

GVMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Notes
June 12, 2019

Attendees: Keith Todd, Karla Distel, Mark Rogers, Kathy Young, Dean Bressler, Dana Brosig, Sam Atkins, Jason Smith, Andy Gingerich, Mike Paige, Scott Mai, Sarah Brooks, Dave Thornton, Paul Jagim,

Via telephone conference: None

Meeting called to order: 3:01pm

Information/Discussion Items:

- 1) SH 330 Bridge at MP 8, potential RPP funding for study, preliminary design – Karla Distel, Keith Todd, Town of Collbran
See power point presentation. Town of Collbran is looking for support and funding for a feasibility and design study for two bridges on Hwy 330- mile marker 8, close to V Road, aka Sunnyside as well as a bridge approximately 1 mile east. Both are narrow. In the last 7-10 years only one accident reported. There are probably more, just not reported. School District 50 has lost several mirrors on the buses. Have a lot of young high school drivers that don't ride the bus that must utilize these bridges to get to school.

CDOT stated without funding, nothing can really be done as much as we'd like to. The bridges do meet structural requirements. These are rated as high as 60 if not 70s. Bridges are functionally obsolete meaning they are narrow and not up to code but they are not going to fail structurally.. Can't use bridge funding as this funding isn't for widening or replacement unless they are structurally deficient. CDOT would like to receive reports of all crashes from the Collbran Town Marshall, as they are not being forwarded on. These bridges do not qualify for hazard or FASTER safety funds with only one reported accident. RPP funding option must be decided on within this TAC group and future planning. Then a decision by the elected officials and the board. There isn't a pool of RPP funding available. It is already applied to existing projects but future funds could be utilized if project meets the priority list if enough funding is available.

CDOT staff are willing to work with Collbran and doing some brainstorming to try to improve the situation. Town met with CDOT maintenance on site at some point in the past. Inspections are completed annually so scoring could change. Unsure if bridges are capable of being widened or need to be replaced. Part of the issue on Hwy 330 is lack of right of way (ROW) so it will be costly to obtain/purchase right of way. There are also laws dictating how ROW is obtained so it is very costly and time-consuming. CDOT has agreed to do another site visit with their engineers to look at the bridges and see if anything else can be done such as additional signage and the approximate cost to widen the bridges.

- 2) 2045 Travel Model and Regional Transportation Plan update – Dana Brosig, Dean Bressler, GVMPO
 - a) Travel model
 - i) Roadway network changes – Dean will be sending out the Existing plus Committed list of projects that we established with the 2040 RTP and includes revisions since that time. This list should include all projects to be completed in near-future for inclusion in the model, and to be reviewed by MC, City of GJ, Fruita, and CDOT.
 - ii) Traffic counts, to the extent possible, have been taken from Fall 2018 with some extending into Spring 2019.
 - iii) 2045 land use
 - (1) 2018 will be the base year. Obtained October 2018 parcel data (including housing) from Assessors Office.
 - (2) 2018 employment data from Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, with additional input and refinement from the larger employers in Mesa County.
 - (3) We will need input from the local partners to make the best possible employment projections for 2045.
 - b) Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
 - i) RFP

Went out two weeks ago. Proposals are due 6/21 and we want to get under contract ASAP. Needs to be adopted in December.
 - ii) Steering Committee (SC)

Core group that meets monthly and other group to assist with community outreach.

Will reach out to partners/SC to check list of documents to provide to consultant to incorporate in the plan and for involvement in SC. Suggestion for SC to meet less frequently for longer blocks (ie 3 hr blocks) We need to coordinate with the City of Grand Junction as they undertake their Master Plan to prevent confusion in the public and “meeting burn-out.” Need to make sure the community knows the City’s plan will be incorporated into the RTP but that it only covers the City’s urban area and we need input for areas outside of this boundary.

Will be looking for input for scenario planning at a later date.
 - iii) Community Outreach- Peach Festival, Fruita Fall Festival, Fruita Farmers Market, Downtown Farmers Market, Mesa County Fair, Down Syndrome Resource Fair, Farmers Markets, Organizations reaching out to their members, asking them to complete the survey. Karla can help with a combined Mesa/Collbran/Debeque outreach.
- 3) GVT ADA Paratransit Evaluation update – Sarah Brooks, GVMPO

Staff met with Patrick Coleman to go over the new proposed process and he felt it was fine from a liability standpoint. Talked to other transit agencies going through similar process

and City of Loveland shared their paratransit application which they said helped reduce ridership by 50% by providing service to those who truly cannot use fixed route service. Discussion on narrowing the list of who can provide the medical assessment signoff. In July staff will have a meeting with the local coordinating council (LCC) to update them of where we are at with the process. By September 1, be initiating the new application, in person interview and if needed, complete the physical or cognitive assessment. Are in person interviews required for everyone, ie those that are non-verbal, etc? Transdev staff are going to provide more information that will then be discussed with Patrick Coleman.

Discussion about providing information to City or County about areas that could use sidewalk improvements or audible signal crossings that would allow someone to use fixed route.

Discussion of getting the existing paratransit riders to complete the new application process within the next year to possible move people to conditional eligibility, etc.

Travel training in Fruita on 6/19 if know anyone who would be interested.

4) 29 Road PEL Update – Scott Mai, Mesa County

Had consultant rewrite the purpose and needs after feedback from CDOT and FHWA.

Technical committee phone call scheduled for next week. Extended contract time.

Other Business:

None

Representative Updates:

Scott Mai-looking at doing rehab on the bridge over River on Hwy 6. Colonial Drive waiting on final ROW clearance. Finishing Kimball Creek road and work on Buzzard Creek road is out to bid. Orchard Avenue is under construction. One property is non responsive so will be condemning to obtain ROW. Finished Vega Road work. In July, will be working on N. River Road & US 6 intersection which is partly for Palisade Plunge project. The first 13 miles of the Palisade Plunge works starts in July.

Mark Rogers-June 24, CDOT executive director scheduled to be at GVRTC.

Dana Brosig-District 7 Transportation Commissioner is up for reappointment. Kathy Hall at end of her term and she has applied to renew.

Sam Atkins-Maple Street closed from Pabor to Ottley.

Jason Smith-US 6 completed from Mack to Fruita just in time for Country Jam. Starting DDI lane widening within next few months. Looking at next year's design. Collbran resurfacing may be moved to next summer 2020.

Dave Thornton-Comprehensive plan handouts.

Paul Jagim-street maintenance season, overlays, chip seals, 7th Street reconstruction from Orchard to Patterson is getting started. Xcel line extension from Golden Corral to Riverside Parkway, all the way down to Persigo.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:54pm