



## Mesa County Regional Transportation Planning Office

### **GVRTC Minutes for June 28, 2021**

**Attendees:** Scott Mai, Dana Brosig, Kathy Young, Jason Smith, Mark Rodger, Michael Goolsby, Trent Prall, Kimberly Bullen, Scott Beilfuss, Kathy Hall, Sarah Brooks, Dean Bressler, Valdon Lewis, Jay Valentine, Janet Hawkison,

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

**Call Meeting to Order: 3:03 p.m.**

**Changes to the Agenda:** None

**Representative Reports:** None

**Transportation Commissioner Report:** Kathy Hall welcomed Dennis Simpson to the GVRTC. The big transportation bill has passed. She was elected chair of the Transportation Commission in June 2021.

**Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Region 3 Update:** Mike Goolsby-Eastbound I-70 is open, westbound probably not until this evening. Rabbit Valley ramp improvement discussion.

Update on engineering projects from Jason Smith:

1<sup>st</sup> & Grand Phase 5 under construction. Doing sewer improvement now. Will be starting intersection itself next week. Considering a temporary roundabout configuration for construction phasing.

US50 between Grand Junction and Delta to fix the dips and pumps is underway.

There is a meeting regarding I-70B Phase 6 with City of Grand Junction next week.

CDOT is working on mobility hub grant application along with its partners. Won't know on award until this fall.

Continuing on the design in Clifton Hwy 6. Acquiring properties for temporary and permanent construction. There are utility difficulties. The design includes two roundabouts and construction will start in late 2022 or spring 2023.

Advertising for US6 & 20 Road intersection and a signal is about to go out. Waiting on the railroad with construction starting next year.

Paving project of all of North Avenue and replacement of center median. There will be access changes as well. Construction to start next summer and the plan is to complete the work at night instead of during the day. Allow one way traffic each direction during night construction.

### **Approval of Minutes**

1. Adopt the minutes from the April 26, 2021 GVRTC Meeting.

Scott McInnis asked for a motion. Greg Mikolai so moved and Lori Buck 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was 3-0 in favor. Dennis Simpson abstained as wasn't present during the April 26, 2021 meeting.

### **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. Making a recommendation to the Mesa County Board of Commissioners by approving Resolution 2021-006 for the Mesa County/Grand Valley Transit Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) Program Goal for 2022-2024. – Dana Brosig, RTPO

Scott McInnis asked for a motion. Greg Mikolai so moved and Lori Buck 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Election of the GVRTC Chair and Vice-Chair positions to begin in June 2021. Currently, the Vice-Chair is vacant as Phyllis Norris was term limited with the City of Grand Junction. The majority vote of the Members present at the time of the vote will determine the officers.

Scott McInnis asked for nominations. Lore Buck nominated Greg Mikolai for Vice Chair. Dennis Simpson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Greg Mikolai nominate Scott McInnis for Chair and Dennis Simpson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was 4-0 in favor of the two motions

4. Approval of a recommendation to the Mesa County Board of County Commissioners to approve an updated revenue contract with Greyhound – Dana Brosig, RTPO

The original contract was for 2 buses a day. This will be increasing to 4 buses a day. Discussion with Transdev, this is taking more workload for staff. Transdev asked for a backup dispatch to help with Greyhound. \$96.64 increase a day and will cover a part time dispatch for 6 hours a day Monday – Friday. Office is not open on Sundays.

Scott McInnis asked for a motion. Lori Buck so moved and Dennis Simpson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

5. Approval of a recommendation to the Mesa County Board of Commissioners to amend the contract with Transdev Services – Dana Brosig, RTPO

This is for a part time dispatch to assist with the Greyhound service and will be invoiced separately since FTA funds cannot be used for Greyhound expenses. This is only for as long as the County receiving funds from Greyhound.

Scott McInnis asked for a motion. Dennis Simpson so moved and Greg Mikolai 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

6. GVT Fleet Maintenance Update – Jay Valentine, City of Grand Junction  
See June binder for attachments. As the fleet ages, the scheduled repairs will go down. Have had several late PM's in June due to no spares.

CNG Fueling system went down. Had to take some of the compressor down due to construction of new storage for the City. GVT compressors went down and the part that was shipped didn't fix it. Computer program download didn't work either so contractor will be onsite tomorrow to trouble shoot. Have the City compressors up and working and using it to fuel GVT buses.

