

Central Front Range Transportation Planning Region

October 9, 2023

Teller County Sheriff's Office, Divide, Colorado

In person attendees: Samantha Hughes, Scott Dodge, Dwayne McFall, Richard Elsner, Dwayne Gaymon, Chad Wright, Michael Davis, Jason Nelson, Hannah Parsons, Ted Schweitzer, Dianna Van Auken, Rob Frei, Shane Ferguson, John Hall, Kathy Lowry, Geoff Guthrie, Lindsey Jaquez, Matt Pettit, Lachelle Davis, Kathleen Collins, Herman Stockinger, Melissa Lewis, Jamie Grim

Online attendees: Kevin Day, Kacey Dyke, Pepper Whittlef, Leo Evans, Jessica Bechtel, Victoria Chavez, Danelle Miller, Janell Sciacca

Meeting called to order by Dwayne McFall at 10:34 a.m. Recording of meeting did not start until 10:38 a.m.

Introductions/ online introductions

The Meeting Agenda was approved by CFRTPR members in attendance.

STAC UPDATE: Richard Elsner gives the STAC update. Gives update on discussion on the MMOF distribution formula. Gives update on the possibility of adding all El Paso County to Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) and other Transportation Planning Region (TPR) boundary change possibilities. Brings up that rural El Paso County would likely object to the change and agrees to the concern. Victoria Chavez of El Paso County does object to any changes to rural El Paso County being removed from the Central Front Range TPR mainly due to the already established relationship and the potential for competing for funding with larger projects. Commissioner Elsner agrees that he hopes to keep the boundaries the same for the Central Front Range TPR as we- all work well together. Commissioner Stone shares the same concerns for funding for removing rural El Paso County and adding them to PPACG. Victoria Chavez suggests for the Central Front Range TPR members to write a resolution and a letter with signatures of support to keep the boundaries the same from the members. Herman Stockinger, CDOT Deputy Executive Director attended the meeting and explained why the TPR boundary review has started, based on state legislation under HB 23-1101. The biggest issues are governance issues and updates to TPR documents. Other recommendations that CDOT staff are proposing includes training new TPR administrators, so they know and understand their roles and responsibilities and comply with state regulations. He explained the state legislature requires that TPR boundaries be evaluated and to determine if it makes sense to have split counties. He also explained why rural El Paso County is being considered to be part of PPACG. Victoria Chavez raised her concerns again with Herman Stockinger regarding funding and the rural areas of El Paso County having more in common with CFR-TPR compared PPACG. Commissioner Stone relayed the same concerns to CDOT and requested CDOT to support what the people want rather than what the CDOT staff is proposing. Herman compared El Paso County to Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) as there are similar issues with rural and urban areas in both, but DRCOG would not want to split their counties based on their thoughts on funding. Victoria Chavez explained that she is the representative of the urban and rural parts of El Paso County and does not see the same issues. Commissioner Stone and Herman explained the difference

between Woodland Park being part of an MPO, versus El Paso County. Shane Ferguson, CDOT Region 2 Transportation Director explained the Regional Priority Program (RPP) formula proposed. Under the RPP formula for distributing funds the CFRTPR would see a 1.5% decrease which would be about \$160,000.00 decrease if rural El Paso County joins PPACG. The District 9 Transportation Commissioner, Hannah Parsons, supports CDOT's intentions with their recommendations.

Local Updates: Commissioner Elsner gave an update on Park County projects. Barrier around winery, striping, chain up stations, river walk/ guardrail, Fairplay projects, chain up stations, bridge North of Alma and noted that these projects are going well. Commissioner Stone gave an update on Teller County projects. Noted that the CO 24 resurfacing project is going well, and thanked CDOT for their efforts for correcting issues from day and night operations during high traffic times. The bridge project in Florissant is coming along. Diana Van Auken provided an update for Teller County Senior Coalition and their funding, and where they are in those processes. Scott Dodge gave an update for Fairplay and how the CO 9 and US 285 projects are going and requested resurfacing on Main Street. Leo Evans gave an update on Canon City Multimodal Transportation Mitigation Options Fund (MMOF) and Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) projects, pedestrian improvements on US 50 between 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Kevin Day gave an update for Custer County. CO 96 between Wetmore and Westcliffe was completed, also updates on sidewalk projects are in the design phase. Lachelle Davis. Local Agency Manager provided an update on all local agency projects and noted that the funding deadlines (when funds must be spent or lost) for projects are all on schedule and explained that the CFRTPR projects are all considered low risk for not meeting their deadline.

Maintenance Update: The CO 67 project had some issues after some rain. Project contract is under bid for the work to restabilize the shoulder. There are concerns with roughly three feet of the highway. Found a mineshaft under CO 67 and the plan is to remove dirt from the area, and fill it in. Two chip seal projects are happening in Park County with one on CO 67. Hopefully next spring paving on North CO 67 will occur. CDOT is getting ready for winter operations.

Bustang: Geoff Guthrie, CDOT Region 2 Planning Manager gives the update. Ridership on Bustang is going well. Geoff provided an update on the Bustang service to Canon City, noting the service will continue but the stop location is being reconsidered.

STIP updates spreadsheet: Geoff gives the Region wide STIP update and the projects that cross TPR boundaries. The additions on provided on a meeting packet spread sheet. There was a motion to approve the proposed cross TPR boundary STIP changes. A vote took place and the CFRTPR members voted in favor of STIP amendments. Geoff also presented the CFR-TPR STIP amendments provided on the spread-sheet. There was a motion to approve. The TPR voted unanimously in favor of approving the STIP changes. Geoff Guthrie also presented RPP additions noted on a spread sheet. CDOT will request a formal vote for the RPP projects at the January 2024 CFRTPR meeting.

2024 meeting dates: Everyone agrees to the following meeting dates for 2024.

Monday January 8, 2024, Monday, April 8, 2024, Monday, July 8, 2024, and Monday, October 7, 2024

The meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.