



Mesa County Regional Transportation Planning Office

GVRTC Minutes for October 26, 2020

Attendees: Trent Prall, Dana Brosig, Kathy Young, Michael Goolsby, Judi DeRusha, Valdon Lewis, Dean Bressler, Andy Gingerich, Jay Valentine, Scott Mai, Sarah Brooks, Scott Beilfuss, William Campbell

Roll Call: Scott McInnis, Chair – Mesa County, called the meeting to order. Phyllis Norris – City of Grand Junction, Lori Buck – City of Fruita, and Greg Mikolai – Town of Palisade are present.

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

Changes to the Agenda: None

Representative Reports: None

Transportation Commissioner Report (provided by Michael Goolsby, Regional Transportation Director, CDOT Region 3): The Transportation Commission voted at their last meeting to keep the RPP distribution formula the same.

Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Region 3 Update: None

Approval of Minutes

1. Adopt the minutes from the August 24, 2020 GVRTC Meeting.
Scott McInnis asked for a motion. Greg Mikolai 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. Approving Resolution 2020-011, a Resolution of the GVRTC concerning the support for the 2021 Grand Valley Transit (GVT) Local Funding Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and authorizing the Chair to sign. – Dana Brosig, RTPO

Scott McInnis asked for a motion. Lori Buck so moved and Phyllis Norris 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. Rebranding Implementation – Dana Brosig, RTPO
See PowerPoint. At the last GVRTC meeting, the new logo and rebranding efforts over the last 6 months were discussed and the board asked if any public input had been received. Staff has since put out a survey

to the public from 10/9-10/18/20. 171 surveys were received. Discussion of questions asked regarding each logo. Recommendation of logo option 1. Discussion on implementation plan with the new logo for buses, bus stop signs, benches/shelters, etc. Feedback was that staff has done a great job and came up with something that will work very well for the community.

Scott McInnis asked for a motion. Phyllis Norris moved the board approve logo option 1 and the implementation plan as presented. Greg Mikolai 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.

4. Transdev contract extension for 2021 – Dana Brosig, RTPO

This is the contract we have between Mesa County and Transdev and this would be the 5th year of this contract. Both have formally agreed to exercise the option year and this contract will be presented to the Mesa County Board of County Commissioners in December for approval.

5. Fleet Replacement Overview – Andy Gingerich, RTPO

Provide an overview with the near/medium term as well as the long term regarding bus replacements. See PowerPoint presentation. Discussion of existing fleet, end of useful life schedule, paratransit ridership increase, replacement challenges, 5307 grant funding eligibility, reasonable spare ratio for Fixed Route per FTA, Paratransit doesn't have this spare ratio requirement, TAM performance targets, and future fleet scenarios.

GVRTC board would like updates during these meetings as to where buses are at in the competitive grant process. The GVRTC board also wants to know each year what the plan is for bus replacements so the local partners can budget for this.

6. Fleet Maintenance Update- Jay Valentine, City of Grand Junction Fleet

See chart of late preventative maintenance for 2020. Maintenance is predictable but does cause problems with the fleet being down when many buses are about the same age. On September 10, made a change on how going to do Preventative Maintenance (PM). Prior, the bus was dropped off when a mechanic may not have been available or the bus was needed for service. PM's are now scheduled and have a mechanic waiting for that bus. Now at full staff. In September, had 75 hours scheduled compared to 162 unscheduled repair hours. In October, 33 hours scheduled and 162 unscheduled hours. In newer buses, that ratio is fixed as there is more preventative maintenance than unscheduled maintenance.

The 162 hours of unscheduled hours, how does that work out between lowfloors vs cutaways. Cutaways have the majority of unscheduled hours. Will provide a report next time on the difference between fleet type on unscheduled hours. Age, mileage and maintenance history should determine replacement and this should be included with the grant applications.

7. System Rules – Andy Gingerich, RTPO

Have system rules for when riding the bus so working on rules for bus stops when waiting for the bus. We were approached by Homeward Bound to help monitor the stop by their location and looking at entering into an MOU with them.

