



Mesa County Regional Transportation Planning Office

GVRTC Minutes for April 25, 2022

Attendees: Scott Mai, Dana Brosig, Kathy Young, Rachel Peterson, Valdon Lewis, Rene Romero, Andy Gingerich, Trent Prall, Sarah Brooks, Mark Rogers, Jay Valentine, Scott Beilfuss, and Kaitly Clark

Roll Call: Scott McInnis, Chair – Mesa County, called the meeting to order. Greg Mikolai – Town of Palisade, Dennis Simpson – City of Grand Junction, and Kimberly Bullen sitting in for Ken Kreie – City of Fruita are present.

Call Meeting to Order: 3:01p.m.

Changes to the Agenda: None

Representative Reports: None

Transportation Commissioner Report: None

Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Region 3 Update: Scott McInnis thanked CDOT for the repairs at Rabbit Valley. Jason Smith is now the new RTD. 1st & Grand Avenue project is wrapping up and there will be a ribbon cutting in the next few weeks.

North Avenue project will be getting underway and will be a night time project. CDOT contractor will start on the west end and let utility work to be completed on the east end.

CDOT team is working on 4 year plan for project priorities and then will begin working on 5-10 year plan. Need to be thinking what the priorities are for the valley.

Hwy 6 from Clifton to Palisade, the plan is to regroove and then add new asphalt or to do an overlay depending on the surrounding grade. It will be completed in sections and some sections will be new asphalt and others will be overlays.

Approval of Minutes

1. Adopt the minutes from the March 28, 2022 GVRTC Meeting.
Scott McInnis asked for a motion. Greg Mikolai so moved and Scott McInnis 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.

None

Individual Consideration Item(s)

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

2. Adopt the 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #2 by approving Resolution 2022-005, an Agreement between the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Grand Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (GVMPO) and authorizing the Chair to sign. – Rachel Peterson, RTPO

See binder pages 13-34 and presentation slides pages 4-11. There are 2 project that have been changed in this TIP. This TIP will be in effect until June 30, 2022.

Question from the board about the 29 Road Interchange and the addition \$1.6 million. This is local funding from the City of Grand Junction and Mesa County, \$800,000 each. This TIP was presented to the TAC, a legal notice was published, and no public comments were received.

Public Comment: NONE

Scott McInnis asked for a motion. Greg Mikolai so moved and Dennis Simpson submitted a request to 2nd the motion. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

3. Adopting a Resolution of the GVRTC to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Process/Policy, by approving Resolution 2022-006 and authorizing the Chair to sign, - Rachel Peterson, RTPO

See binder pages 35-38 and presentation slides pages 12-17. TIP Amendment process/policy was last adopted in November 2021 and since adoption there has been some confusion so this is to clear up the process. Discussion of the two types of amendments. Administrative amendments which are completed internally by staff and approval by GVRTC is not required. Policy amendments require a legal ad, public comment process, and approval by GVRTC.

Question from the board regarding the purpose. It is to differentiate between the administrative vs policy amendments. What are more specifics on what projects will fit these amendments. Discussion ensued.

The public participation process was not changed.

This TIP Amendment Process/Policy was presented to the TAC, a legal notice was published, and no public comments were received.

Public Comment: NONE

Scott McInnis asked for a motion. Dennis Simpson so moved and Greg Mikolai submitted a request to 2nd the motion. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

4. Adopting the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by approving Resolution 2022-007, an Agreement between the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Grand Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (GVMPO) and authorizing the Chair to sign. – Rachel Peterson, RTPO

See binder pages 39-80 and presentation slide pages 18-32. This new TIP will go into effect on July 1, 2022. The narrative was updated to be more public friendly. There are 10 projects that have changed for this TIP. This TIP was presented to the TAC, a legal notice was published, and no public comments were received.

Question from the board regarding SB267 funding for the maintenance facility. This is actually the MMOF funds and not SB267 that was approved at last meeting to be used for the maintenance facility. Working on getting additional grant funds through 5339 funds. Moving forward with the design.

