



# SOUTHWEST TRANSPORTATION PLANNING REGION

## Regular Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 11, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

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

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| I.   | Introductions  | 9:00 a.m.  |
| II.  | Consent Agenda   | 9:10 a.m.  |
|      | 1. June 2022 Meeting Minutes   |            |
|      | 2. Financial Report: July 2021 – June 2022   |            |
| III. | Reports  | 9:15 a.m.  |
|      | 1. STAC Update   |            |
|      | 2. Transportation Commissioner Report – Mark Garcia  |            |
|      | 3. Congressional updates   |            |
| IV.  | Decision/Discussion Items  | 9:45 a.m.  |
|      | 1. received SWTPR rural planning grant totaling \$22,100   |            |
|      | 2. State Patrol re: Speeding - Rob Marone, John Trentini   |            |
|      | 3. Greenhouse gas presentation – Herman Stockinger, Deputy Executive Director  |            |
|      | 4. letters of support - for 5310: Community Connections, City of Durango, Multimodal Transportation, Park & Ride, Region 9 |            |
| V.   | CDOT Reports   | 10:45 a.m. |
|      | 1. Construction Update - Kevin Curry   |            |
| VI.  | Other Business   | 11:00 a.m. |
|      | 1. Updates – Round Robin   |            |
|      | 2. Region 9 Update   |            |
| VII. | Adjourn  |            |

Next regular meeting date: Thursday, October 11, 2022

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**Southwest Colorado Regional Transportation  
Planning Commission  
Thursday, June 9, 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  
Katie Sickles – Town of Bayfield  
Nicol Killian – Town of Bayfield  
James Dietrich – Montezuma County  
Lyndreth Wall - Ute Mountain Ute Tribe  
Mark Garcia – Transportation Commissioner, Town of Ignacio (remote)  
Andrea Phillips – Town of Pagosa Springs (remote)  
Steve Garchar – Dolores County (remote)  
Doug McDonald – Southern Ute Indian Tribe(remote)  
Rich Landreth – City of Cortez (remote)  
Martin Schmidt – Town of Pagosa Springs (remote)  
Ken Charles – Town of Dolores (remote)

Others in Attendance:

Jay Rhodes – Southern Colorado Community Action Agency (remote)  
Mike McVaugh (remote)  
Scott Baker - City of Cortez (remote)  
Laura Vanoni – Archuleta County  
Helen Katich – Senator Hickenlooper’s Office (remote)  
Laura Lewis Marchino – Region 9 Economic Development District  
Matt Muraro - Colorado Department of Transportation  
Kevin Curry - Colorado Department of Transportation  
Jennifer Allison - Colorado Department of Transportation  
Julie Constan - Colorado Department of Transportation  
Kamal Hassan - Colorado Department of Transportation (remote)  
Annelies Van Vonno - Colorado Department of Transportation (remote)  
Kim Kinnison - Colorado Department of Transportation (remote)  
Jamie Grim - Colorado Department of Transportation (remote)  
TJ Burr - Colorado Department of Transportation (remote)  
Jessica Laitsch – Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

The meeting began at 9:13

**I. Introductions**

**II. Consent Agenda:**

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

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

### III. Reports

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

Sarah reported there was an update about the Bustang expansion. There was discussion about greenhouse gas mitigation measures. She described the modified meeting schedule.

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

Mark reported that the Transportation Commission held a budget workshop. He described his efforts regarding right-of-way policy.

#### 3. Congressional Updates

Helen reported the Senator is working through the Congressionally Directed Funding process. Jamie described pending transportation funding opportunities.

### IV. Decision Items

#### MMOF Funding Recommendations for 2022 cycle

Matt summarized the evaluation and review process. Matt and TJ described the recommended funding levels and various considerations behind the recommendations.

**Steve Garchar motioned to approve the recommendations as submitted, Clyde Church seconded, unanimously approved.**

Mark asked if the upcoming Safe Routes to School and TAP decisions would come to the TPR. Matt replied that the Safe Routes applications are vetted by a statewide committee and the TAP is reviewed by representatives of the whole CDOT region.

#### MMOF Funding Extension Requests

Jessica and Sarah described the purpose of the request. There was discussion about the recent cost and delay challenges with various projects.

**Clyde Church motioned to approve the City of Durango's MMOF extension request, Jim Candelaria seconded, unanimously approved.**

Katie asked about the status of their extension request. Staff located the request.

