

## TAC Meeting Notes February 8, 2017

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**Attendees:** Todd Hollenbeck, Dean Bressler, Kathy Young, Mark Rogers, Mike Vanderhoof, Sam Atkins, Frank Watt, Jody Kliska, Steve Tomlinson, Dave Thornton, Paul Jagim, Michael King, Ron Quarles, Trent Prall, Dave Lehmann

Via telephone conference: None

**Meeting called to order: 3:00pm**

### **Information/Discussion Items:**

1. Safe Routes to School Presentation – Jody Kliska, RTPO  
Providing everyone an update on the grant. See PDF of presentation given to principals at all the schools. Raised \$500 to date on the gofundme account, proceeds to be used for purchasing bicycle helmets to be given to D51 students. See powerpoint presentation of mapping presentation. This presentation only reflects 8 of all the schools mapped. Met with GIS staff with both Mesa County and City of Grand Junction and discussed how to keep this data alive and available to the schools through a URL. Another option is a tool on the ESRI site where a parent can enter their address and plot the optimal route. GIS staff are seeing how to accomplish this without too much staff time being required.

How much ridership was gained from the GVT passes given out to the students?  
Do all the schools have bike racks available? This was surveyed.

2. CDOT Freight & Design Request – Mark Rogers, CDOT  
See handout. 2016-2017 funds are available now. Grand Valley MPO \$3 million would be for design and PE. Region Wide project is for trucker parking on west end of Glenwood Canyon as truckers pile up when Glenwood Canyon gets closed. Bike/Ped improvements are being looked at as part of the Palisade Curves project.

STAC discussion where some of the elected officials said they didn't know anything about this but staff were aware and involved in the process.

Expect to know what will be funded within six weeks.

Design fund of potential \$4 million for each region. Transportation Commission had leftover contingency funding that they were going to release and RTD's said we could use some for design to get projects shovel ready. See handout. CDOT reviewed all

their “shelf” projects that didn’t have design and could get our rather quickly. Projects within GVMPO are mostly already “shelf” ready or already designed.

3. TDM Oversight Committee Update – Dean Bressler, RTPO  
Committee met in January 2017 and reviewed the 2040 model and 2035 model. Agreed to continue to work off of the 2040 model and plan, with no valid reasons to go back to the 2035 model. Also discussed development of the 2045 model which will happen within the next year amongst staff.

US 6 Palisade G Rd. to 37.1. What could be done in this segment particularly regarding the high school? Palisade received clarification from CDOT. How flow from HS would affect the median. Cost would be around \$5,000 for a study CDOT needs for which the Town is pursuing consultant services. Need better coordination with the school regarding circulation.

4. Section 405C Grants, State Traffic Safety Information System Improvement – Dean Bressler, RTPO  
<https://www.codot.gov/library/traffic/safety-crash-data/408-traffic-records-program>  
Funding made available by NHTSA. Follow-up from discussion in December TAC meeting. Way to accurately collect crash data. Need GPS software that gives lat/long coordinates for crash sites. Staff will be contacting Co. Dept. of Public Safety to see if they may be doing something.

5. CDOT RoadX Bicycle and Pedestrian Challenge – Dean Bressler, RTPO  
<https://www.imagineco.us/en/challenge/roadx-bicycle-pedestrian-challenge>  
Staff contacted Betsy Jacobson at CDOT about not getting this out to partners. Link is difficult to access depending upon how trying to access it. CMU working with students trying to put something together. Georgann Jouflas may have a class that’s interested....CMU will be having a meeting tomorrow about this. Applications due 2/27.

**Other Business:**

None

**Representative Updates:**

**Ron Quarles**-Town of Palisade annexed 18 acres east of town, former Palisade Greenhouse, proposed for 90+ RV site. Exit 42 anticipate development and annexation application this week or next for a Travel Center/Gas Station/Convenient Store. Brewery is relocating.

**Mike Vanderhoof**-wondering what the modeling effect to see what kind of development is going on and where would be interesting.

**Mike King**-CDOT is putting together statewide travel demand model using State Demography Office of DOLA. Should align local efforts with CDOT statewide model. What if there is a conflict with State model and MPO model? Process will be to always defer to MPO model. Volkswagen Settlement still proceeding. Lot of support for alternative fuel. 15% cap on electric vehicles and get as close to that cap as possible. Vehicle conversions was priority including buses. CDPHE will be putting together a draft plan and out for public comment. There will be a geographic equity distribution.

**David Lehmann**-Has anyone heard of the Safe Stop Law that Idaho has. Bikes have to yield at a stop sign and stop at stop lights. Proposed in Colorado but shot down by legislative committee in Colorado. Data shows this may be safer than how things are now.

**Jody Kliska**-There is an engineering competition at 3pm Friday at the rugby field at CMU. Construction of a trebuchet.

**Paul Jagim**-B ½ Road overpass project is complete to the point where it is open. Need fencing and will be done 2/20. Bids were open last week for the 1<sup>st</sup> St. Ouray to North Ave. project. MA concrete was lowest bidder. \$2.1 million bid with \$3 million budgeted. Break ground late February with completion by mid July. Working internally on planning documents for the Grand Valley Circulation Plan and Urban Trails Master Plan. These need to be updated and will be combined. Staff will be presenting this to Planning Commission on 2/16 and start public open houses in April. Provide a presentation to GVRTC later this month. Will only use canals if it's the most strategic option, and only through coordination with irrigators and property owners. If other options available, then will utilize those and not canals.

**Frank Watt**-thanked staff for the support on Outdoor Heritage Days and travel training for GVT in Palisade. AARP meeting yesterday about age friendly community. Very transportation focused. Fruita and Palisade were there but not Mesa County or City of Grand Junction.

**Sam Atkins**-Fruita City Council approved gateway concept plan. Have a plan but no money. Have a vision on how residents, leadership, and staff want the entrance to city to look. Overlay projects for 2017 bids on 3/3. Kokopelli trail working through BLM process.

**Kathy Young**-started receiving the 8 new buses this week.

**Mark Rogers**-2018-2021 STIP due ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2017.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 4:54pm