

**T.A.C. Meeting Notes**  
**June 14, 2017**

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**Attendees:** Todd Hollenbeck, Dean Bressler, Biz Collins, Kathy Young, Sam Atkins, John Hodge, Tim Kirby, Scott Mai, Frank Watt, Mark Rogers, David Lehmann, Kristina Kittelson, David Thornton, Tamra Allen, Trent Prall, Ron Quarles, Dan Thao

Via telephone conference: None

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

**Information/Discussion Items:**

1. Project Updates – Mark Rogers, CDOT
  - CO 65 Exit 49-gone to ad. Bids are due next Thursday.
  - Upcoming phases of I-70B – awarded and had preconstruction meeting last week. Awarded to United and was within budget. Scope is American Way and up to 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Had some bid savings of about \$300,000 and that would have come out of FY18, not sure if need a TIP amendment. These are FASTER safety funds that will stay in Region 3.
  - SB 267 Project List – reduced to \$1.8 billion and probably expect a reduction to \$250 million for Region 3. CDOT is looking at smaller projects that could be funded.
  - Telephone townhall meeting on Monday. Had calls regarding Redlands roundabout. Had over 4000 people on the phone at one point. How can GJ get more funding? The issues with I-70 and Hwy 50 bumps in the road (failed compaction issues). Hwy 139 received some questions.
2. CDOT Performance Management – Tim Kirby, CDOT & Dean Bressler, RTPO  
FHWA Fact Sheet [https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/hsip/spm/mpo\\_factsheet.cfm](https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/hsip/spm/mpo_factsheet.cfm)  
See presentation. This is the same presentation given to STAC two months ago but abbreviated slightly by removing trend data. Goal is zero deaths but what is realistic. If targets are not met there is potential for FHWA to become very prescriptive with HSIP funding, CDOT may not maintain control of HSIP funding program.
3. 2018-2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Todd Hollenbeck, RTPO  
<http://rtpo.mesacounty.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=27213&libID=27358>  
Document put together every two years that outlines our responsibilities and identifies our projects for the two year period. Please review in case there is something missing. Will go before GVRTC this month for adoption.
4. US Highway 6, Palisade, recent traffic analyses and update – Frank Watt, Town of Palisade  
See presentation. Increase the priority of improvements on Hwy 6. It is unknown at this time how marijuana industry may or may not affect traffic.

District 51 is looking at a bonding issue to reconfigure parking lot to improve access and parking lot.

Town's vision is to improve this corridor for the residents, students as well as the tourists and make it multimodal.

The only funding this would qualify for is RPP. Due to a lack of documented crashes, doesn't qualify for HSIP or FASTER Safety. What about SRTS for infrastructure funds? Need to have really good scope and estimate. Could do it in phases with SRTS grant. Do most critical phase first. NOFA for SRTS should come out in Aug/Sept with deadline being Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. 20% match is required. Possible transit funding since there is a stop at Palisade High School.

5. Road to the 2020 Census – Dean Bressler, RTPO

Save the Date: September 12, 2017

There will be a morning meeting with agency staff and the public meeting before or after that, either the evening of September 11 or 12, to be confirmed. Census contacted MPO directly. Want to inform us what's to come with the 2020 census. Colorado is likely to get another congressional seat based on the results of the 2020 census.

6. TIGER Program – Dean Bressler, RTPO

<https://www.transportation.gov/tiger>

Funding may or may not be available; we'll be tracking this with CDOT. See spreadsheet which reflects large % of funds that a majority of 2016 applicants committed to match Tiger grant funds. That trend suggests that future applications should include a match in the range of 50% or greater to get serious consideration.

**Other Business:**

**Representative Updates:**

Dan Thao – 770 riders for JUCO down from 2016 (776). Longest stretch of no preventable incidents, 81 days.

Scott Mai - Red Canyon pedestrian bridge on Hwy 340 is wrapped up and open. Rails will be repainted. 29 Road bridge underpass is in design, planned to construct late in 2017, due to funding issues it may need to be pushed out to 2018 or 2019. Bosley Wash is getting attention to reduce flooding, dam safety folks refuted design.

Dave Thornton - 1<sup>st</sup> Street will be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Overlays currently underway. Amphitheater opening is July 6. Ribbon cutting for pedestrian pathway on B ½ Road overpass and Hwy 50 is this Friday, June 16.

Frank Watt – Palisade Plunge was not selected for GOCO funding. It was suggested that the original schedule should be adhered to ensure next year's grant is ready to go.

Tamra Allen – Came from a position with Garfield County. Looking forward to working with TAC members. Joined the City of Grand Junction 5 weeks ago. She would like to be added to the TAC and GVRTC email list.

John Hodge – Fruita question – signing on street connection between western terminus of RFT to Little Salt Wash Trail (involves crossing Highway 340). Probably a different route for pedestrians than

bicyclists. This would also allow connection to Loma on the off-street trail. Dean RTPO will share this comment with Ture, Ken, and Sam Atkins. Andy Staley and Zane are the CDOT contacts.

Biz Collins – Fit to Drive campaign ongoing targeting drivers 65 years and older to seek alternative transportation options like public transit. Strategic Plan ongoing more materials to follow on public open houses this month. GVT is holding travel training programs in June and July. Urban Trails Committee has decided to hold an Open Streets Event on Saturday, October 7, more details to follow.

Kristina Kittleson – At the last meeting it was mentioned that coordinated efforts between motorized and bicycling will help TAC. She contacted Dan Grunig at Bicycle Colorado to get them involved. June is Colorado Bike Month, many activities planned throughout the month, see [healthymesacounty.org](http://healthymesacounty.org) for complete schedule and details.

Dean Bressler – Made announcements for upcoming public outreach for transportation related projects. Ribbon Cutting on B ½ Road, Monument Corridor Design, Palisade Plunge Trail. TAC multimodal subcommittee met once separately from the group, planning to continue combined and separate meetings with this group and invite more representatives from the multimodal population – people with disabilities, Kristina made a suggestion and will follow up with Dean.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 4:49pm