

**GVMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Notes**  
**January 13, 2021**

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**Attendees (virtually):** Jason Smith, Kathy Young, Dana Brosig, Dean Bressler, Andy Gingerich, Sean Yeates, Ken Haley, Scott Mai, Trent Prall, Carrie Tremblatt, Mark Rogers, Kaitlyn Clark, Valdon Lewis, Sam Atkins, Karla Distel, Matt Lemon

**Meeting called to order: 3:05pm**

**Information/Discussion Items:**

**1. Briefing on the recent federal legislation that includes both a COVID relief bill (and includes stimulus funding) and FY2021 omnibus appropriations package; what this means for Colorado and the GVMPO – Jason Smith, CDOT Region 3 and GVMPO staff**

MPO Staff had a call with CDOT Director and other staff in December. Transportation Commission was presented with the list of projects for this funding. See PowerPoint for more information. \$150 million was allocated for transportation in Colorado, with the funding distributed to the MPO areas.

Since we don't have year 3 of SB 267 funding, how are we going to spend future funds? This gives us an opportunity to advance projects already in the pipeline. These projects are Hwy 50 from Grand Junction to Delta and the Phase 5 I-70B project. Future projects are Hwy 6 at 20 Road as well as Hwy 6 in Clifton that will be funding by the freed up SB267 funds.

MPO wants to ensure all the partners, including CDOT, that we have reached some consensus on moving funds around. Is everyone comfortable with the plan and supportive for what goes into the TIP?

This gives us the opportunity to complete the Hwy 50 project in one season. Won't be bringing new projects on, put funding toward projects already on the list just sooner than originally planned.

Why are all the funds for Region 3 coming to our MPO? US 50 was the next one and everything worked in our favor to get this. CDOT headquarters used the distribution process/formula that has been agreed to statewide. Discussion of keeping funding levels even is difficult due to grants received.

Concern that SB267 funds would be moved to other projects outside our MPO.

There will be multiple TIP amendments to reflect these funding changes.

North Avenue medians project will receive SB267 year 2 and is almost ready for advertisement.

This additional funding will result in the need to finalize the Phase 6 of I-70B project between City of Grand Junction and CDOT soon.

**2. Partner MMOF and Revitalizing Main Streets updates, additional opportunities – TAC members**

4 local partners had submitted and successfully been awarded funding for their projects for Revitalizing Main Street. Horizon Drive Business District would need to apply through City of Grand Junction. Discussion of additional way finding signage application by Mesa County. Discussion of the application and reimbursement process.

MMOF summary was sent out last month of status of projects.

Ken Haley, City of Grand Junction: Wayfinding signs are installed. 24 Road trail went to FIR. Dos Rios is on scheduled to be completed in June.

Scott Mai, Mesa County: Rocky Mountain Elementary sidewalk project FOR is scheduled for 2/11 and then out to bid. Signal project at F ½ & I70B is wrapped up until Spring which will then include mill overlay and final striping. E Rd between 31 Rd and 32 Rd, urban section starting. 18 ½ K 99 starting.

Sam Atkins, City of Fruita: Freemont survey and traffic study complete. Working on preliminary alignment. Active circulation plan trying to get out the web survey to get input from the public. Responses for the Pine Street bridge at Little Salt Wash project are due 2/18.

Matt Lemon, Town of Palisade: MMOF project at the state. 30% design is complete. Parklets have been installed and lot of buy in from business so might go after another Revitalizing Main Street grant to expand on them.

Karla Distel, Town of Collbran: Working on RFP and should be out relatively quickly. Have contract from the State, but still needs to be signed.

Dana Brosig, MPO: We received GVT's MMOF contracts today for buses, CNG fueling meter, benches and shelters, and mobile ticketing.

**3. TIP Amendment for any stimulus funding and resulting transfers of existing funding – Region 3 and GVMPO staff**

We don't have a final decision of how the funds will be moved around but will get it out to the TAC members for review and then to the GVRTC for approval. Will need definite amounts from CDOT staff.

**Other Business:**

None

**Representative Updates:**

Kaitlyn Clark, CDOT: Curb ramp project continuing. Redlands and Fruita will be completed in next few weeks. If anyone has any punch lists items for the other areas, please reach out. Hwy 340 culvert project is under way. Hwy 139 culvert project will be completed in June. Phase 5 of I-70B project will go out for advertisement in February and construction starts in April 2021 and completed in April 2022. Have had strong interest from contracting community.

US50 settlement project is being accelerated. Project will be going to ad at the end of February 2021 with Completion in Fall 2021.

Valdon Lewis, GVT: Union negotiations are ongoing. Working through a federal mediator and next sessions are 1/25 & 1/26. Potential of a strike and preparing for it.

**Mobility Hub Discussion:**

GVRTC met to discuss Greyhound and Bustang moving to GVT downtown facility. There is interest from CDOT headquarters to help Grand Junction implement a mobility hub. CDOT staff and MPO staff discussed if want to have a hub and how to move forward to get this desire to CDOT headquarters. Think big and fast even if not being able to building it all right away. Vision needs to stay consistent and unified.

See presentation.

Discussion of possible locations and what should be included in a mobility hub.

Ken Haley, City: Something centralized.

Mark Rogers: any site that can be excluded? Who's going to lead?

Discussion of what was said at the GVRTC meeting. Task Force being developed and who should be a part of that. RTPO can take the lead at this point to set up meeting.

Who will take the lead regarding funding?

Does anyone think this is a bad idea or have any concerns? No concerns raised.

Someone from the City or the MPO needs to lead this and CDOT will support it.

Is it CDOT who we need to communicate our commitment to and how do we do that?

Need a fact sheet on what our vision is. Need as much detail as we can get. Need a plan. Then CDOT can start leverage funding depending on the location. Which mobility's will use it? What's the best location?

RTPO will take the lead on getting the next meeting set up within the next couple weeks.

**Meeting Adjourned: 4:58pm**