

GVMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Notes
February 13, 2019

Attendees: Dean Bressler, Todd Hollenbeck, Kathy Young, Jason Smith, Katie Clark, Frank Watt, Michael King, Sean Yeates, Dana Brossig, Karla Distel-Town of Collbran Finance Manager, Rob Beck, David Thornton,

Via telephone conference: None

Meeting called to order: 3:00pm

Information/Discussion Items:

1. Potential Regional Priority Program (RPP) / Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) changes – Jason Smith, CDOT

See handout. Pull funding from Clifton and 20 Road to the I-70B project. Are these projects shovel ready if funding is moved to I-70B project? If not, then some funding should go toward Clifton & 20 Road to ensure shovel ready in case additional funds becomes available. Value in keeping funds reflected within the projects so they will continue to move forward. \$600,000 budgeted for Clifton project and no funds for Palisade at this point. If Palisade put local funding toward it, it would give it a place holder but no RPP funds at this point.

STAC meeting discussion, SB1 provision, if both 2018 measures failed a legislative measure would be put forward in 2019. The 2018 legislature was telling 2019 legislature what to do and they are not necessarily agreeing. Not likely to be a ballot measure in 2019.

Is transportation a priority of the new governor? Talked about Front Range rail, electric vehicles during his election campaign. Haven't heard about a big ticket funding for transportation.

I-70B funding will get project completed through 1st and Grand Intersection, specifically, that is to reconstruct the intersection and all approaches.

I-70B is the only project CDOT FASTER funds can go toward currently.

Palisade feeling frustrated on what they've been asked to do by CDOT, which they've done and nothing seems to be happening to move projects forward. \$300,000 is what's been proposed for local funding. An IGA would be necessary between CDOT and Palisade. What's the total cost, the design finalized, does it have phasing options, time frame to have it completed.

The \$1,000,000 for North Avenue aren't sure if meets the requirements for FASTER funding.

Multimodal funding discussion....Committee has been formed. Transportation Commission makes the final decisions. There is a local portion for local governments. Does it make more sense to have a call for projects for larger amounts or divvy it out among locals? Transportation Commission needs to decide.

2. 29 Road Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study, brief update – Dean Bressler, GVMPO

Project website:

<https://www.mesacounty.us/residents/transportation/29-road/>

Public Open House - 29 Rd Interchange at I-70 PEL Study

Thursday, February 28, 4:00 – 6:00pm

Faith Heights Church, 600 28 1/4 Road, Grand Junction

3. Transportation Impact Fee (TIF), brief update, recent briefings for development community, plans for adoption – Dean Bressler, GVMPO

Palisade Board as developed within the study. Adopting single family housing at two different levels and multifamily. Everything else, Palisade Board wants to discuss further. There was a moratorium on development until TIF was adopted so this moratorium is now ended. Goal is to get the full table adopted but Palisade is still assessing the numbers. New fees became effective when adopted by board which was last night.

Discussion of presenting the information to groups that aren't necessarily opposed to it. Maybe some public open houses in various areas around the valley.

4. Safety Performance Management Target Setting, Annual Targets, brief update, resolution to go to the GVRTC February 25 – Dean Bressler, GVMPO

The discussion was a follow up to January TAC meeting when safety performance target setting was discussed in detail. See draft resolution.

5. 2020 Census, Mesa County Complete Count Committee – Dean Bressler, GVMPO

Approached by Census staffers over a year ago to let agency staff know it's coming and why it's important and will be back to engage staff later. They returned last week to get a Complete Count Committee going and Todd is leading it.

Other Business:

None

Representative Updates:

Jason Smith-making progress on ADA ramps along Ute and Pitkin. How to get informed consent from key Grand Junction and CDOT personnel and elected officials regarding I-70B project. City has been very involved in design meetings thus far. What's going to happen with the City Market building and Two Rivers will affect things.

Sean Yeates/Dana Brosig-there is interest in adding gas station, fast food restaurants, etc at F ½ & I-70B intersection and needing a signal. Nobody wants to fund adding the signal so waiting to see if someone else will develop and pay for it.

Karla Distel-excited about being part of the process and being involved in 2045 planning process regarding Hwy 330. New board that is more involved since 2040 plan. Collbran completed a Main Street improvement project including solar street lights, improved crosswalks.

Mike King-Colorado Aviation System Plan is being developed. Statewide look at what happens with aviation within the state. Interested in all public input. Proposal from CDOT staff that's going to Transportation Commission to increase Bustang fares by \$1. RTD just increased their pay rate for drivers so Bustang drivers starting looking around. CDL driver shortage statewide. Outrider-they have been assessing 21 new routes that had been suggested to them and evaluating them based on four criteria. Geographic equity, social equity, forecast ridership. No prioritization yet but working toward that.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:30pm