meeting RecordingTime Stamp 00:14:22](#))
 - STAC Vice-Chair Heather Sloop deferred to Herman Stockinger for his TC report.

6. CDOT Legislative Report – Jamie Grim Budget & Policy Analyst, CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations ([Meeting RecordingTime Stamp 00:38:41](#))
 - Federal level- in U.S. Congress- monitoring legislation:
 - Federal Rail Safety Act- see how that will impact freight as well as the Front Range Passenger Rail in Colorado Legislation is being negotiated in Congress.
 - Started negotiations for the Defense Authorization Act- might have transportation elements in it.
 - CDOT localities and the State submitted 23 RAISE grant applications, did get \$71.9 million worth of RAISE Discretionary Grants Awards in Colorado, as a result.
 - 23 applications submitted, makes Colorado a big overachiever
 - Boulder County awarded \$25 mil 119 Diagonal Highway Mobility Improvement Project
 - Lakewood awarded \$20 million for the U.S. 6th and Wadsworth interchange Improvement Project
 - Delta received \$13 million for the Revitalizing Main Street Program
 - Fort Collins was awarded \$10.7 mil for Foothills Transit Station and roundabout
 - Idaho Springs awarded \$2.4 mil for Downtown Mobility Plan
 - Cortez awards \$825,000 for the Cortez Community RAISE project
 - USDOT announced two more Federal Discretionary Programs
 - Multimodal Discretionary Grant program (MPDG) applications due Monday Aug 21st
 - MPDG is 3 grant programs rolled into one application: Mega Program- huge projects like NYC-NJ tunnel, Infra Program- freight-related, rural roads.
 - Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods program applications are due September 28th and applications opened yesterday to the STAC meeting.

7. Emily Haddaway, Colorado Legislative Liaison, CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations ([Meeting RecordingTime Stamp 00:43:13](#))
 - Aaron included the Legislative Wrap Up presentation in the materials packet.

8. HB 23-1101 Study Update – Herman Stockinger, CDOT Deputy Executive Director, and CDOT Office of Policy and Government Relations Director ([Meeting RecordingTime Stamp 00:44:04](#))
 - Herman Stockinger went over the TPR Boundaries Study. Provided a quick update of what was going on the past couple of weeks.
 - For the Study Process:
 - There were two successful meetings with the Advisory Committee.
 - Received feedback from them recommending CDOT staff to continue to examine management of TPRs and to look for opportunities to educate the public on the role of TPRs.
 - Designed a survey to collect quantitative data on knowledge and understanding of management of TPRs; the survey will be distributed along with invitations to public meetings.
 - CDOT staff have continued to critically review TPR IGAs and Bylaws.
 - Staff continue to create maps that reflect the layers of data for all of the statutory requirements.
 - Began planning for public meetings held virtually for the five CDOT Regions starting at the end of July through the beginning of August.
 - Distributing the TPR survey that CDOT staff developed to stakeholders around the state.
 - STAC members requested that the Advisory Committee meetings be recorded and made available to the public. CDOT agreed to record the meetings to make them available. CDOT staff also takes notes at these meetings than can be made available to the public.
 - It was also clarified with STAC members that the TC is the final decision maker for this process with input and advice from the advisory committee, with CDOT staff recommendations based on the TPR Boundary Study provided to the TC prior to them making any decisions.

9. Program Distribution: Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Funding – Marissa Gaughan, CDOT Multimodal Planning Branch ([Meeting RecordingTime Stamp 01:05:40](#))
 - Sheryl Trent is the Program Distribution facilitator and refreshed STAC members regarding her role and ground rules for Program Distribution discussions.
 - CDOT staff shared with STAC highlights from the recent Call for Projects- TAP discussions, a press release is scheduled for distribution in the near future.
 - CDOT staff reviewed the current distribution formula for the TAP and requested the STAC to approve recommending the existing formula to the TC.
 - **Action:** STAC members approved the current formula for the Transportation Alternatives Program outlined in the presentation.

