



Mesa County Regional Transportation Planning Office

GVRTC Minutes for September 26, 2022

Attendees: Dana Brosig, Kimberly Bullen, Kathy Young, Joe Coleman, Brevin Currier, Rachel Peterson, Sarah Brooks, Valdon Lewis, Kathy Hall, Mark Rogers, Curtis Englehart, Jason Smith, Rob Beck, Rene Romero, Trent Prall

Roll Call: Greg Mikolaj, Chair – Grand Junction, called the meeting to order. Dennis Simpson – City of Grand Junction, Ken Kreie – City of Fruita and Scott McInnis – Mesa County are present.

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

Changes to the Agenda: None

Representative Reports: None

Transportation Commissioner Report: Kathy Hall – The Transportation Commission reapproved the 10-Year Plan and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) plan. NFRMPO and DRCOG presented their plans for the GHG Transportation Report. Brought copies of the projects planned in the 10-Year Plan and will provide those to the committee. Stated it would be beneficial if the GVRTC assigned one member to STAC. Might be helpful to sit in and listen. They are monthly. Working on a closer relationship with STAC so can hear what is going on statewide. All meetings are remote, except two a year in person. The October meeting is in person. Not sure if there will be a zoom option.

MPO staff have been attending and then provide a briefing. Transportation is changing a lot in the state. Many of the STAC representatives are elected from their community. Staff will provide remote links to GVRTC members as well as the packet and agenda that comes out.

DRCOG reallocated funds away from congestion, to improve bike paths. Is that the new way over there? There is a huge move away from additional capacity and adding buses and lanes for bikes instead. Kathy's term is up in July 2023. She has served two terms. Not sure if governor will appoint her for a third term.

Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Region 3 Update: Jason Smith – working on wrapping up projects for the season. Working on ads for projects next year.

Rob Beck – Program Engineer

I-70B-50% designed on balance of the corridor all the way out to Main Street. The focus is on Phase 6 to 3-4th Street. 90% design on that within next year. Public meeting this Thursday, September 29 at the County building. Construction in 2024 from Main Street to 3-4th Street.

Clifton Roundabouts – bids opened and awarded. Work starts this fall and there is more utility work to be done. Construction begin next year and into following year.

North Ave might get finished this year with final paving.

Greg Mikolai has a comment on the public open House in Palisade regarding the project from Iowa to the High School on Hwy 6. One part that confused the public was that all plans showed three roundabouts. Public had the impression all this would happen at once. This is more like a 20-30 year plan? Might need to circle back and let public know it will be a phased approach.

Approval of Minutes

1. Adopt the minutes from the August 8, 2022 GVRTC Meeting.

Greg Mikolai asked for a motion. Scott McInnis so moved and Dennis Simpson 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 the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #3 by approving Resolution 2022-013, an Agreement between the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Grand Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (GVMPO) and authorizing the chair to sign.

- Attachment – Resolution 2022-013
- Attachment – TIP Amendment #3

3. Adopting the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #1 for FY 2023 by approving Resolution 2022-014, an Agreement between the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Grand Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (GVMPO) and authorizing the Chair to sign.

- Attachment – Resolution 2022-014
- Attachment – UPWP Amendment #1

4. Adopting the Title VI Equity Analysis: Site Selection for a Transit Fleet Maintenance Facility, an FTA requirement for federally-funded facilities.

- Attachment – Title VI Equity Analysis- Site Selection for Transit Fleet Maintenance Facility

Greg Mikolai asked for a motion. Ken Kreie so moved and Scott McInnis 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).

5. Adopting the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan and the Transit and Human Services Coordination Plan Amendment #1 by approving Resolution 2022-015 and authorizing the Chair to sign – Rachel Peterson, RTPO

- Attachment – Resolution 2022-015
- Attachment – 2045 Regional Transportation Plan and the Transit and Human Services Coordination Plan Amendment #1

This was presented at the last GVRTC meeting. See presentation pages 4-12. All projects are listed in Appendix 1, pages 97-101 of the packet, or pages 6-10 of the Plan. Question regarding the first Whereas of the resolution. We are not diluting our authority.

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

6. FY 22/23 Multimodal Option Fund (MMOF) Funding-Adopting Resolution 2022-016 to modify Resolution 2022-003 to include transit operations – Dana Brosig, RTPO
 - Attachment – Resolution 2022-016
 - Attachment – Staff Report

See presentation pages 13-17. Utilizing the state MMOF to match Federal grants. CARES Act funds were used for expenses that were normally 50/50 and utilized our traditional 5307 operating grant to cover ADA operating expenses at 80/20.

Lowfloor buses have a request from Gillig for a contract modification for an additional \$80,000, which has been discussed with legal department. This is a nationwide issue. When we applied for the grant for these buses, it was an estimate so there is some extra grant funding available to cover the increase cost.

Set aside MMOF state funds for these expenses and go out for a call for projects on the remaining funds. Two options. This is for transit and continue to use all for transit or go out for a call for projects. TAC recommendation was to utilize \$1.4 for transit and the rest on a call for projects.

