

Southwest Transportation Planning Region Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 9:00 am

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

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

Meeting ID: 894 6842 0554

A. Introductions

X	Brian Peckins	City of Cortez	X	Mike Torres	Archuleta County
X	Kevin Kissler	City of Cortez Alt.	X	Andrew Mylorie	Archuleta County
X	Sarah Hill	City of Durango	X	Emily Barden	CDOT
X	Phil Von Hake	CDOT	X	Jennifer Allison	CDOT
X	Clyde Church	La Plata County	X	Christa Curtiss	CDOT
X	George Tripp	CDOT	X	Darius Pakbaz	CDOT
X	Brendon Adams	Ute Mountain Ute	X	Timothy Funk	CDOT
X	David Harris	Town of Pagosa Springs	X	TJ Burr	CDOT
X	Derek McCoy	Town of Bayfield	X	Michael Snow	CDOT
X	Scott Hahn	Town of Bayfield	X	Erik Sabina	CDOT
X	Mark Garcia	Town of Ignacio	X	Jamie Grim	CDOT
X	Heather Alvarez	Town of Mancos Alt.	X	Christa Curtiss	CDOT
X	Stephen Mead	Town of Silverton	X	Spencer York	CDOT
X	Travis Anderson	Montezuma County	X	Cameryn Cass	CDOT
X	Keith Dunning	Transit Council Rep.	X	John Whitney	Senator Bennet's Office
X	Ian Roberson	CDOT	X	Warren Brown	Archuleta County
X	Jim Candelaria	Montezuma County	X	Alisa Schultz	Dolores County
X	Shak Powers	Region 9 EDD	X	Laura Lewis Marchino	Region 9 EDD
X	Elizabeth Heine	Region 9 EDD	X	Lisa Pool	Senator Hickenlooper's Office

Heather Alvarez called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

B. Consent Agenda

1. Previous Meeting Minutes' approval from December 12, 2024

Motion from: Sarah Hill to approve all minutes as presented.

Second: Jim Candelaria ; Motion passed unanimously.

C. Public Comment - None

D. Reports

1. STAC Update – Sarah Hill

-At the STAC meeting there was a lot of conversation regarding the loftiness of goals and the current lack of funding to achieve them.

-The minutes from this meeting was provided to the SWTPR for further information.

2. **Transportation Commissioner Report – Mark Garcia**
 - Funding for the 10 year plan was discussed as well as general monthly budgets.
3. **Congressional Updates – Lisa Pool, John Whitney, and Jamie Grim**
 - The new administration has brought some interesting discussions and ultimately will affect transportation funds.
 - There is no current freezing of funds for transportation that they are aware of.
 - Conversation will begin with congressional directed spending opportunities which may or not be happening this year.
 - Grant confirmations have been going on to ensure that grants that were awarded are also being distributed.

E. Decision/Discussion Items

1. Rural RTP Development Scheduled Meeting #3 – Transportation Priorities – Spencer York

York went over the last meeting's topics like that the regional plans will get incorporated into the statewide vision. The 2050 Draft Priority Project List needs to be voted on and confirmed. Noted that the completed projects were removed from the list and then the list was backfilled with projects that the SWTPR scoring subcommittee thought were the highest priorities. The hope for this list is that it will feed into the 10 year plan. Noted not all of these projects will make it on the 10 year plan due to a lack of funding.

a. Discussion of Draft Priority Project List

- There questions about the order of the list, specifically from Montezuma County.
- There was confusion surrounding the transit project priorities. All Transit Council members will need to submit their top three priorities to Shak, with the exception of brand new projects. Already scored projects will not be rescored.
- The April meeting is the deadline for having this draft approved by the SWTPR. Shak Powers will follow up with an email regarding a timeline and expectations.
- The Scoring Committee will meet on March 31st after the Transit Council meets. There was an open invite for SWTPR members to join the Scoring Committee. Andrew Mylorie and Travis Anderson joined the subcommittee.