10. Aeronautics Division Update, Dave Ulane, Colorado Aeronautics Division Director provided an update on accomplishments, ongoing and planned projects. ([Meeting RecordingTime Stamp 02:08:07](#))
 - An update of the ongoing and planned work of the Aeronautics Division was provided to the TC.
 - Topics covered included: an introduction to the Aeronautics Division, the Colorado Aviation System, financing and programs for aviation system improvements, economic impacts of the Colorado Aviation System - both passenger and cargo, and how revenue is generated and expended, Aviation System plans, technological advancements in aviation.
 - Aeronautics Division works to support airports and aviation as part of Colorado's multimodal transportation system.
 - Denver International Airport (DIA) used to be 19th busiest airport in the world and is now the 3rd busiest airport in the world.
 - A key new technology includes virtual air control towers.

11. National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) Region 8, Kara Mueller, provided an update of NHTSA activities ([Meeting RecordingTime Stamp 02:46:10](#))
 - NHTSA's mission is to save lives, prevent injuries and reduce economic and other social costs to roadway crashes.
 - Work is accomplished through education, research, safety standards, and enforcement activities
 - NHTSA is Split into 10 regions. Colorado is in NHTSA Region 8 with their office located in Denver.
 - A current focus at NHTSA is promoting human behavior changes to increase safety.
 - Other work includes programmatic and fiscal oversight of state projects/ programs and expenditures, technical assistance and guidance, and collaboration with other federal agencies like FHWA, CDOT, along with cities and counties as highway safety partners to advance highway safety.
 - There are 405C grant funds for enhancing safety including the work of highway patrol, e-citation, a crash data dashboard, and DRCOG has an ongoing project using these funds. The process for applying for grant funds was explained. 405C grant applications are due annually by August 1. Colorado NHTSA prefers to have applications submitted by March, but applications are accepted year round.

12. Featured Region of the Month - Region 2 - Shane Ferguson, Region 2 Regional Transportation Director, provided an overview of accomplishments and ongoing projects in CDOT ([Meeting RecordingTime Stamp 02:52:05](#))
 - Military Access, Mobility & Safety Improvement (MAMSIP) Project CO 94 and Charter Oak improvements are complete, with South Academy Blvd widening, and improvements occurring on I-25 from South Academy to Santa Fe Avenue.
 - US 285/CO 9 project- Fairplay, Park County, bridge replacement, adding turn lanes, extending acceleration lanes, improving drainage, pedestrian sidewalks, and 88 improvements along corridors.
 - US 50/I-25 Interchange reconstruction project in the Pueblo area.
 - Rural service treatment projects include:
 - CO 96 is part of Trans-America cycling trail, pavement resurfacing, and is anticipated to be completed in this fall.
 - US 160 from Kim to Pritchett- scheduled to finish in summer 2024.
 - Colorado Springs I-25 Ramp Improvements.

- Region 2 Bridge Bundle Design Build Project.
- Region 2 Wildlife Mitigation Efforts.

13. Other Business – [\(Meeting Recording Time Stamp 03:08:08\)](#)

- The August, September and October STAC meetings will be in-person, with August and September at DRCOG at 1001 17th Street, Denver, and the October meeting at CDOT headquarters.
- The next STAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 3, 2023 held in-person at DRCOG.



