



Mesa County Regional Transportation Planning Office

GVRTC Minutes for February 24, 2020

Attendees: Rob Beck, Dana Brosig, Karla Distel, Keith Todd, Dean Bressler, Kathy Young, Jason Smith, Michael Goolsby, Elise Thatcher, Mark Rogers, Andy Gingerich, Sarah Brooks, Todd Hollenbeck, Trent Prall, Matt Lemon, Valdon Lewis, Scott Mai, Ken Haley, Greg Caton,

Roll Call: David Karisny, Chair – Fruita, called the meeting to order. Scott McInnis – Mesa County, Roger Granat – Town of Palisade and Phyllis Norris – City of Grand Junction are present.

Call Meeting to Order: 3:02p.m.

Changes to the Agenda: None

Presentations: None

Member Representative Remarks: None

Transportation Commissioner Update:

The Transportation Commission chose to not vote on RPP formula recommended by STAC and will most likely discuss the RPP formula in March or April 2020. Working on another transportation funding ballot initiative for next year.

CDOT Region 3 Update:

SB267 projects with the main locations being the US 6 corridor from Fruita to Palisade. There are five separate projects and three are already in the works through the 4 year plan. The projects have been in design and now have construction funding.

- 20 Road intersection-signal and turn lanes, redesign geometry of the intersection, as well as line up north and south lanes.
- Clifton project-two roundabouts with full rebuild including drainage, new utilities, sidewalks, curb & gutters, and lighting. CDOT has acquired property for detention pond.
- North Avenue-center turn lane/median work and change to some of the access control points. Project is from 1st Street to 30 Road. This will also include repaving and plan to advertise in 2021
- US 6- 21-22 Rd - Capacity improvements by adding lanes east and west bound. This project still needs the scope finalized and involves the railroad so do not know what the delivery date is. Maybe 2023.
- Hwy 50 Grand Junction to Delta-will include repairs to various sections and CDOT is working to identify the scope as CDOT will not be able to repair the entire stretch of road. Trying to identify the worst sections along with available surface treatment funding.
- I-70B-south of Rood Avenue improvements, which is Phase 6. CDOT is just starting the design process and delivery by 2023 hopefully.

- If there is any left over money, the plan is to study the safety of Hwy 6 from Clifton to Palisade. Then work on design.

Approval of Minutes

1. Adopt the minutes from the December 9, 2019 GVRTC Meeting.

David Karisny asked for a motion. Roger Granat so moved and Phyllis Norris submitted a request to 2nd the motion. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

Consent Item(s)

The Consent Agenda is intended to allow the Committee to spend its time on more complex items. These items are generally perceived as non-controversial and can be approved by a single motion. The public or Committee Members may ask that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration.

2. Adopting Resolution #2020-001 setting targets by supporting the 2016-2020 targets established by the Colorado Department of Transportation for the Safety Performance Measures and authorizing the Chair to sign – Dean Bressler, RTPO

Concern with Air Quality in 2nd Whereas within the resolution and how this may affect Mesa County in the future. The resolution from last year was for PM2 & PM3, included air quality and this was struck. This whereas clause captures broader federal regulations. Is this required within this resolution? Already mandated? Yes it's mandated. Exact language maybe not. We shouldn't sign on to more than we need to. Board would like air quality language removed if not required. Staff agreed to remove the air quality language since it is not required in the safety target setting resolution.

David Karisny asked for a motion. Scott McInnis so moved and Roger Granat submitted a request to 2nd the motion. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

Individual Consideration Item(s)

Please limit public comment to a maximum of five (5) minutes per speaker (unless otherwise restricted by the Chair).

3. Adopting the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan and the Transit and Human Services Coordination Plan by approving Resolution #2020-002 and authorizing the Chair to sign– Dana Brosig, RTPO

See power point presentation. Future UPWP's will include the goals coming out of RTP. Report back to GVRTC of what has been accomplished each year. Growth is still projected to increase but not as quickly as reported in 2040 plan. Projected 2045 population is nearly identical to the projected 2040 population in the 2040 RTP.

Discussion of the STIP budget funding for 1-4 years is what is actually available versus 5-25 years. Once Transportation Commission acts on the RPP funding, staff will be able to update/revise. 5-10 years of \$300 million is what MPO and TRP's currently receive in CDOT Region 3. This is more realistic funding scenario and if get additional funding, then CDOT would come back to MPO for additional projects from the project list already in the RTP.

