

Southwest Transportation Planning Region (SWTPR) Meeting Minutes

9:00 a.m., Thursday, June 12, 2025

Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Training Room, 20581 US-160, Durango, Colorado 81301

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

A. Attendance

X	Jamie Grim	CDOT	X	Mike Torres	Archuleta County
X	Medora Bornhoft	CDOT	X	Andrew Mylorie	Archuleta County
X	Sarah Hill	City of Durango	X	Annie Altwarg	CDOT
X	Michael Snow	CDOT	X	Timothy Funk	CDOT
X	Clyde Church	La Plata County	X	John Masura	CDOT
X	David Harris	Town of Pagosa Springs	X	TJ Burr	CDOT
X	Karl Johnson	Pagosa Springs	X	Spencer York	CDOT
X	Mark Garcia	Town of Ignacio	X	Douglas Tooley	Guest
X	Heather Alvarez	Town of Mancos Alt.	X	Tony Cady	CDOT
X	Stephen Mead	Town of Silverton	X	Matthew Gallegos	Town of Bayfield
X	Mike McVaugh	Guest		Laura Lewis Marchino	Region 9 EDD
X	Casey Simpson	City of Cortez	X	Julie Constan	CDOT
X	Ian Roberson	City of Cortez	X	Chris Cottrell	??
X	Keith Dunning		X	Andrew Valdez	FHWA
X	Shak Powers	Region 9 EDD	X	James Detrick	Montezuma County
X	Elizabeth Heine	Region 9 EDD	X	Lisa Pool	Senator Higgenlookper's Office
X	Brendon Adams	Ute Mountain Ute Tribe	X	Jennifer Sierra	Region 9 EDD
X	Warren Brown	Archuleta County	X	Kent Lindsay	Montezuma Conty

Heather Alvarez, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Meeting Minutes from April 10, 2025 Approval
2. Financial Report Approval
 - Total Revenue: \$11,814.70
 - Total Expenditures: \$18,314.70
 - Net Revenue Over Expenditures: \$(6526.87)

Motion from: David Harris to approve the financials as presented .

Second: Clyde Church; Motion passed unanimously.

Motion from: Clyde Church to approve the minutes as presented.

Kent Lindsay. Seconded. David Harris opposed.

C. Public Comment

- Dougals Tooley introduced himself.

D. Reports

1. STAC Update – Heather Alvarez and Tim Funke

The minutes from the most recent STAC meeting were provided to the SWTPR.

- They went through the regional transportation plan funding. The amount of money that Region 5 would receive is \$69 million, and \$103 million for the next 10 year plan in five year periods. This is a reduction from the previous 10 year plan.

2. Transportation Commissioner Report – Mark Garcia

- Echoed the funding reduction.
- Garcia missed the recent transportation commission meeting and has no update.
- An early June meeting was held online and had excellent participation. A report for the CDOT policy for right of way access will be live soon and there will be a public online meeting,
- The Statewide Plan Survey is still open and will close in about a week from the time of the meeting.
- Garcia offered to continue to serve as Transportation Commissioner until a replacement has been found.
- Elmore's East will continue to be funded as expected. There is a signed contract for the funding and CDOT doesn't anticipate any issues.

3. Congressional Updates – Lisa Pool

- The House Reconciliation bill includes fees on not having vehicles up to environmental standards. This is up for review as the House did not get adequate time to edit.
- Air traffic control is also a hot topic with the House as of now.

E. Decision/Discussion Items

1. Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) updated – Andrew Valdez

- They are looking to program \$30-60 million dollars of projects with the help of state and federal funds. They deliver the program and take the administrative burden off of Region 5.
- Archuleta County and FLAP have been in conversations on a project.
- Valdez would like to set up some meetings with SWTPR folks to see what federal lands projects they could assist with. Shak Powers to follow up with Andrew's contact information to the SWTPR meeting.
- Noted that a potential project would be access to Hovenweep, and general McElmo Canyon. Other areas in Montezuma County involve roads around Dolores.
- Lake Nighthorse has a FLAP funded project, and there are ongoing discussions to add CR 211 as an extension of that.
- Another area that La Plata could use is by the Southern Terminus of the Colorado Trail at the Junction Creek Trailhead. Plans for this update are laid out, but unfunded.
- Application opens in August and will be open for 90 days. It's a straight forward application to streamline the process.

- Silverton requested a meeting with Andrew due to the overuse of land recreation in San Juan County.

2. Ratify action of email vote on posted May 2, 2025

- There was some general concerns from TPR about the process. It was decided that a future agenda discussion item is a look at the TPR bylaws and a potential review of email votes and if it should stay as a practice or not. There is a potential opportunity to have an attorney review.
- An email vote isn't transparent with the public.

Motion from: Mark Garcia to approve the ratification of the email vote posted on May 2, 2025. Clyde Church Seconds. David Harris and Warren Brown opposed. Motion passed.