SWTPR- RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS

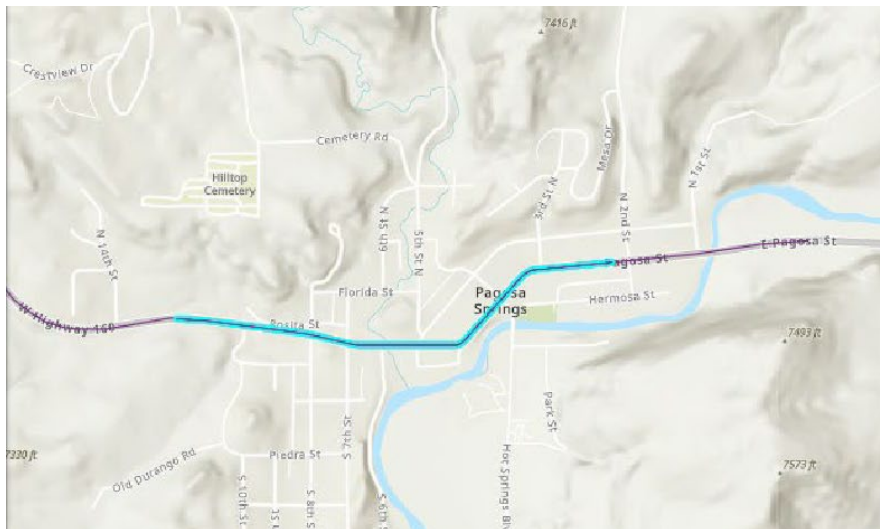
US 160 McCabe Creek Pagosa - 19263

Budget: \$7.35 million

Funding Type: SB 267

Awarded: Oldcastle SW Group, Inc.

This project was located on US 160 at approximate MP 143, near downtown Pagosa Springs in Archuleta County. This project replaced aged metal culverts with new precast concrete box culverts. Additionally, riprap lined drainage improvements were installed to establish a new downstream channel, allowing for better drainage along the road. Other work included updating the guardrail and bridge rail, erosion control, sidewalk work, and fencing along the corridor. Construction was completed on June 27, 2023.



SWTPR- CURRENT PROJECTS

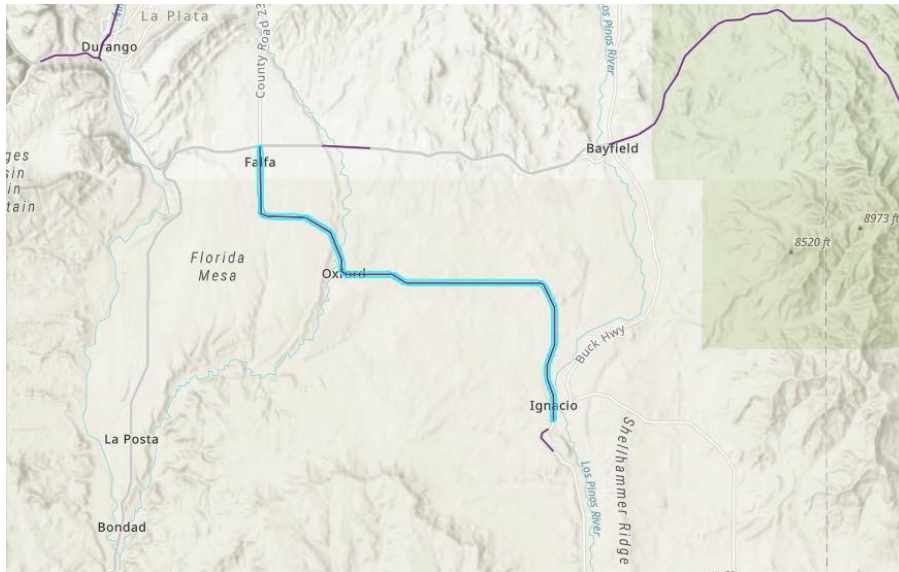
US 172 Ignacio to Elmore’s Corner- 24092

Budget: \$11.5 million

Funding Type: Surface Treatment, Structures

Awarded: Oldcastle SW Group, Inc.

This project is located on SH 172 at approximate MP 8.3 to 24.5, from Ignacio to the Elmore’s Corner intersection of SH 172 and US 160. The work will include a 16.2-mile surface treatment along with ADA ramp improvements in the Town of Ignacio. Construction began on March 20th, 2023 with a tentative end date in November 2023.



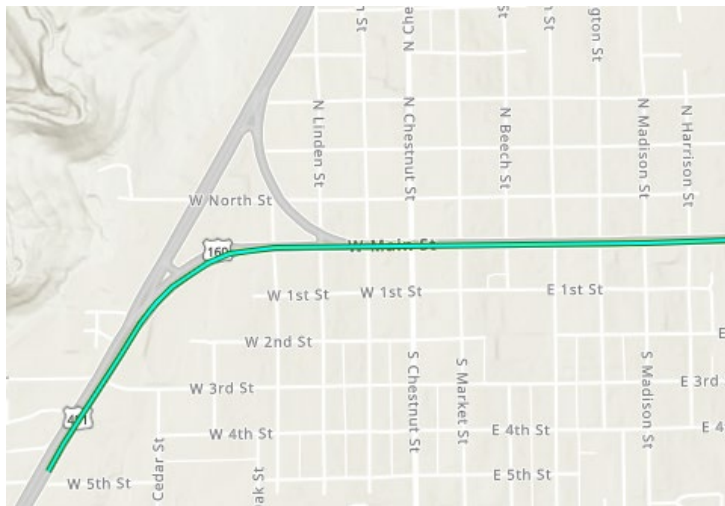
US 160 Signals at SH 145 & Chestnut Street- 24772

