

Eastern Transportation Planning Region

Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2023

Opening

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Transportation Planning Region as called to order at 9:30am on December 4, 2023 in Limon, Colorado by Commissioner Richardson.

Roll Call / Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on September 11, 2023 was distributed. Motion made by Commissioner Laybourn, seconded by Commissioner Gates and approved unanimously as distributed.

Discussion Items

First item of discussion was the By-laws included in the packet that were provided by Commissioner Weaver. It was suggested that the words members were replaced by Elected Officials in Section 5. There were people who suggested it was a great draft but Gary Beedy suggested maybe waiting to motion to adopt until there is a final draft. The question of why only Commissioners are appointed Co-chairs and not any City/Town people. Some individuals were unaware that they were able to vote. It was explained by Commissioner Weaver that it's hard to get municipalities to the table. Weaver also asked which municipalities have IGA's and wanted to get a list of the municipalities that have IGA's. Josie Thomas said she could send that out. Commissioner Richardson was hoping to get the template complete and hopefully adopt something by March.

Brian Varrella discussed drainage and flooding issues. He mentioned the number one cause of death in floods is individuals drowning in cars. Major flooding can occur after minor rainfall. During six weeks of the months of May-June there was 81 reported incidents. Varella concluded his presentation with the recommendations of keeping your team updated, preparing for all hazards, update the plans by knowing the risks, and support better practices. Varella also wanted to mention the importance of if there is too much water on the road or flooding make sure to shut them down. Heather Paddock stated that CDOT has resources to help analyze problems with flooding troubleshooting. Commissioner Weaver would like to define whose responsibility it is to fix flooding in right of way. Heather Paddock states that sometimes the issue is shared. Giselle asked for phone number if problems with this arrive and was directed to call Josie Thomas.

Leann Laybourn was asking about the striping done by Akron. Katrina Kloberdanz mentioned that the striping was done near preschools to help traffic slow down. There was concern about the work on the highway was dangerous because the lights and stop signs are hard to see at times. She mentioned that more communication and more signage would be help that situation. Heather Paddock mentioned she would work on the public messaging to help communication and Katrina Kloberdanz will work with traffic control.

Informational Items

CDOT Transportation Commissioner Karen Stuart talked the draft 2024-2025 Budget. There is 6 new Commissioners who each have been learning their responsibilities in their positions. Gary Beedy talked about STAC Updates. He stated that the TPR boundary was voted against on a state wide basis.

Community Roundtable

Commissioner Weaver mentioned the approved Solar Farm going into Yuma County and was asking about how to come up with road impact analysis. The answer was to get with CDOT to find out how to come up with amount. It was stated that traffic would be a factor and a CDOT Material Engineer will need to look at data.

Public Input

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Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm by Commissioner Richardson. The next quarterly meeting will be in-person at 9:30am on March 4, 2024 in Akron, Colorado.