



## Mesa County Regional Transportation Planning Office

### GVRTC Minutes for June 24, 2019

**Attendees:** Dana Brosig, Dean Bressler, Andy Gingerich, Kathy Young, Mark Rogers, Rob Beck, Todd Hollenbeck, Trent Prall, Lisa Cox, Pete Baier, Greg Caton, John Carter, Bill Haas, Jason Smith, Sarah Brooks, Janet Hawkinson, Michael Bennett, Valdon Lewis, Breanna Rogers, Scott Mai, Kathy Hall, Michael Goolsby, Shoshana Lew,

**Roll Call:** David Karisny, Vice Chair – City of Fruita called the meeting to order. Phyllis Norris – City of Grand Junction, 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-manager and director since 2007-2019. Acknowledge for all the years of outstanding work.

**Member Representative Remarks: Introduction of Dana Brosig**

None

**Transportation Commissioner Update:**

Each year the Transportation Commissioners take a tour of the various areas and this year they went out to Sterling and Longmont and met with the Commissioners. They then toured the areas flooded in Estes Park several years back. Showed the amazing ways they were able to raise the road in some areas and at least have one lane available during construction. How they moved the river back to where it was originally. Used the rock from this flooding and crushed them to be used for I-25 improvements. Kathy Hall has reapplied to continue as the Transportation Commissioner. Discussion of the state audit. CDOT accepted all recommendations from the auditor and had already started making some of the changes.

**CDOT Executive Director Presentation:**

See power point presentation. Budget documentation will be more transparent and cover three categories, Asset Management, Safety, Mobility so that it is easier to understand.

Discussion of the strategic goals: Improve Safety, Modal Options, Planning and Execution. Discussion of previous planning approach regarding the different plans. Discussion of the Planning Reset process. Discussion of small projects on the same footing as mega-projects. Discussion of economic generators within all the regions, specific for each region. Discussion of Timing and Outreach strategy and the online survey that is available on CDOT's website. Local CDOT regional staff and Grand Valley MPO staff will have a booth at the Palisade Peach Festival as well as one of the farmers markets to provide outreach for the statewide transportation plan as well as the 2045 regional plan. CDOT is leveraging 35 of the DMV offices, via their kiosks to get information out about the statewide plan. Discussion of how CDOT will use the data gathered from the various sources. Core need for expertise decisions vs unscientific surveys. Surveys are a means of input along with many others that will be taken into account. Discussion of FY2020-2021 Budget (New look, new approach).

Discussion of the previous Bustang presentation and how social equity is figured into the decisions for route expansion. Discussion of new DOLA application regarding social equity and how transportation projects could impact the goals of the Governor.

Discussion of sharing information with Statewide Plan and the Regional Plan.

Discussion of limited attendance at the local CDOT meeting discussing the Statewide Plan. Talked about having it during the quarterly City/County meeting when most agencies are present including the School District.

### **Approval of Minutes**

1. Adopt the minutes from the April 22, 2019 GVRTC Meeting.  
David Karisny asked for a motion. Roger Granat so moved and Scott McInnis submitted a request to 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was 3-0 in favor.
2. Adopt the minutes from the April 22, 2019 executive session of the GVRTC.  
David Karisny asked for a motion. Roger Granat so moved and Scott McInnis submitted a request to 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was 3-0 in favor.

Phyllis Norris abstained, as she was not present during these meetings.

### **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).

3. Election of the GVRTC Chair and Vice-Chair positions. Currently, the Chair is vacant after Bennett Boeschstein's term ended with Grand Junction City Council in May and David Karisny is the Vice-Chair. The majority vote of the Members present at the time of the vote will determine the officers.—  
Dana Brosig, RTPO

Request for a nomination for chair by David Karisny. Scott McInnis made a motion for Dave Karisny to be the Chair. Phyllis Norris seconded the motion. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

Roger Granat moved for Scott McInnis to be Vice Chair and Phyllis Norris seconded the motion. 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. 2045 Regional Transportation Plan Update – Dana Brosig, RTPO  
Staff received three good proposals on Friday June 21, 2019 and the selection committee will meet on June 28 to discuss the proposals and make a selection. The Plan needs to be adopted by

December. This will be an update of the 2040 plan. GVRTC will be provided updates at each meeting or more often, if staff believe it is necessary. Staff will notify the Chair if there are any items that require direction.

5. GVRTC Legal Counsel RFP – Dana Brosig, RTPO

The GVRTC discussed this during the last meeting. Staff has developed a draft RFP with the assistance of County Attorney Patrick Coleman. The RFP and subsequent contract will have Task Orders and option for the Legal Counsel to be available for meetings or phone calls and bring the contract before the GVRTC in August. Selection committee along with the GVRTC will decide on which proposal(s) to move forward with a contract. The RFP is written so one or more firms depending on the need, could be awarded the contract. Staff will send the scope of work to the GVRTC members for review.

6. GVT ADA Paratransit Evaluation Update – Sarah Brooks, RTPO

Paratransit ridership has increased quite a bit over the last year and half and stretched resources. Staff found that we could modify the eligibility process that will include a modified application and assessment. Would help if the board members were provided an explanation of the system existing system. Need to keep an eye on paratransit costs and businesses realizing they can utilize GVT instead of providing their own transportation of clients. Do we know this to be true of what the businesses are doing? Do these private companies have the resources to be providing these transportation services? Board needs more information of which facilities GVT is serving and have a meeting with these facilities to discuss concerns with GVT resources.

Discussion of the existing service provided to those that truly need it. Need to find a way to encourage those to who could use fixed route to do so. Discussion of current application process. A year ago we were running 6 buses a day and now we are at 7 or 8 buses a day. Discussion of the functional assessment and cognitive assessment. Discussion that there may be some individuals that could use fixed route with additional training and with a new Mobility Manager position this is now available. Discussion of the school district providing training in order to allow students to learn to ride fixed route.

7. GVT Marketing- Dana Brosig, RTPO

Staff is trying to get ridership up and change the perception of GVT as currently riders are typically only those that have to take GVT, use GVT. Trying to target those who could become choice riders and become a community option. Communicate with the Board for providing free days for kids to take the bus and for kids and parents to see that riding the bus is not that scary and is a viable option. Budget consideration must be reviewed as part of offering free days. Discussion of self-promotion on the buses. Discussion of the IGA partners utilizing advertising on the backs of the buses. GVRTC confirmed that these kind of promotions are a typically a staff decision, but need to stay within the budget. GVRTC should be informed on these decisions as done at this meeting.

8. GVT Operations Report for May 2019 – Valdon Lewis, GVT

- Attachment

GVT did a few things different for JUCO this year and explained what was done last year for the route. This year utilized the DASH service since it basically covers the same route. Last year 870 riders for JUCO. This year ridership intermingled with DASH but overall Route 1 ridership was up as compared to last year. Paratransit up 20% from last year. Recognized Vicky Seitz with 10 years plus with GVT and has moved to South Dakota.

**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.

None

**Meeting Adjourned: 4:43 p.m.**: Minutes submitted by Kathy Young.