Budget: \$2 million

Funding Type: Traffic & Safety, Signals

Awarded: Bixby Electric, Inc.

This project is located on US 160 in the City of Cortez, in Montezuma County. The project will consist of signal improvements at the intersection of US 160 and SH 145, as well as the intersection of US 160 and Chestnut Street. Work will include the replacement of old existing traffic signals, poles and electronics. This project began on May 1st, 2023 and is currently on hold while additional equipment is delivered. The new completion date is fall 2023.



US 160 West of Pagosa MP 135- 144 ST- 23505

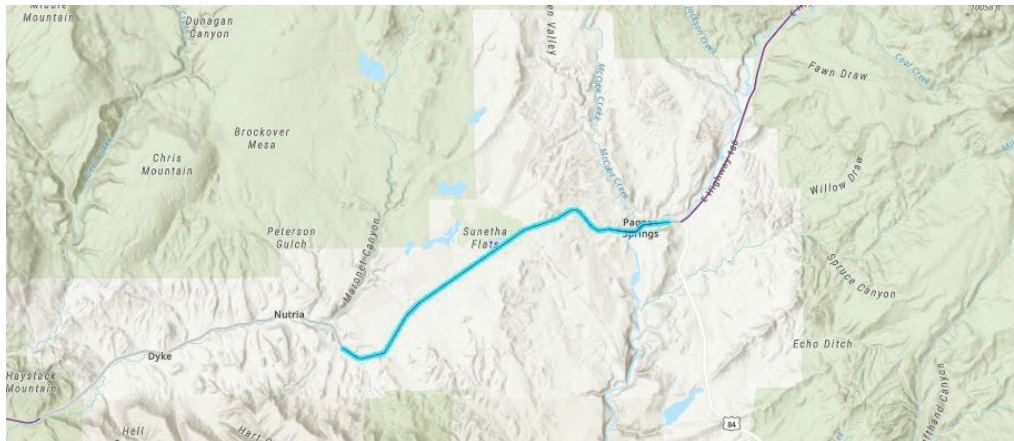
Budget: \$9 million

Funding: SUR, Safety

Awarded: Oldcastle SW Group, Inc.

This surface treatment project is located on US 160 in the Town of Pagosa Springs, approximate MP 135 to 144. Work will include a 1" surface treatment leveling course and a 1.5" SMA overlay as well as

a 2.5" mill and fill at intersection locations with curb and gutter construction. Additional work includes culvert and guardrail replacement and re- striping. Paving operations will take place at night. This project began on May 15, 2023 and has an estimated completion date in November 2023.



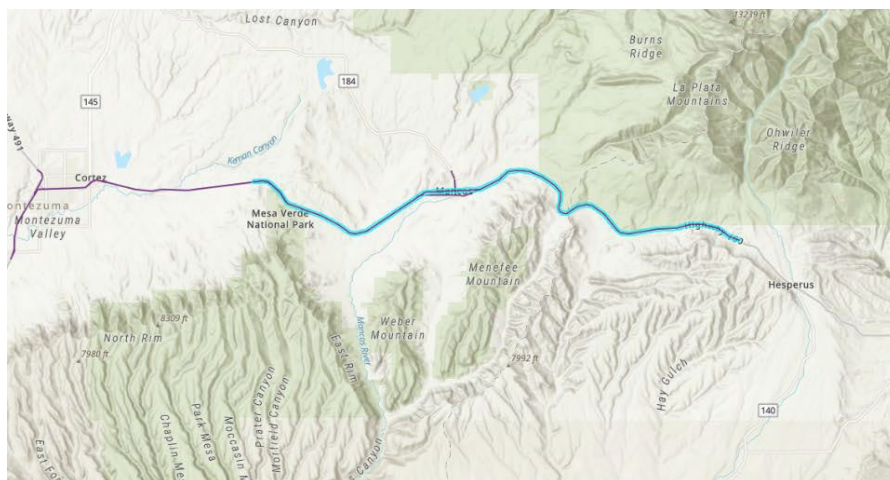
US 160 Section 3 Priority Culverts- 23191