**Martin Schmidt motioned to approve the Town of Bayfield's MMOF extension request, Jim Candelaria seconded, unanimously approved.**

### IV. CDOT Reports

#### 1. Construction Update – Kevin Curry

- US 160 Wolf Creek West Fiber – The project is underway.
- US 550 and 30<sup>th</sup> Street – There is a material delay.
- SH 172 at County Road 318 – Expect completion soon.
- US 160 McCabe Creek Pagosa – Expected completion in September.
- US 550 Durango 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> – Expect completion in June.
- US 160/SH 151 Wildlife Crossing Project – Nearly complete. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for July.
- US 550/160 Connection South Design – Ongoing.
- US 160 West of Pagosa – Bids were rejected due to cost, will go back to bid.
- US 160 Bayfield – Yellow Jacket Cape Seal – On hold due to other priorities.
- US 172 Ignacio to Elmore's Corner – Planning to advertise in the winter.
- US 160 Mancos Pedestrian Improvements – Working on design.
- US 160 & CR 225 94.04 Improvements – Under ad, tentatively scheduled for 2023.

- US 160 Section 3 Priority Culverts – The Denny Lake section has been removed from this project.
- US 160 San Juan River Bridge Scour – Tentatively scheduled for construction in 2023. Kevin presented a video of the US 550/160 connection project.

## **VI. Other Business**

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

Clyde asked about the letter of support for the Dry Creek project, Julie and Matt replied the grant award is due in the fall. Clyde reported that La Plata County is working on an overlay on Wildcat Canyon. They are working on two bridge replacements.

Jim asked about potential funding if the County were to take a Forest Service Road. Julie replied the road would be added to their milage for the HUTF formula.

Laura reported that the SWCCOG and Region 9 are in the process of integrating, and they have hired a new project manager. She mentioned that they have submitted two applications for broadband. Julie asked for updates as appropriate.

Lyndreth reported the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe has been seeing issues with construction. Julie mentioned there is a meeting scheduled with CODT and the Tribe.

Laura reported that Archuleta County has awarded a firm to design the bus facility.

Katie asked about moving the speed limits east of the Town of Bayfield. Julie replied that she would follow up. Katie described their pending work on Mill Street through the Main Street program. Nicol provided an update on the intersection at US 160.

Steve reported the safety issues that Dolores County is experiencing.

Mark reported the Town of Ignacio is working on SH 172. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is working on a fiber project. He added that the Transportation Commission received an update on the legislative session.

Rich reported the City of Cortez is doing a street rebuild and will include a Bustang stop. They are working with CDOT on possible improvements to the Pinion and Maple Street intersection.

Martin reported the Town of Pagosa Springs will be paving several roads. They will have a July 4 parade. They are looking at a lot of development. The pedestrian bridge was the first main component of their major planning project. He reported that he has accepted a new position.

Julie suggested inviting a representative from the State Patrol to the next TPR meeting to review their efforts related to speeding and enforcement. Matt reported that he has accepted a position at CDOT headquarters.

Sarah reported the City of Durango is waiting for utility clearance for their safety project. They are working on an extension for the transit capital project. They will be looking at redesign and construction for the Roosa Connect project next year. They will be issuing an RFP for the Main Street project. The issued an award for a parking study.

The meeting ended at 10:53 a.m.

# Southwest Colorado Council of Governments

Profit and Loss  
July 2021 - June 2022

	TOTAL
Income	
Grant Project Income	
CDOT Grants	
SWTPR Grant	2,184.92
<b>Total CDOT Grants</b>	<b>2,184.92</b>
<b>Total Grant Project Income</b>	<b>2,184.92</b>
Project Administration	
SWTPR	3,274.02
<b>Total Project Administration</b>	<b>3,274.02</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$5,458.94</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$5,458.94</b>
Expenses	
Administrative Costs	
Operating Expenses	
Information Technology (IT)	
Software	89.05
<b>Total Information Technology (IT)</b>	<b>89.05</b>
Office Supplies	80.41
Professional Fees	
Audit	812.50
<b>Total Professional Fees</b>	<b>812.50</b>
Rent	968.76
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>1,950.72</b>
Personnel Expense	
Insurance Expense	
Health	533.57
Worker's Compensation	57.66
<b>Total Insurance Expense</b>	<b>591.23</b>
Salary and Wages	3,114.08
457 Retirement	121.95
Car Allowance	7.80
Cell Phone Allowance	16.37
Payroll Processing Fee	64.13
Payroll Tax	242.93
<b>Total Salary and Wages</b>	<b>3,567.26</b>
<b>Total Personnel Expense</b>	<b>4,158.49</b>
<b>Total Administrative Costs</b>	<b>6,109.21</b>
Project Costs	
SWTPR Internet Connection	1,533.32
SWTPR Travel	1,131.72
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>2,665.04</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$8,774.25</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$ -3,315.31</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ -3,315.31</b>

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2829 W. Howard Place  
Denver CO 80204

DATE: 07/12/2022



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00001	96287 FY23 Rural Planning Assistance	AU 7001	22,100.00	1.00	22,100.00

**DOCUMENT TOTAL: 22,100.00**

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Date

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## **Southwest Transportation Planning Region – Letter of Support Request**

### **Project Summary:**

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.

