

**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.