Budget: \$1.9mill

Funding Type: Structures

Awarded: American West Construction, LLC

This project will be located on US 160, starting in Montezuma County, at approximate MP47, and continuing East to several locations up to a culvert on Wolf Creek Pass. A number of Priority culverts will be repaired or replaced. This project began on May 15, 2023, and has an estimated completion date in November 2023.



US 160 Wolf Creek West Fiber- 22107

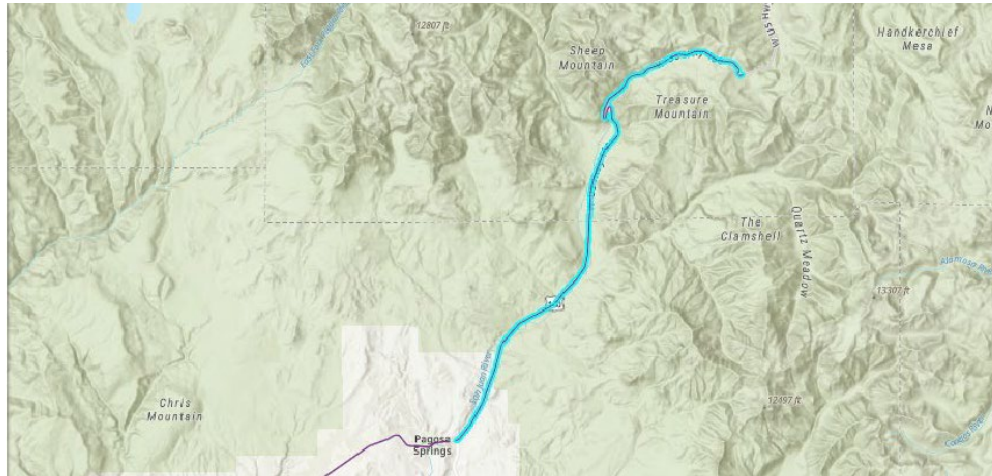
Budget: \$12 million

Funding Type: Traffic

Awarded: Paonia

This project will take place on US 160 Wolf Creek Pass from approximate MP 153- 168, within Archuleta and Mineral Counties. Conduit, fiber optic cables and manholes will be installed on the western side of Wolf Creek Pass, from the summit down to Pagosa Springs. The project will also install ITS devices such as variable speed limits tied to friction sensors, a downhill truck warning

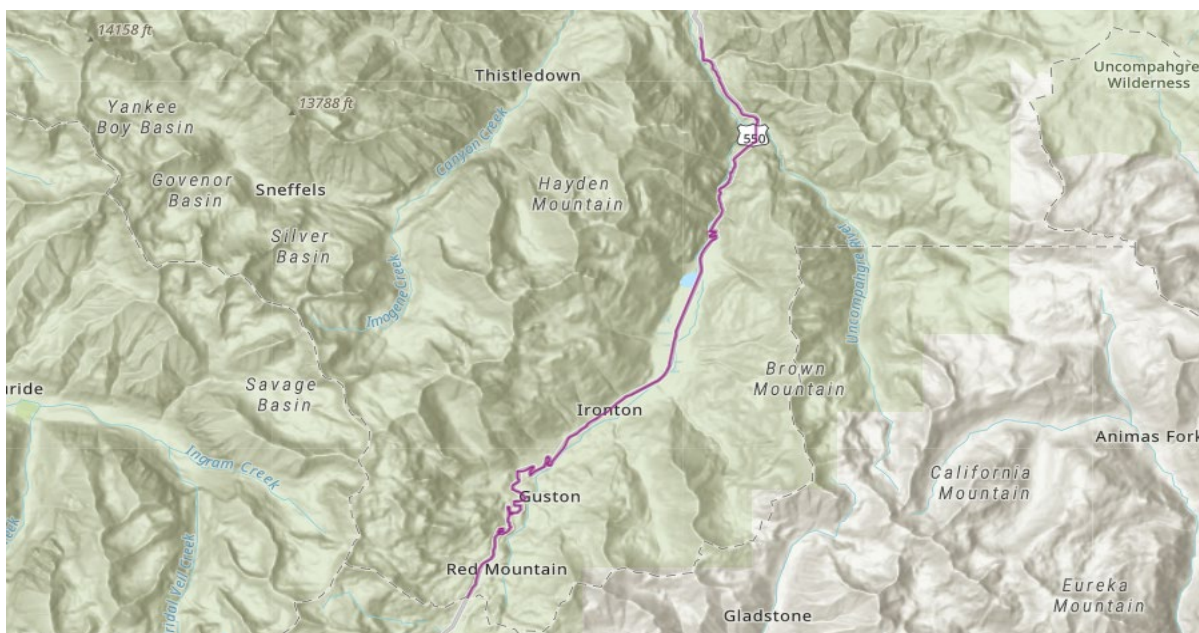
system for the west side of the pass, and additional cameras. Due to contractor issues, this project was on hold for a period of time. The second season of construction started in May 2023 and is anticipated to be complete this fall.



US 550 MP 81 & 89 Bluepoint Avalanche Mitigation- 23623

Budget: \$660k
Funding Type: GeoHaz
Awarded: Geovert

This project is located on US 550 at approximate MP 81- 89 in Ouray County. This avalanche mitigation project will install a Gasex avalanche system on a known avalanche slide, Bluepoint and an Obelex system on the Mother Cline slide. The installation of these systems will allow maintenance crews to trigger avalanches remotely when needed. This project began on July 10, 2023 and has an anticipation completion date of September 2023.



US 550/160 Connection South Design- Build- 22420

Budget: \$99.6 million (estimated total cost)
Funding Type: FASTER/ SB 267/ SUR/ RPP
Awarded: Lawrence Construction Co.

This project is focused on the US 550 connection to US 160 in La Plata County. The connection will realign US 550 directly into the existing US 160 interchange, eliminating the steep and windy grade of the current US 550 Farmington Hill and improving roadway geometry. The project will include wildlife highway mitigation features which will reduce animal-vehicle collisions. Both bridge structures are now constructed. Additional current work includes the continuation of deer fence installation, wildlife underpass work, drainage work and further construction on the Grandview side of the project. Construction began in August 2020 and now has an estimated completion date in spring of 2024.

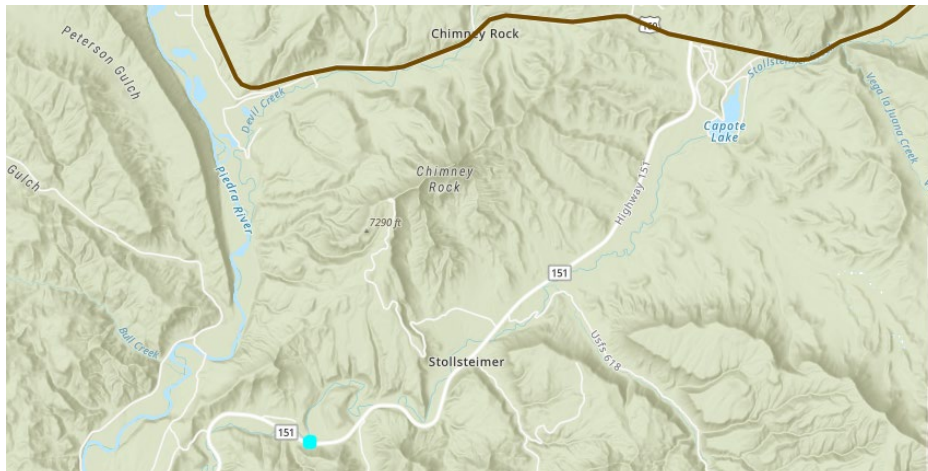


SWTPR- UPCOMING PROJECTS

SH 151 Culvert Replacement MP 28.51- 25737

Budget: \$3 million
Funding Type: BE
Ad Date: Summer 2023

This project is located on SH 151 at MP 28.51 in Archuleta County, south of Chimney Rock. Heavy spring runoff has caused damage to the existing culverts. The flood damaged CMP will be replaced with twin CBCs to better accommodate high water levels. The Ad date is scheduled for summer 2023 with construction tentative for fall.



US 160 Section 3 Chipseals- 24954

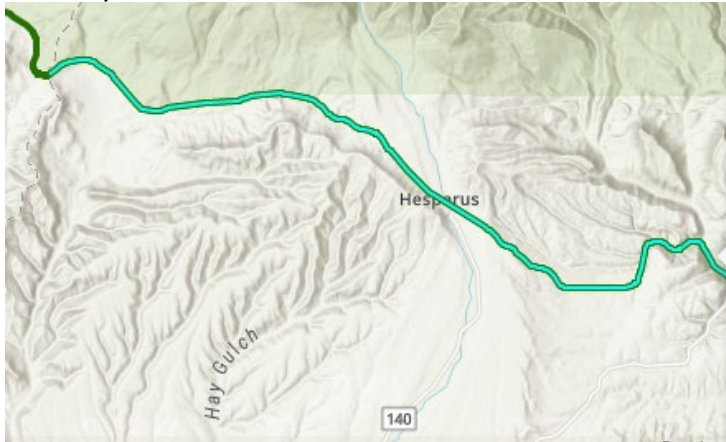
Budget: \$4mill

Funding Type: Surface Treatment

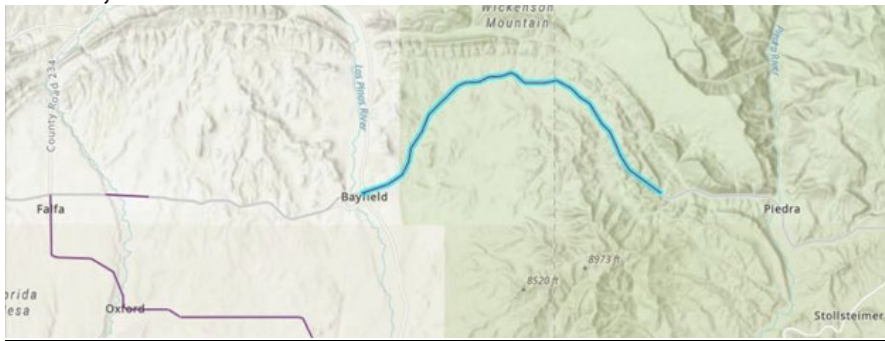
Ad Date: Fall 2023

This project is a combination of 2 surface treatment projects on US 160. One is located on US 160 from Mancos Hill, Eastbound to Durango in Montezuma and La Plata Counties, approximate MP 61-81. The second location will be on US 160, at approximate MP 102.7 to 117, in-between Bayfield and Piedra. Work will include a chipseal, fog coat, the addition of rumble strips and new pavement markings at select locations. This project is scheduled for Ad in Fall 2023 with construction tentatively anticipated for spring 2024.