Public Comment: NONE

Scott McInnis asked for a motion. Kimberly Bullen so moved and Greg Mikolai submitted a request to 2nd the motion. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

5. Making a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to approve the update to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Authorizing Resolution to apply for and implement FTA applications and related tasks – Dana Brosig, RTPO
See binder pages 81-82 and presentation slides 33-36. This is an update to our resolution from 2012. Resolution has been reviewed by County Attorney's office. This will go before the BoCC for approval.

Scott McInnis asked for a motion. Greg Mikolai so moved and Dennis Simpson submitted a request to 2nd the motion. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

Public Comment: NONE

6. Adopting the proposed Grand Valley Transit (GVT) service changes per GVRTC Policy 2, by approving Resolution 2022-008 and authorizing the Chair to sign. – Andy Gingerich
See binder pages 83-98 and presentation slides 37-45. Staff completed the public participation process that was presented at the last GVRTC meeting. Currently have a temporary service reduction due to driver shortage and due to the existing policy, service changes must be made permanent after 6 months. Recommendation is to make this permanent. Discussion of ridership since temporary changes implemented.

Second reduction was for the Redlands Dial-A-Ride. No longer accepting new riders starting 1/1/19. There were legacy clients for both Dial-A-Ride and Paratransit. All active riders, including paratransit riders, were mailed a letter directly. No response from those riders. Presented to Local Coordinating Council in April 2022. There were 11 public comments received. 5 were related to Saturday service reduction. 1 comment spoke about Dial-A-Ride expansion in the Redlands.

5307 grant is used to fund this service and definition of public transit is that it must be open to the public. Staff had a conversation with FTA staff and they agreed Redlands service is not in compliance and to get back into compliance is to eliminate or open it back up to the public.

Staff recommendation is to eliminate Dial-A-Ride effective 5/1/22 and give paratransit riders a 60 day transition period.

Public Comment: NONE

Scott McInnis asked for a motion. Dennis Simpson so moved and 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.

7. GVT Fleet Maintenance Quarterly Update – Jay Valentine, City of Grand Junction

See binder pages 100-104. 1st slide represents 3 to 3.5 FTE's. Nonscheduled repairs is seeing an uptick. Not able to get buses in when scheduled. When a bus is scheduled to come in and it cannot what happens with the mechanic? When a bus does not show up, there is plenty of other work for them to complete. Repair orders are up indicates a lot more minor repairs as opposed to major ones. There have been some major operational engine repairs and transmissions. These were on buses that are going to be retired when new buses come in. Preventative Maintenance services goal is 90% but due to items discussed, down to 67% this past quarter. Supply chain issues continue. Difficulty getting a timeframe from a vendor on when can expect the part.

How many buses in operation and how many inoperable? 4 are non-operational, 2 not repairing. 21 buses in operation. 2 not repairing, were going to be retired. Have used these to salvage parts. Parts are also borrowed from other buses that are waiting on backordered parts.

8. GVT Operations Report for March 2022 – Valdon Lewis, GVT
See binder page 106. Total of 38,154 fixed route riders. Down 39.93 % from pre-COVID. Paratransit 2,513 riders which is down 7.3% from 2019. These riders are recovering quicker. 0 preventable crashes. 1 passenger injury due to a hard break to avoid a pedestrian. Discussion of March's safety program. Regarding recruiting: currently had 2 trainees test for their CDL today and then will enter last phase of training once can get their license from the DMV. 1 in behind the wheel training and two started class room this week. Still down one utility worker. Had several interviews but not showing up.

Did we lose any drivers in March? At least one. Went to another job that paid more money. OTP stands for On Time Performance. Discussion of how this is calculated.

9. Mask Mandate Update- Dana Brosig, RTPO
See presentation slide page 52. May have already heard about it. Court order effective 4/18/22, mask requirements dropped by TSA and CDC. GVT is still recommending masks but not requiring them.

There is a new Fruita member, Ken Kreie.

Unscheduled Business:

The Unscheduled Business portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for 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. The purpose of the Unscheduled Business portion is for the Grand Valley Regional Transportation Committee to listen to the public. The Committee Members do not generally engage in debate or make comments during the Unscheduled Business portion.

NONE

Meeting Adjourned: 3:59 p.m.: Minutes submitted by Kathy Young.