2. MMOF Project recommendations

Further information of each of the MMOF projects were provided to the board for review. Below is a summary of each project.

- a. **Durango – Sarah Hill** – The pilot phase of the evening micro-transit service is ending soon. The evening micro-transit service provides transportation from 5pm-12am in Durango city limits. The City of Durango is needing additional funding to continue running the program. They have 1200-1500 riders per month and their goal of getting low-income service workers to and from work is being achieved.
- b. **Montezuma – Jim Candelaria** – The project scope is preliminary construction on a 7 mile bike path connecting Mancos and Mesa Verde National Park.
- c. **Roadrunner – Shak Powers** - In house maintenance for several of their current vehicles.
- d. **Silverton – Stephen Mead** – Their project is a need to match TAP funds for the Blair Street Revitalization. The funds will be used to update the designs to meet CDOT's required standards.

F. Other Business

1. Next Meeting: April 10, 2025

G. Adjourn

Heather Alvarez, Chair, adjourned the meeting at **10:15am.**

Minutes provided by Elizabeth Heine

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Region 9 Economic Development District
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
From 7/1/2024 Through 3/31/2025

		<u>TPR</u>		
Operating Revenue				
Grants - Program	4020		<u>9,249.84</u>	
Total Operating Revenue			<u>9,249.84</u>	
 Total Revenue			 <u>9,249.84</u>	
 Expenditures				
Wages	5110	8,889.46		
Payroll taxes	5120	734.49		
Retirement Expense	5135	264.34		
Health Expense	5150	1,218.34		
Travel	5510	422.16		
Meetings	5512	763.68		
Internet, Computer Expense, & Soft...	5527	307.33		
Postage and Delivery	5532	0.63		
Supplies	5550	68.83		
Total Expenditures			<u>12,669.26</u>	
 Net Revenue Over Expenditures			 <u><u>(3,419.42)</u></u>	

Southwest TPR 2050 Regional Transportation Plan Priority Projects

TPR Planning Project ID	Project Type	State Highway	Project Name	Project Description
1303	Highway	US 160	US 160 Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Infrastructure	This project will install fiber-optics and ITS devices between Durango and the Wolf Creek Pass Tunnel.
1334	Highway	US 160	US 160 Elmore's Corner East to Dry Creek	This project will complete the improvements consistent with the Environmental Impact Statement, which includes widening, access improvements, and wildlife mitigation. This project will also improve the intersection of US 160 and CR 225A and may include a roundabout and safety improvements. Project also includes the addition of passing opportunity or other mobility improvements such as turn lanes between CR 225 and Dry Creek. Work in this segment would also include safety improvements such as shoulder widening, and may include underpass, deer fencing, jump outs and deer guards.
2087	Highway	US 160	Intersection Improvements at US 160 and CR 30.1 (Phil's World)	This project will improve the intersection of US 160 and CR 30.1, the entrance to Phil's World, a nationally renowned mountain biking area. Improvements may include turn, deceleration, and acceleration lanes.

1338	Highway	US 160	US 160: Dry Creek Passing and Mobility Improvements	Addition of two eastbound lanes making it a divided 4-lane highway, with two new structures on mainline in each direction and realignment of CR 223. The project also includes shoulder widening and access consolidation.
2089	Highway	US 160	Wildlife Mitigation on US 160 between Cortez and Durango (near CR 30.1)	This project includes wildlife fencing and underpass, brush removal, sight distance improvements between Cortez and Durango (near CR 30.1).
1371	Highway	US 550	1371 US 550 South Gap 302-Sunnyside	Reconstruction to four lanes, including drainage, utilities, large and small mammal crossings, and intersection improvements.
Pending	Highway	US 160, US 491	US 160 & 491 Intersection Improvement	"New intersection with traffic signal at HWY 160 and HWY 491 intersection. This intersection assumes that HWY 160 continues straight to the west and ties into HWY 491 at a 90 degree angle. Close Pinon Drive and existing intersection of HWY 160 and HWY 491 to the south of new intersection. New roadway is 5 lanes (2 travel lanes in each direction and a median)."
Pending	Highway	US 160	Paving/Chipseal of CDOT owned Highways and Frontage Roads in Mancos	Paving of CDOT highways and frontage roads within town limits. There are approximately 4.2 miles of highway and frontage roads.
2088	Highway	SH 172	SH 172, Relocation/Improvement of CR 309 Intersection	Improvement of the SH 172 and CR 309 intersection that accesses the Durango/La Plata County Airport