US 160, MP 61- 81



US 160, MP 102- 117



US 160 San Juan River MP 0.8 & Aztec- 20685

Budget: \$2 million

Funding Type: BR

Ad Date: Fall 2023

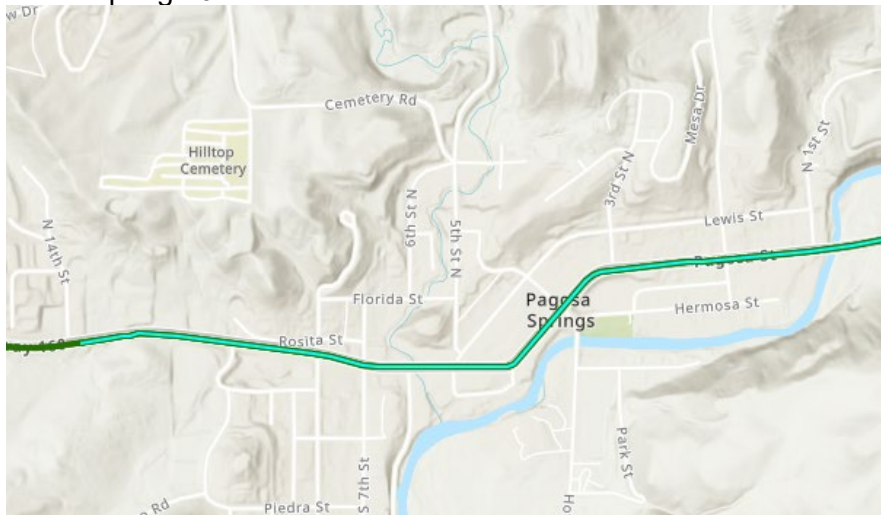
This project is located on US 160 at the Colorado/ New Mexico state line, approximate MP 0. The project will provide scour protection for the San Juan River Bridge which will help contain the increase in runoff. Improvements to a second bridge at Aztec Creek have also been added to the project scope. The Ad date is scheduled for fall 2023 with start of construction tentatively anticipated for January 2024.



US 160 Pagosa Reconstruct- 21919

Budget: \$15mill
Funding Type: Priority
Ad Date: Fall 2023

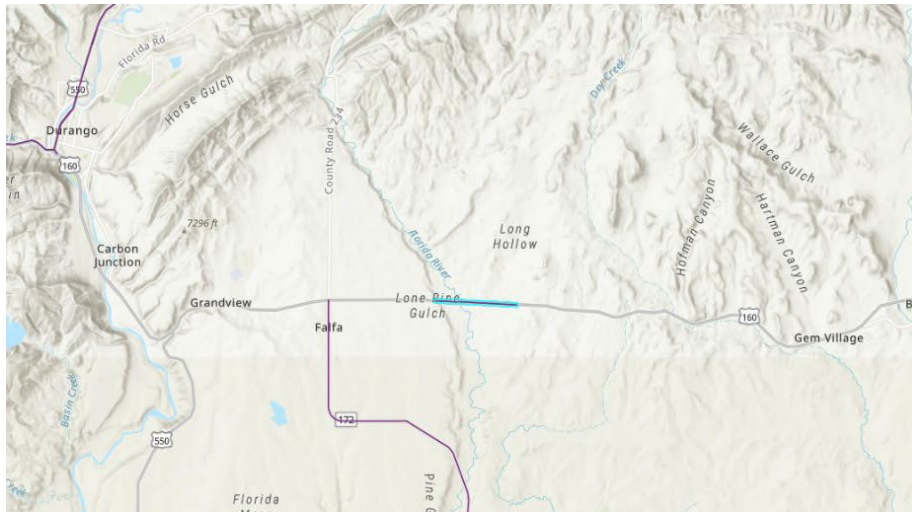
This project is located on US 160 through the Town of Pagosa Springs, approximate MP 142- 144, in Archuleta County. The current scope includes improvements to US 160 Between 10th and 1st Streets. An overlay and restriping is planned from 10th Street to the west side of 8th Street with concrete reconstruction continuing from west of 8th Street to the east side of 3rd Street. Additional work will include ADA upgrades to curb ramps and sidewalks at select intersections throughout the project limits and drainage improvements. This project is scheduled for Ad in fall 2023 with construction tentatively planned for spring 2024.



US 160 & CR 225 MP 94.04 Improvements- 23001

Budget: \$6.8mill
Funding Type: Traffic & Safety
Ad Date: Fall 2025

This project will be located on US 160 at the intersection of CR 225, at approximate MP 94.05, east of Durango. An intersection study was performed here to evaluate safer, alternative options for the design of this intersection. The results of this study were analyzed, and the project is in final review. This project schedule was pushed out to align with Grant funding opportunities. The Ad date is tentative for fall 2025.



US 160D Mancos Pedestrian Improvements- 24618

Budget: \$720k

Funding Type: Local Agency

Ad Date: Shelf 2023

CDOT is planning on the construction of ADA ramp improvements along US 160D in the Town of Mancos. The design is expected to be complete and shelved in 2023, awaiting construction funding.

