

Eastern Transportation Planning Region

Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2022

Opening

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Transportation Planning Region as called to order at 10:00am on December 5, 2022 in Limon, Colorado by Chris Richardson, Co-Chair.

Roll Call / Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Scott Weaver, Chairman requested the addition of MMOF monthly meeting status reports to be listed under the Discussion Items portion of the agenda. The changes were adopted by consent approval.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on September 9, 2022 were approved unanimously. Motion made by Commissioner Burgess and seconded by Commissioner Vance.

Discussion Items

ETPR Meeting Expenses

Washington County to provide refreshments for the 2023 ETPR meetings in Akron

Paper packets will continue to be provided at meetings

MMOF Meeting

Phillips County sidewalk project is ready to go

Action Items

Information on the IGA was presented by Michael Snow. Drafted in 2016, a 100% vote by all RPC members is required in order to make any changes. Bylaws may be changed by those attending. All are to review the IGA and present any possible suggestions for changes by the first week in January. Commissioner Beedy recommended County Commissioners take the lead on engaging and encouraging municipal participation from within their County. TPR administration staff will present any change recommendations received at the next TPR meeting. Approval of MOA. Commissioner Hornung moved and Commissioner Hofmeister seconded the approval of the MOA with Yuma County as the Regional Administrator of the Eastern TPR. Motion passed unanimously.

Informational Items

CDOT staff presented and discussed grants, funding, eligibility, planning and upcoming projects. Highways 385 and 71 were discussed with possibilities to be viewed as part of the Freight Plan. Highway 385, north of Holyoke to Julesburg, projected to have repair work and shoulders extended. March/April 2023 is the projected start date for the project. Katrina Kloberdanz, CDOT Traffic Engineer discussed speed limit signs

Report-Out Items

CDOT Transportation Commission Report -Transportation Commissioner, Gary Beedy

Funds are being set aside to move forward.

Look in to long range planning.

Address Interstates & Preserve Our System

STAC Updates – Co-Chair, Chris Richardson

November 3, 2022 meeting, transit update

December 1, 2022 meeting, budget discussion, population update and Elbert Co. project

Sterling Residency Project Updates – CDOT R4, Jeff Dollerschell

Discussion about 2 bridges east of Wray, 5 bridge Holyoke (late spring 2024-25)

Greeley Residency Project Updates – CDOT R4, Dan Mattson

Community Roundtable

Heather Paddock, CDOT Region 4 Transportation Director answered questions about highway 71 becoming an interstate. Joe Kiely, VP of Operation Ports-to-Plains added that a freight study needs to be conducted. Commissioner Hofmeister expressed concern over a recent statement by the Governor that he was unaware of discussion related to establishment a freight corridor in Eastern Colorado. Commissioner Beedy requested that the Eastern TPR be given a special meeting during the development of CDOTs upcoming long-range plan in the interest of re-instating local involvement in long-range planning. Commissioner Burgess expressed concern over missing signage on Highway 71 north of Limon that recently caused a fire department to miss their turn when responding to an emergency call.

An expression of gratitude was issued to Commissioner Trent Bushner for his contributions to transportation in the region prior to his impending retirement.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm by Scott Weaver, Chairman. The next quarterly meeting will be in-person at 10:00am on March 6, 2023 in Akron, Colorado.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by: