

T.A.C. Meeting Notes
March 8, 2017

Attendees: Todd Hollenbeck, Dean Bressler, Kathy Young, Biz Collins, Dan Thao, Zane Znamenacek, Sean Yeates, Mark Rogers, Ron Quarles, David Lehmann, Trent Prall, Tim Kirby, Scott Mai, Paul Jagim, Jason Smith

Via telephone conference: None

Meeting called to order: 3:01pm

Information/Discussion Items:

1. 340 Redlands Roundabout, discussion of recent public comments; follow up, as appropriate – Zane Znamenacek, CDOT, Todd Hollenbeck, GVMPO

Based on the last GVRTC meeting, there were several members (7 members) of the public that wanted to discuss this project as they were not in favor of it. After going back and talking to CDOT about how much public outreach has already gone into this project- not only the public meetings, GVRTC meetings, and meetings with Redlands residents-is there a need for another public meeting or workshop? Staff is still collecting information to determine what's the best next step with the hopes to satisfy the residents who attended the GVRTC meeting knowing we may not be able to satisfy everyone. This project is already in the TIP and well on its way. Need to define the goals of the next meeting so expectations are reasonable.

2. Draft TIP amendments (new awards for FTA 5310, FTA 5339; additional funds for Palisade Curves, US 6 at 22 Rd) – Todd Hollenbeck, GVMPO

Staff will be working on rolling the current TIP forward to the next four-year rolling TIP in April or soon after. Need to ensure the newly awarded transit grants for 5310 for Family Health West and 5339 for GVT are included. Could do an administrative process for the TIP amendment for 5310 & 5339. Palisade Curves and US 6 at 22 Rd will be funded with 2017 state money.

3. Multi-modal Transportation Advocates: further organizing our outreach efforts, TAC roles and contacts at advocacy groups – Dean Bressler, GVMPO

Discussion about how agencies are assigning multi-modal roles came up at the last GVRTC meeting. Kathy Hall and David Eller have heard from bike/ped advocates lately and all agencies need to broaden projects to ensure to include multi-modal transportation. We already have a committee to be more responsive to the public with the TAC, GVRTC, CDOT, and at each municipal office. Agencies need to identify who the point of contact is for multi-modal components of infrastructure projects and share that information with each other

so we know where to guide advocates. MPO staff talked to Betsy Jacobson to identify who the multimodal coordinators are for CDOT Region 3. Mark Rogers is Multimodal planner/coordinator, Steve Olson is Program Engineer (Glenwood Springs), Bop Moore is asset management. Bop is working on inventorying curb/wheelchair ramps. Is there room at each TAC meeting for all the interested parties? It is probably not necessary for them to attend every TAC meeting but they are welcomed to attend. Did Steve look at Redlands 340 Transportation System Management & Operations (TSMO) objectives? No, Zane's office would have done that. TSMO assessments weren't required until fairly recently. Long term vision is for a designated as the bike/ped contact at a lower level than Steve. Not optimal organizational structure just yet.

Look to Mark Rogers, Zane, or Jason Smith to involve Steve or Bop in the future planning of projects, as appropriate. CDOT has a customer service line, input received here would be forwarded to appropriate CDOT staff and the process is tracked and reported on.

Sometimes the input staff receives varies from advocacy group to advocacy group. What are the overall desires of the biking community and walking community as a whole?

There was a letter sent to Kathy Hall, stating the Mesa County Bicycling Alliance reached out to Region 3 and were not getting a response so reaching out to her. Who is the go to person for Region 3? Maybe refer them to TAC meeting unless it is specific to a specific person at CDOT.

Need to invite those groups to come in and speak, whether that's quarterly or every 6 months where questions can be asked and answered from public and agency sides.

In cases where it is appropriate for the public to contact CDOT directly, CDOT has a customer service line and there is tracking and reporting on this, or contact Mark Rogers. City of Grand Junction has a fix it link on their website that is tracked and reported.

If there are issues that need addressed or discussed have it as an agenda item on the TAC. Need to have an educational piece to individuals or groups that have items to discuss so they have an understanding about the planning, funding, etc.

Is there a way to generate revenue for bicycle improvements? There are some communities who have limited amounts of funding they generate. Should this be brought up to the bicycle groups? May not go over well with the bike shops to have to collect another tax.

4. Monument Road Shared-Use Path and Lunch Loops Trailhead – Trent Prall, City of Grand Junction

Mesa Land Trust (MLT) has a grant with the National Park Service to provide assistance through the Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance Program. This week MLT is hosting a series of meetings with focus groups. Visioning work to figure out what users and general public want things to look like. Take initial ideas from focus groups and present to larger public meetings in April/May. The City of Grand Junction, Bureau of Land Management, GVMPO, Mesa County, and MLT are all partners in the planning process.

Other Business:

None

Representative Updates:

Zane Znamenacek-moving forward with signal improvements on Hwy 141 in 2020. County awarded HES grants for three projects. Colonial Drive was not awarded so looking into other options for improvements but to a lesser extent. County looking at getting a cost estimate for the smaller/shorter project which would entail a bypass lane and not full turn lanes.

Dan Thao-work on getting efficiency particularly with GVT Paratransit. Working on improving ridership with Fruita and Palisade routes with travel training classes.

Jason Smith-I-70B North Ave project will go to bid in two weeks. Exit 49 improvements still planned for mid summer. Working on getting budget to line up with the estimate on this project. Bridge improvements on Hwy 141 South of D Road will take place later this fall. Hwy 65 improvements start as soon as weather permits. Palisade curves 30% design by Dec 2019 is the goal. Then figure out funding from there. Parsons under contract for Hwy 340 for shoulder improvement design between approximately milepost 6 & 6.5. 20 Road intersection out to bid by December 2018 is the goal. Douglas Pass- nothing going on this year. Doing an overlay design up on top around \$5 million. Scoping work from milepost 24 and see how far it can go up the mountain. Hwy 340 and Redlands Parkway advertising date is September 2017, with utility work throughout the winter and construction starting after school is out is the plan.

Biz Collins-GVT is preparing 8 new buses for revenue service, with first one being placed into service tomorrow. New system maps are available. Discussion of interest at vendor fair for employee's family members receiving discounted passes under the existing GVRTC policy. Colorado Bike to Work month is June.

David Lehmann-Urban Trails Committee has 8-10 projects that the Committee is prioritizing this year and has also been a part of the Grand Valley Circulation Plan update that is going forward this year with the City of Grand Junction.

Mark Rogers-US 6 at 22 Road is \$500,000 for design.

Trent Prall- 1st Street is going well. B ½ Road fencing is about half way done and will be completed next week. Mountain Valley did a good job just waited too long to order the fencing. Sewer projects starting all over the area. Horizon drive crash data has been sent to CDOT. Strategic planning workshop won't happened until May/June and City Council will prioritize top 10 projects which will allow staff to be able to go after grants for these and they'll find the local match. Devolution discussion about having concepts for strategic plan. All of Hwy 340, Hwy 6 B North Ave, 6C Clifton to Palisade. Trade these for 29 Road interchange and 29 Road.

Scott Mai-Bridge work at 29 ½ Road is going well. There are two bridge projects on 16 Road that are on schedule. Received grant to work with Palisade on the Plunge. 2nd phase of Hwy 330 project with left over funds. Putting sidewalk under 29 Road bridge at 90% plans. Completion expected this year. Pedestrian crossing bridge on Hwy 340 going well and will have to close a lane to set the bridge next week.

Ron Quarles-Board of Trustees approved half a million for sewer improvements on North River Road and \$17,000 along Peach Avenue sidewalk improvements. Grand Valley Drainage District is also participating. SGM was given the notice to proceed on transportation needs analysis on US 6 from G Road to 27.1 Road.

Paul Jagim-wanted to thank CDOT for assisting in maintaining and upgrading signal network. CDOT helped out with purchasing 30+ controllers to communicating with new system. City will focus on turning counts. Traffic signal at 29 Road and Unawep Avenue will be built later this year.

Dean Bressler-Western Colorado Conservation Corp have a place in MAP-21 and FAST Act to utilize them and include in contracts. Needs to be part of bid package if going to utilize them.

Tim Kirby-HSEP awards went out. Traffic Incident Management presentation at STAC. Advance techniques to clearing accidents is really working. There will be a survey coming out and please fill it out. Revenue Projections and Program Projections for next 25 years will look like and what assumptions there are. Colorado Road Usage Charge presentation to GVRTC couple weeks ago.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:39pm