Community Connections is the only not-for-profit organization and Community-Centered Board providing comprehensive services (eligibility and enrollment, case management and direct services) to a five-county area in Southwest Colorado. Community Connections provides services and supports to qualifying individuals with IDD based upon criteria outlined by Medicaid and the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

Transportation is among the services Community Connections provides to adults with IDD to afford them equal access to their community and is a foundation of achieving our 10-year strategic community inclusion and social integration goal. FTA funding will support 2023 daily operations of 3 - 5 vehicles to transport 75 people in Durango (~50) and Cortez (~25) between our day habilitation program sites and community-based activities, and for those who require more individualized personal care services such as rides to work, to doctors' appointments and to grocery shop.

### **Approximate amount to be requested:**

Approximately \$30,000 is being requested from CDOT.

### **Does the proposal have a regional impact?**

Yes, it will benefit residents of La Plata and Montezuma counties with intellectual and developmental disabilities who have no other way of getting their personal care needs met and or to participate in community activities like other people without disabilities.

### **Has the proponent consulted with agencies that might have jurisdiction over decisions that could impact the implementation of the proposal?**

In preparing an identical proposal together in the past (which was successful and received funding) Community Connections staff consulted with former SWCCOG E.D. Miriam Gillow-Wiles; CDOT staff, TJ Burr, Brodie Ayers, and Kim Phi; City of Durango, Acting Transportation Director Sarah Dodson; Southern Colorado Community Action Agency staff, Chloe Jackson and Peter Tregillus; and Martha Mason and Gordon South at SWCI/Southwest Rides about the scope of the project. They have answered questions about regional transportation needs, planning efforts, and 5310 funding. CDOT staff supported CCI applying indicating no Community-Centered Board has ever applied for operating funding, though we are eligible.

### **What is the impact on the region if the proposal succeeds? Fails?**

If the project succeeds, Community Connections will receive half of the funding necessary to operate our transportation program. If it fails, we will have to seek other funding sources to continue to operate the transportation program.

**In what areas of the region, if any, will the proposed activity take place?**

La Plata and Montezuma Counties.

**Is one or more SWTPR member working on a similar activity or goal?**

Southwest Rides and Durango Transit have similar goals to support the transportation needs of people with disabilities in Southwest Colorado, but these efforts are not duplicative.

**If so, does this letter of support potentially support or undermine the Member activity/goal?**

I don't think so. We provide distinct, not overlapping, services.

**What other agencies are you requesting a letter of support from?**

Region 9, La Plata County, Montezuma County, Southwest Center for Independence and The Arc of Southwest Colorado.



## **Southwest Transportation Planning Region – Letter of Support Request**

### **Project Summary:**

Durango Transit utilizes FTA Section 5310 Mobility Management funds to sustain operating expenses for the complementary paratransit service, the Opportunity Bus. Durango Transit uses the funding to improve mobility options primarily for people with disabilities, seniors and low-income earners, and to improve service efficiencies and reduce transportation costs in the Southwest Transportation Planning Region.

### **Approximate amount to be requested:**

Total project: \$94,631

Federal amount: \$75,705

Local: \$18,926

### **Does the proposal have a regional impact?**

Yes. The Opportunity Bus serves seniors within  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile of Durango city limits, and coordinates with regional service providers.

### **Has the proponent consulted with agencies that might have jurisdiction over decisions that could impact the implementation of the proposal?**

Yes

### **What is the impact on the region if the proposal succeeds? Fails?**

The Opportunity Bus is the largest public transit service provider for people with seniors and disabilities in the region, providing over 2500 rides per year. Those riders would not be able to be accommodated at the same level if this project is not funded.

### **In what areas of the region, if any, will the proposed activity take place?**

Durango, and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile outside of City limits

### **Is one or more SWTPR member working on a similar activity or goal?**

This public transit service does not overlap other transit service providers due to the nature of public availability and capacity.

### **If so, does this letter of support potentially support or undermine the Member activity/goal?**

N/A

### **What other agencies are you requesting a letter of support from?**

City of Durango, San Juan Basin Public Health, La Plata County, FLC, School District 9-R