Discussion of Federal Land access and the coordination efforts that are now included in the RTP.

Discussion of the Asset Management Plan update. Discussion of what local funding will be needed for ongoing bus procurements.

Discussion of the Coordinated Transit and Human Services Transportation Plan update and that it will be adopted with the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan.

The Bustang Westline will be adding another bus because of its popularity.

The finalized version of the RTP will be available online and not printed unless it is requested. Discussion of 400+ emails that went out letting people know the draft was available. Received two comments.

David Karisny asked for a motion. Scott McInnis so moved and Roger Granat submitted a request to 2nd the motion. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

4. Adopting the Multi Model Options Fund Project List Recommended by the Selection Committee by approving Resolution #2020-003 and authorizing the Chair to sign- Dana Brosig, RTPO

Discussion on the City of Grand Junction project and if it wasn't funded versus it being withdrawn. Consensus of the GVRTC board was that it wasn't funded and the report needs updated to reflect this.

The board asked to have an ongoing briefing item on the agenda regarding fleet preventative maintenance and categorize why the buses are out. Not having parts available vs needing buses replaced. Still utilizing contingency fleet to maintain service and not have to cut service.

Discussion of another call for projects with the remaining MMOF funds and go through the same formal process for the remaining funding.

Discussion of the request for a reduced match for Collbran and Palisade that must be approved by the Transportation Commission after the GVRTC adopts the recommended list.

Roger Granat asked for a motion. Phyllis Norris so moved and submitted a request to 2nd the motion. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

Briefing Item(s)

Briefing items are intended to allow the Committee to give Staff guidance in the day-to-day operations of the Regional Transportation Planning Office, or to hear general presentations from others.

5. GVT Marketing Update- Sarah Brooks, RTPO
 - 20th Anniversary Celebration –July 9 & July 16
February 21st was the official 20th birthday. In coordination with Grand Junction's farmer's market, July 16th will be the celebration. Display boards on the history of GVT as well as historic transportation in the Valley will be present along with throwback Thursday through social media. There will also be a ribbon cutting with Palisade Chamber on July 9th at a staged location.
 - Rebranding-changing the logo, not the name. Working on an RFP for basic rebranding and tag line. Brand launch in July with 20th anniversary. Minimum of three logos and taglines with final approval by GVRTC. How will we measure if this increases ridership? As new buses are procured, will update the logos. Could use the 2015 ridership survey as the data base to see if there is an increase in ridership. Could use the type of passes sold as well.
 - Radio Show-KAFM promoting transportation. Typically airs the second Wednesday of each month at 12:30 PM, with the exception of the May and November shows, due to conflicting dates. January show - transit and benefits, February show – Airport, March show – 2045

RTP, May show – Bike Month and Bike Commuters, June show - Palisade plunge and how a trail becomes a trail. The podcasts are downloadable. Send out dates of show to board.

- National Get on Board Day – April 25th Providing free rides all day. Daily fares on a Saturday are \$400 and weekday is \$450-\$550. We know which passes are utilized on a daily bases.
- Census promotion-library will give out single day passes after completing Census survey online. Will promote this with existing riders on the buses, the library will promote as well as social media and press release.

6. GVT Operations Report for January 2020 – Valdon Lewis, GVT/Transdev
Ridership was up 1%. Paratransit was only up 5 1/2%. Revenue is down compared to last year. Discussion of possible reasons for the variations.

Safety-had a great year in 2019. Accident rate went down for preventable accidents. January had a couple preventable accidents. These types of incidents are discussed during the monthly safety meetings.

DASH ridership-774 riders in January.

Staff shortage regarding drivers but have drivers in training right now.

Unscheduled Business:

The Unscheduled Business portion of the agenda provides the public to speak about issues that were not on the main agenda. Please limit public comment to a maximum of five (5) minutes per speaker (unless otherwise restricted by the Chair). Testimony relating to scheduled agenda items will not be allowed during Unscheduled Business.

David Karisny is not running for another term so there will be another Fruita representative starting in April. Roger Granat is also not running for another term.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:55p.m.: Minutes submitted by Kathy Young.