If you are clear upfront, most people are respectful. Graffiti analogy.

See attachment.

8. ITS Upgrade – Andy Gingerich, RTP0

This upgrade will be occurring the rest of this year and into beginning of next year. Existing equipment is 3G which is no longer supported. This will replace our ETA SPOT system and will be an upgrade to paratransit software. Discussion of capabilities of new paratransit system. Comes with the possibility of implementing mobile ticketing.

Timeline on when all this will be completed? Hope to have at least the basics done by the end of the year, and paratransit at beginning of year.

See PowerPoint.

9. Safe Routes to School Grant- Sarah Brooks, RTP0

See PowerPoint presentation. This grant application is due on 11/4 and applying for \$150,000 with 20% local match coming from the local partners, with Mesa County Public Works being biggest contributor. This application is to expand on 2017 project and make maps more interactive instead of just in a pdf format.

What is the criteria that determines a safe route? Designated sidewalk, safe crossings, complete sidewalks, etc. Are issues such as where a registered sex offender resides taken into account when determining safe route?

Discussion about ensuring all the municipalities are involved so we all know where the “red” routes are.

Discussion about how well information that the schools are requested to pass along actually make it home. This was part of the school survey and would include banners hung within the schools, distributing the calendars, social media, etc.

Input from the bus drivers would be a good source as well.

10. SB001 Transportation Services for Vulnerable Populations – Dana Brosig, RTP0

A large amount of CARES Act funding was distributed to subrecipients but there was a gap for those that provide service to seniors and persons with disabilities. GVMPO to determine how the \$60,000 is distributed within the MPO but CDOT will administer the grants awarded to the subrecipients who are eligible for this funding. Three agencies that could possibly be eligible for this funding include Family Health West, Center for Independence and HopeWest. Thus far, Hopewest and Family Health West have responded. Center for Independence identified a need for vehicles in the Coordinated Transit and Human Services Transportation Plan but said they have applied elsewhere for this funding.

These are the three agencies identified by CDOT. Are there other agencies that could be eligible? Would have to confirm with CDOT. Discussion of the Local Coordinating Council (LCC) group and eligible providers documented within the Transit and Human Services Coordination Plan updated in 2019/2020.

11. GVT Operations Report for September 2020 – Vald0n Lewis, GVT

See report. Seeing a slight increase in ridership from last month but still a decrease from last year.

12. GVRTC November & December Meetings – Dana Brosig, RTP0

Discussion of moving the meeting to earlier in December as we do not have a scheduled meeting in December. 2nd week, Buck is not available.

Unscheduled Business:

The Unscheduled Business portion of the agenda provides the public an opportunity 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.

Scott Beifluss talked about his follow up on the contract with Transdev and CARES Act funding through an open records request. He is still wondering where the excess money is going from the CARES Act and is aware the GVRTC approved Scenario 2 of the funding options. He has concerns with drivers not receiving raises and is proposing, since drivers did not receive any CARES Act funding, they should receive a bonus of half their pay for the year which is approximately \$6,700 per driver which he believes is fair.

Judy DeRusha is the President of ATU Local 1776. She is concerned the GVRTC has refused to communicate with GVT drivers because they are employees of Transdev, the contractor to GVT. Who are the voting members of the GVRTC accountable to? Do you consider yourself public servants? CARES Act funds are to provide protection for the drivers. Does the GVRTC have any intention of providing safety barriers in the buses that are procured from a reputable company? Does GVRTC have any intention of providing UV lights in the buses?

Does GVRTC have any intention of providing hazard pay as drivers are essential workers?

Bill Campbell is a driver for GVT and union member. We signed a petition, union or not, to get hazard pay out of the COVID money. National average is \$21 an hour. We are about due, that \$5 an hour is quite justified. \$533,000 per year of increase costs.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:41p.m.: Minutes submitted by Kathy Young.