Are all these funds of \$1.4 are to go toward already awarded grants? Not all have been awarded, specifically the one for 2022 CCCP bus grant.

MMOF is an allocation to our MPO. Part is federal stimulus funds and part state funds.

Public Comment: None

Greg Mikolai asked for a motion. Ken Kreie so moved and Dennis Simpson 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 West Transfer Facility – A request to lease/purchase part of the property on the south end of the GVT West Transfer Facility – Dana Brosig, RTPO
 - Attachment – Staff Report

Greg Mikolai son used to work for Mr. Joe Coleman, but is not any longer. If anyone is uncomfortable with this, he will recuse himself. Scott McInnis stated this does not reflect a conflict of interest.

Mr. Coleman presented on his need for additional parking for a potential tenant at his building to the south of the GVT West Facility. He did tell a potential tenant that he could get them additional parking but did not follow up with the County. He has extra parking at Land Title building. Boesen Medical Research, the potential tenant, wants 20 additional parking spaces. More than City code requires. They can use 11 spaces in adjoining spaces. They want to bring 15-20 jobs to the area for medical trials with annual salaries ranging from \$50,000-\$100,000. They have signed the lease in good faith. They do not want to have to move in 5 years. They could go anywhere they want and it is vital he gives them assurance they can be accommodated. He can give them an entire floor but he cannot without bargaining. He does not want to hurt the transit facility at all. Most of Mr. Coleman's view has been

blocked by the multifamily units. The concern with deceleration lane for GVT turning north on 241/2 Rd and vehicles leaving their property.

Proposal from Mr. Coleman: cut out some of my parking, to provide access to his facility. At no cost to transit facility, he would take over the property, no more expense; He would put in the improvements and purchase the needed land. There are grant funds associated with the land. GVT came up with the alternatives of leasing it; sell it if possible to legally sell it; or preserve the property.

Mr. Coleman needs to respond to Boeson Medical Research.

Curtis Englehart from the Grand Junction Economic Partnership presented on the benefits. Boeson has already shown to be a really great community partner with WCCC, CMU, MCWFC. Request is for 20 additional parking spots.

Staff presented information in the background of the property. See presentation pages 18-29. There has been an increase in parking with increase in gas prices. Mesa County did offer for Mr. Coleman to utilize the parking spaces since it is a park-n-ride.

Discussion of options. Disposition of Property, Leasing the Property, Preserve the Property

Presented to TAC and discussed with Grand Junction Planning Department on requirement of the City. Not a requirement from Grand Junction based on conversation had with them. TAC recommendation is to maintain the control of the property.

What is the direction the GVRTC wants to go?

Scott McInnis asked how will Mr. Coleman's property be accessed? Access now is F 1/8 Road. There could be a connection from Mr. Coleman's property. He is asking for an easement as well from his property, utilizing our current access road from F 1/8 Road.

Dennis Simpson stated he thinks more input is needed from Community Development and perhaps Engineering Department to ensure this fits into City's plans as well as GVRTC's. Important to know what City staff think about this.

Trent Prall – from a connectivity standpoint would be great. It's F 1/8 Road and now Flat Top Lane. It would help with access. Beyond that, for a property line adjustment would need to confirm with Community Development.

Scott McInnis stated this would be a benefit to Mr. Coleman's property but not Mesa County.

Greg Mikolai asked why was Pete Baier was consulted. It's because the property is owned by Mesa County. It would have to go through City Planning. In terms of the \$950,000, that was for the entire lot. Yes, that was the purchase price.

Scott McInnis stated this would have to be taken out to bid since it is a government property; he believes but would need to check with Legal Counsel. What is the best use of the property? Another value of this property, there may be an opportunity for a land swap in the future. It is not a land lock piece of property for us. Rental value of something like this, would require them to provide the access. If renting, must be short-term. Not interested in selling the property.

Dennis Simpson stated the GVRTC should keep minds open until get more information. If sell it to him, there is no reason for the parking spots to remain in the future. It's County property, can GVRTC stop

them if BoCC decides they want to sell it. Scott McInnis said yes, the BoCC could potentially override it. When TAC came back with the recommendation, was there any opposition? No. Could put a deed restriction on the property or land reverts back to Mesa County.

The GVRTC told Mr. Coleman to have further discussions with County and Grand Junction on how he would like to proceed.

Mr. Coleman stated he appreciated the fact that he got the dialogue going. Not trying to imply he want to buy or lease but if we want to keep this tenant interested, need to explore the options. Needed feedback and never got any until got this report.

8. GVT Operations Report for August 2022 – Valdon Lewis, Transdev/GVT

- Attachment

There was an increase in ridership. GVT was able to provide free rides on Friday and Saturday's in August. 37% increase in Paratransit ridership with an overall 16% increase system wide. Not pre-COVID numbers but GVT is seeing more riders. There were two preventable accidents in August.

Recruiting as of today, currently have 28 fulltime drivers, three are on leave of absence, 2 set for training on Monday. How many hired since 7/1/22? Hired 9 people. Had 2 quit during training. 6 people have resigned or were terminated.

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: 4:44p.m.: Minutes submitted by Kathy Young.