Fleet availability for GVT % is never going to be 100% as have to come in for PM's. Here is the breakdown of fleet availability over the years: 2016 96%, 2017 92%, 2018 93%, 2019 85%, 2020 81%, 2021 78%. Exasperating the problem is the available of parts and computer chips. Have the delivery of new buses coming soon which will help.

Representative Simpson asked about 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter stats when the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter isn't over just yet. Felt it was important to provide an update. Stats were through the middle of June.

Three cutaways should be arriving in July and the lowfloor later this fall.

7. GVT Operations Report for May 2021 – Valdon Lewis, GVT  
See June binder for attachment. Discussion of the lack of fuel last week and appreciated all the effort to keep the buses in operation. Ridership is still down from pre-COVID. There is some recovery happening for Fixed Route. For Paratransit, seeing a huge recovery. Have maintained safety for May. Discussion of the safety topics for the month.

Transdev is short about 6 drivers for about 2 ½ months now. A lot has to do with the current wages. Have ads out, participated in job fairs, and notices on supervisor vehicles. Applicants aren't responding when requesting interviews.

8. FTA 2018-2020 Triennial Review Report– Dana Brosig, RTPO  
See June binder for attachment. There were 21 areas reviewed that had no deficiencies. Two areas with deficiencies related to City Fleet MOU. FTA determined to view City Fleet as a contractor. MOU needs to be updated to address project management and procurement. Requested more information from FTA on examples of how to oversee procurement. Also need to complete a cost analysis since this contract was not competitively bid. Have until January 31, 2022 to close out the findings. Discussion of our public participation and that it needs to be updated to be clearer but this was not a finding. However, this will be updated and brought to the GVRTC for approval.

Representative Simpson asked if we have a policy about inventory to have supplies on hand. Discuss more about trends than an inventory of extra parts.

9. Mobility Hub Update- Dana Brosig, RTPO  
See June binder for attachment. Grant application is due July 12. Is being combined with two other projects in Glenwood Springs and Rifle. The intent is to give a stronger application as a region. Also applying for a construction grant instead of a planning grant to have the opportunity to include it with Phase 6 of I-70B construction. There is flexibility with the funds so the location can change.

Discussion of the various City projects associated with the mobility hub location. Two parcels are privately owned and would need to be purchased by CDOT. The other parcels are owned by the

City of Grand Junction. CDOT is submitting the grant application and Director Lew requested this. SB267 funds would be used toward construction of I-70B and this grant would pay for mobility hub. Have basically a 100% match.

Representative McInnis asked what kind of oversight will there be for the construction? The working group took your feedback on the site and has been pared down considerably. Not at final design, more conceptual at this point for the grant. There will be public input for final design.

Representative Simpson asked if the private property can't be acquired, then would have to find another location. A siting study was completed at various locations throughout Grand Junction. Stakeholder meetings came down to this location. Helpful as can use I-70B as a match. The land purchase is included in the cost estimate. Concern with what the owner would be willing to sell the needed land for. This is still pretty early in the project. Might need an executive session to discuss further.

Discussion of cost estimate and size of building and space being as flexible as possible. DDA is interested in assisting with the programming of the space where CDOT and RTPO is not open to maintaining it. Need to make sure to pull in the other three partners, Fruita, Palisade, and Mesa County. Don't want us to dilute or yield to practicality or logistics.

Representative Buck asked who's actually going to own it, the building? These are all discussion that still need to be had, probably in an executive session. CDOT is having this issue all over the state and is an ongoing discussion with the Transportation Commission.

Requested the GVRTC provide a letter of support for this project.

Kathy Hall appreciates the support and stated this is an incredible opportunity. The stars are aligned with the availability of funds to match.

10. CASTA Fall Conference and Expo September 14 – 17, 2021 – Dana Brosig, RTPO

Will be at the Grand Junction Convention Center. Planned last year to celebrate 20 years of GVT last year so planning on doing a 21<sup>st</sup> celebration during CASTA.

**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 Beilfuss talked about the mobility hub and the need for other business downtown and the mobility hub could be a nice place for food and things people need. Have an opportunity here and help reduce the stress of the downtown area. Discussed the need for GVT drivers to have higher wages. Also discussed his CORA request related to the Transdev contract and what wages the drivers received but didn't get the information he was wanting. Have funding coming in from advertising, give that to the drivers for the job they are doing.

**Meeting Adjourned: 4:15p.m.:** Minutes submitted by Kathy Young.