1359	Highway	US 550	Multimodal crossing of US HWY 550/160 - Camino Crossing at 12th Street	This project will construct a below grade-separated crossing (underpass) of US Hwy 550 (Camino del Rio) and 12th Street to improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians and bicyclists. A feasibility study was conducted in 2020 to determine the most feasible location and type of crossing along Camino del Rio, which has an approximate ADT of 34,000. Design is currently funded and underway.
Pending	Highway	US 160	Multimodal Safety Improvements Highway 160 West (Twin Buttes to Roosa Ave)	This project will create a shared use path along Highway 160 West from Roosa Avenue to Twin Buttes Avenue as well as create pedestrian and cyclist crossings along the corridor. There are no crossings for pedestrians or cyclists along this approximately 1.5 mile stretch of highway and this project would improve connectivity and safety for vulnerable users. Additionally, this corridor has multiple affordable housing units and is the main artery into employment and service centers.
Pending	Highway	US 160	Mancos Sidewalks	Installation of sidewalks on Hwy 160 from Hwy 184B/Main Street intersection east to town limits. Increased pedestrian traffic, including children, are walking directly adjacent to the highway as there are no sidewalks at this location. Project does include 5' sidewalks, curb and gutter, several ramps and driveways.
2106	Highway	US 491	US 491 & Mike Wash Intersection Safety Improvements	Safety improvements of the US 491 and Mike Wash Intersection. Round About intersection improvement

2105	Highway	US 491	2105 3 Lane US491	Addition of passing lanes along US 491. - NB and SB one-mile passing lanes, accel/decel, turn lanes as needed.
2493	Transit	SH 145, US 160	Outrider Improvements in Cortez, Dolores, and Rico	Stop and shelter improvements in Durango, Mancos, Cortez, Dolores, and Rico. Stop and shelter locations are all located along the Outrider Durango to Grand Junction route.
2523	Transit	US 160	Bus Service between Pagosa Springs and Durango	This project would provide bus service between Pagosa Springs and Durango. Service would provide one roundtrip per day, 365 days/year. This project cost includes the purchase of vehicles and 10 years of operating costs.
1058	Transit	US 160, US 491	Essential Bus Service between Durango and Dove Creek	Bus service between Durango and Dove Creek. Assumes one roundtrip per day 365 days/year, purchase of 2 vehicles. Cost based on \$4.20 per mile.
1060	Transit	US 160, US 550	Durango Zone 7 Transit Expansion	Durango Transit route expansion from City limits to Durango/La Plata County Airport. Durango Transit route expansion from City limits to Hermosa, Durango West, Hesperus and Edgemont.
1332	Transit	US 160	1332 Archuleta Park/Ride	It will include a bus shelter and aid the community in getting access to jobs, medical facilities, and shopping. The proposed park and ride facility will include the following features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · ADA-compliant parking facility to accommodate 30 vehicles. · Well-lit secure area to ensure safety of users. · Easy access to major bus routes and seamless connection to the city's public transportation

				<p>system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Amenities such as electric vehicle charging stations, shelters, waiting areas, and bicycle storage.
1369	Transit	US 550	Durango Transit Bus Barn with Transit 7 Facilities Electrification Upgrades	Identified Durango Transit capital need -- with Transit 7 Facilities Electrification Upgrades