

Southwest Colorado Transportation Planning Region (TPR)

Bylaws

ARTICLE I Responsibilities

The Regional Transportation Planning Commission shall be responsible for reviewing the progress and product of the Colorado Department of Transportation or their designee related to transportation planning and analysis activities to incorporate the needs and recommendations of the Southwest Transportation Planning Region, suggesting updates and amendments as necessary to the State Transportation Plan pursuant to all applicable federal, tribal, and state laws and rules or regulations including public participation provisions, selecting a representative to the Transportation Advisory Committee, and participating in the State Transportation Improvement Program development process.

ARTICLE II Representatives 1. Seats

The TPR shall consist of the following 18 seats:

1. Archuleta County
2. Dolores County
3. La Plata County
4. Montezuma County
5. San Juan County
6. City of Cortez
7. City of Durango
8. Town of Bayfield
9. Town of Dolores
10. Town of Dove Creek
11. Town of Ignacio
12. Town of Mancos
13. Town of Pagosa Springs
14. Town of Rico
15. Town of Silverton
16. Southern Ute Indian Tribe
17. Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe
18. Regional Transit Council

Each representative will identify an alternate. Only one vote per seat will be recognized.

3. Vacancies

If any TPR representative shall cease to hold office on the governing board or cease to hold his or her appointed position of its Member Jurisdiction, a vacancy shall exist, and the appointing Member Jurisdiction shall fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE III Officers 1. Officers

The TPR will elect a Chair and Vice Chair from among its representatives.

- A. **Chair:** The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the TPR.
- B. **Vice Chair:** The Vice Chair shall exercise the functions of the Chair in the Chair's absence or incapacity. In the event the Chairperson should resign from the TPR, or a vacancy is created, the Vice Chair shall assume the position until the next scheduled election. In the event the Vice Chair should resign from the TPR, or a vacancy is created, a special election will take place at the next scheduled TPR meeting.
- C. No person shall hold office if he/she is not a member, and no member shall hold more than one (1) office at a time.

2. Election of Officers:

- A. The officers shall be elected by vote at a regularly scheduled TPR meeting to serve a term of one year or until their successors are elected. Their term of office shall begin upon adjournment of the regular meeting during which the election took place. Officers may be elected to successive one-year terms as voted on by the representatives.
- B. Elections shall be held at the first TPR meeting of every year.
- C. There are no term limits for the Chair position.

3. Removal, Resignations and Vacancies of Officers

Any Officer elected by the Board may be removed at any time by the Board by a two-thirds vote. Any Officer may resign at any time by giving written notice of the Officer's resignation to the Chair or Vice Chair, and acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective unless the notice so provides. Any vacancy occurring in any Officer position shall be filled, by succession or by special election by the Board, for the unexpired portion of the term.

4. Duties of Officers

The Chair and Vice-Chair along with representatives of the two Tribes will attend monthly STAC meetings as able. The Chair will hold the SW Colorado vote at STAC meetings. In the Chair's absence, the Vice Chair will be able to vote. Once elected Chair, this person will be considered to represent regional interests and will only be able to vote in TPR meeting in the event of a tie. The governmental entity that appointed the person named Chair will be able to appoint a voting member to the TPR.

ARTICLE IV Meetings 1. Regular Meetings

A regular meeting of the TPR shall be held on the second Thursday of even numbered months (February, April, June, August, October, December). Meetings will be held at the CDOT Training Room, 20581 US Highway 160 West, Durango, CO between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., unless otherwise noted in the meeting agenda, and will include a conference call option for participants who wish to call in. With prior approval of the TPR board, representatives may vote via electronic means. All Board and committee meetings shall be open to the public and interested participants are encouraged to attend. All Board and committee meetings shall comply with the Colorado Open Meetings Law, C.R.S. 24-6-401 et seq, or any successor statute thereto. Executive sessions may be held in compliance with the Colorado Open Meetings Law, or any successor statute thereto.

2. Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the Chair or with a request made by most of the representatives.

3. Public Notice of Meetings

Public notices of meetings will be posted at the Region 9 office and website and shall otherwise comply with the Colorado Open Meetings Law.

ARTICLE V Voting 1. Vote

Decisions will be made through consensus whenever possible. If a vote is needed, a motion may be passed by a simple majority of votes cast by the TPR members in attendance.

2. Allocation of Voting Rights

A Member Jurisdiction's representative shall be entitled to one (1) vote on all matters that may be cast by the representative or alternate representative if the representative is absent. Advisory Members' representatives are not entitled to vote.

3. Quorum

A quorum shall consist of 9 (nine) members.

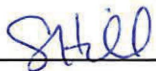
ARTICLE VI Committees

The direction and authority of subgroups or committees will be determined upon their formation.

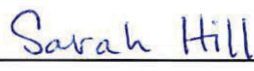
ARTICLE VII Amendment

These Bylaws may be amended by 2/3 majority vote of the representatives present in either regular or special session.

Amended: February 8, 2024



Chair signature



Chair's printed name