3. Southwest 2050 Regional Transportation Plan Update – Spencer York

- Spencer provided an overview of what the SWTPR plan looks like. A few graphics and updated numbers were added to the plan.
- TPR did not receive much feedback during the last update, but Spencer advocated for TPR to submit any changes to him to update as needed.

4. MMOF Subcommittee recommendations – Tim Funk & Michael Snow

- To close a \$1.2 Billion budget shortfall in the Fiscal Year 2026 State Budget, the Legislature implemented budget cuts impacting every state agency.
- MMOF impacts in the Long Bill (state budget) and SB25-264 includes:
 - The return (“sweep”) of \$71.4 Million from the current Local MMOF fund balance
 - Future dedicated Retail Fee Revenues & \$10.5M annual General Fund transfers to MMOF remain unaffected.
- CDOT Staff have been working to reconcile actual current revenues to determine the overall impact on current TPR/MPO Allocations:
 - Factors affecting FY2020-2025 TPR/MPO allocations:
 - Reduction - FY26 State Budget reductions
 - Increase - Actual Retail Delivery Fee collections in FY24-25
 - Increase - Reconciliation of unallocated balances
 - Factors affecting FY2026-2029 TPR/MPO allocations:
 - Increase - Projected Retail Delivery Fees beyond FY2025

Committee Discussion:

- There was a 2 part exercise in combination for the subcommittee to work out some budget cuts. There was a lot of reconciliation, but it didn't impact the planned projects.
- If a project is approved moving forward in a future time, the funding can get reallocated for this upcoming fiscal year and will be on track. Next year, they might run out of their cash balance. Noted that the MMOF projects need to get completed before legislature gets raided again.

- CDOT received four applications for projects: Durango Microtransit Project, SocoCAA Road-Runner Work, Silverton – Blair Street Revitalization, and Montezuma County – Path to Mesa Verde (previously awarded, but needs more funding).
- CDOT’s recommendation is to accept the MMOF reconciliation through the Fiscal Year 2029 with an immediate call for the \$357 dollar amount.
- Is there a current risk of losing any funding with the administration, and CDOT noted not at this time. FLAP is moving ahead full speed.
- The Town of Mancos had restricted funds years ago, but they are now unofficially unrestricted since they are incapable of restricting funds for multiple years in a row.

Motion from: Mark Garcia to approve the SWTPR Committee MMOF Reconciliation through FY 2029.

Seconded: Kent Lindsay. Motion passes.

5. YouTube – Shak

- Proposed recording meetings and posting live through Youtube for full transparency with the public.
- Noted comments should be turned off for Youtubers.
- Minutes would still be provided post meeting.
- Noted that the bylaws need to be reviewed or edited to add this concept and then the Youtube addition would be voted on at the next meeting, and then if it is approved, it would be implemented at the next meeting after that.

6. Conflicts for August meeting – CDOT Staff

- The CDOT staff appreciation day is on the same day as the August meeting. The recommendation is to postpone the meeting to Wednesday, August 20th.

Motion from David Harris to approve the meeting moving from August 14th at 9m to August 20th at 9am.

Seconded: Warren Brown. Motion passes.

F. CDOT Reports

SWTRP Current Projects: Tim Funke

1. US 160D Mancos Pedestrian Improvements- 24618

This project will take place along US 160D in the Town of Mancos, from approximate MP .8 to 1.58. Sidewalk and ADA ramp improvements will take place. Improvements will also be made to the intersection of Main Street and Bauer Street. This project began on May 5th and should be complete by the end of October.

2. US 550 Wall MP 56.7 & Deer Creek Rockfall MP 59.3- 24605

This project will take place on US 550 from approximate MP 56 – MP 60, in San Juan County. Work will include a wall replacement at MP 56.7. Rockfall mitigation will take place at MP 59.3. This project began on May 12th and should be complete by the end of October.

3. R5 Regionwide Striping 2025- 26804

This striping project will take place on various highways throughout Region 5. The project will help preserve the reflectivity of highway markings by adding fresh paint over existing striping and pavement markings on both asphalt and concrete pavement types. Work began in May 2025, and should be completed in summer 2025.

4. SH 151 Rural Road Surface Treatment- 24936

This project takes place on SH 151 in Archuleta County from MP 12.8 to MP 26. This section of roadway will receive a surface treatment and select culverts will be rehabbed or replaced. Additional work includes new guardrail and striping. This project began in February 2025 and should be complete by fall 2025.

5. US 160 Pagosa Reconstruct- 21919

This project is located on US 160 through the Town of Pagosa Springs, approximate MP 140- 145, in Archuleta County. The scope includes improvements to US 160 Between 10th and 1st Streets including an overlay and restriping, with concrete reconstruction in certain locations. Additional work will include ADA upgrades to curb ramps and sidewalks at select intersections throughout the project limits and drainage improvements. This two-season project began on March 24, 2025 with an anticipated completion date in fall 2026.

