



Mesa County Regional Transportation Planning Office

GVRTC Minutes for April 22, 2019

Attendees: Andy Gingerich, Dean Bressler, Greg Caton, Jason Smith, Ken Haley, Mark Rogers, Michael Bennett, Michael Goolsby, Pete Baier, Rob Beck, Sarah Brooks, Scott Mai, Todd Hollenbeck, Trent Prall, Valdon Lewis, Rich Perske, Seth Cadman, Rebecca White, Don Bramer, TJ Burr, Judi DeRusha,

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

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

Changes to the Agenda: None

Presentations:

Todd Hollenbeck presented Bennett Boeschstein with a gift thanking him for his service on the GVRTC.

Member Representative Remarks:

None

Transportation Commissioner Update:

None

CDOT Region 3 Update:

Rebecca White spoke briefly about the 2045 plan and the importance of community outreach to inform communities of the plan and to get more public input. She also mentioned that CDOT wants to focus less on the long range plan and more on the 10 year STIP.

Approval of Minutes

1. Adopt the minutes from the November 26, 2018 GVRTC Meeting.

Scott McInnis brought up the discussion about including full copies of letters in the minutes, and suggested it would be better to mention or reference the letter. Todd Hollenbeck mentioned the letters were put into the minutes verbatim because they were read at the meeting. Dave Karisny agreed that the letter should have been included in the minutes because the letter was read during the unscheduled business and was not originally part of the packet. Bennett Boeschstein noted that letters read during a meeting should be available to the public. Roger Granat asked if a letter would be available all the time or only during open records request. Dean Bressler noted that staff included the letter in the minutes so the testimony given would not be misconstrued in any way. Bennett Boeschstein asked for a consensus on future minutes that letters should be referenced and should be made available online, but not put into the minutes verbatim.

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

2. Adopt the minutes from the February 20, 2019 GVRTC Executive Session.

Dave Karisny asked for a motion. Roger Granat so moved and submitted a request to 2nd the motion. Vote was 3-0 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.

3. Adopting the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #3 by approving Resolution 2019-002, an Agreement between the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Grand Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (GVMPO) and authorizing the Chair to sign. – Todd Hollenbeck, RTPO

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Dave Karisny motioned for this item to be moved to individual consideration. Scott McInnis 2nd the motion. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

4. Adopting the 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by approving Resolution 2019-003, an Agreement between the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Grand Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (GVMPO) and authorizing the Chair to sign. – Todd Hollenbeck, RTPO

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5. Adopting an update to the GVRTC Policies and Procedures Manual, Policy 3 – Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Policy 8 – Title VI Program, by approving Resolution 2019-004 and authorizing the Chair to sign. – Todd Hollenbeck, RTPO

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Scott McInnis motioned to approve all of the consent agenda except item 3 which was moved to individual consideration. Roger Granat so moved and 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).

6. Adopting the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #3 by approving Resolution 2019-002, an Agreement between the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Grand Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (GVMPO) and authorizing the Chair to sign. – Todd Hollenbeck, RTPO

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Bennett Boeschstein asked for a motion. Scott McInnis so moved and Roger Granat 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. Bustang Outrider Phase III presentation – Michael Timlin, CDOT

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Mike Timlin noted in his presentation that Bustang has been successful in Grand Junction and more service is needed, however more funding needs to be available first. Bennett Boeschstein asked if Bustang was in direct competition with Greyhound and Amtrak. The three complement one another and that often riders on Bustang will take the train or Greyhound for the return trip. Dave Karisny asked about the demographics of Bustang. It is mostly college students, millennials and resort employees.

8. GVT Operations Report for March 2019 – Valdon Lewis, GVT
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Valdon Lewis discussed the launch of the Dash service and noted that it has had consistent ridership since it started. He also noted he is still looking at data to compare Thursday, Friday, and Saturday ridership prior to the Dash to the current Dash ridership. Ridership was down by 7% compared to last year at the same time. Scott McInnis asked about ridership and how GVT plans to improve. Todd Hollenbeck noted that with the hiring of the Mobility Manager position, staff would be doing a lot of community outreach and would also look at best practices in other places to increase ridership.

9. GVMPO Staffing Changes – Todd Hollenbeck, RTPPO

Todd Hollenbeck announced that it was his last meeting and that Dana Brosig would soon be starting as the new Manager of the RTPPO. Todd also introduced Sarah Brooks as the new Mobility Manager and Andrew Gingerich as the new Transit Coordinator. Pete Baier thanked all those who assisted with the interview process.

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.

Judi DeRusha, President and BA of ATU Local 1776 read a prepared statement regarding the letter which was submitted to the funding jurisdictions and the GVRTC on March 22, 2019 and requested that additional funding be built into the upcoming budgets to address increased wages they've requested as well as additional sick days and 401k contributions.

Executive Session:

Executive Session of the Grand Valley Regional Transportation Committee Governing Board ("GVRTC") Section 24-6-402(4)(b) for the purpose of receiving legal advice regarding legal services and the budget process.

Bennett Boeschstein stated: "It is April 22, 2019, at 4:19p.m., and we are here at a regular meeting of the Grand Valley Regional Transportation Committee, which has been properly noticed. I move that the Board enter into an executive session for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific questions concerning legal counsel services for GVRTC and the budget issues for such services all as authorized by C.R.S. Sections 24-6-402(4)(b). The committee will not reconvene into open session upon completion of the executive session. Scott McInnis 2nd the motion. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:19 p.m.: Minutes submitted by Andy Gingerich and Sarah Brooks.