6. US 550/160 Connection South Design- Build- 22420

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 current US 550 Farmington Hill and improving roadway geometry. The project also includes wildlife highway mitigation features, including small and large mammal underpasses, which will reduce animal-vehicle collisions. The Farmington Hill section of US 550 is now closed and traffic has shifted onto the new alignment. Construction began in August 2020. Final punch list items remain and should be fully completed in summer 2025.

Upcoming Projects

1. R5 Culvert CIPP Repairs- 26580

This project will take place at multiple culvert locations through the Region. These culverts will be repaired using Cured-in-Place Pipe Lining (CIPP) technology. This type of work is used to rehabilitate damaged pipelines without having to dig or trench. This project has been awarded and is scheduled to start in July.

2. US 160 Signals at Mildred & Harris Cortez- 25009

This project will take place on US 160 from approximate MP 38 – 39.2 in Cortez. Work will take place at the intersection of US 160 and Harrison Street, and the intersection of US 160 and Mildred Road. The scope of work includes signal replacement and upgrading the existing signal infrastructure. This project is scheduled to go to Ad in September 2025 with construction planned for Spring 2026

3. US 160 High Bridge to Elmores Surface Treatment- 24662

This project will take place on US 160, from approximate MP 85.5 to MP 92, in Durango. This section of roadway will receive a surface treatment. The High Bridge will receive milling and an overlay. Additional work includes guardrail replacement and pavement markings. This project is scheduled to go to Ad in November 2025 with construction starting in Spring 2026.

4. US 160 Elmores Corner to CR 225- 20980

This project will be located on US 160 beginning at the Elmores Corner Intersection, continuing east to Gem Village. The scope of work includes widening Elmores East to 5 lanes, bridge replacement at the Florida River, alternating passing lanes through the valley and the construction of wildlife crossing structures. A roundabout may be constructed at the CR 225 intersection. This section of US 160 recently received an INFRA grant of \$60 million and combined with the Region's match will become a corridor project. Region 5 has determined that it will be a Design Build project delivery method to be used to construct the improvements.

5. SH 141 MP 4 - 5.5

County: Dolores

Treatment: Repave; Cost: \$262,328 Planned: Spring 2025

6. SH 141 MP 7 – 8.5

County: Dolores & San Miguel Treatment: Repave; Cost: \$262,328 Planned: Spring 2025

7. US 84 MP 11.1 – 16

County: Archuleta

Treatment: Chipseal; Cost: \$297,699 Planned: Spring 2025

8. SH 140 MP 1-6.8

County: La Plata/Southern Ute Indian Reservation Treatment: Chipseal; Cost \$293,809

Planned: Spring 2025

9. US 550 MP 50 – 53

County: San Juan

Treatment: Chipseal; Cost \$247,814

Planned: Spring 2025

10. SH 145 MP 112 – 117

County: Montrose

Treatment: Chipseal; Cost: \$256,784 Planned: Spring 2025

G. Grant Update:

- TAP Program has opened through 2026.
- Safe Streets for All Grants are wrapping up in the next couple of weeks.
- The Mesa Verde Application has been started for the Wild Life Crossing Grant. There will be a call for Letters of Support for surrounding areas.
- The 2026 Admin, Operating, and Mobility Management grant is open for 2026.

H. Planning Updates

- **The SWTPR plan will be ready for a vote.**
- **The 10 year plan is in motion with initial work being done on looking at worst projects. We have less money and the projects are costing more. There are several transit projects that will stay in the plan. Previously, 15% was required to go to transit projects and now it's a little different.**

I. DTR Update

- **2026 Admin, Operating, and Mobility Management Grant is open.**

- **Echoing the large amount of transit funding coming up.**

J. Other Business

1. Updates – Round Robin

Town of Mancos – Heather Alvarez – Sales Tax ballot question is coming up for their April election. Burrofest is coming up in and traffic will be redirected through the town.

La Plata County – Clyde Church – A joint project with the City for the intersection for 32nd Street and CR 250 is ongoing. The highway 3 intersection is currently being rebuilt as well.

Town of Ignacio – Mark Garcia – Revitalization of Downtown Main Street Grant has given awards to Ignacio to update street lights among other items.

Montezuma County – Kent Lindsay – Road 25 project is about to start construction.

Archuleta County – Andrew Mylroie – Transportation facility is completed with a ribbon cutting ceremony coming up end of June. Fare free program is running in Pagosa Springs as well with stops running every 30 minutes instead of every hour.

City of Durango – Sarah Hill – College and 8th Safety Project is now starting in July, and is now a two season project. There will be a temporary striping project to accomplish this. Transit services are currently free through the end of August.

2. Next Meeting: August 20, 2025

K. Adjourn 11:11am

Motion from_ to adjourn the meeting at ___am. Seconded: . Motion passed unanimously.