

Eastern Transportation Planning Region

Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2024

Opening

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Transportation Planning Region as called to order at 9:30am on June 3, 2024 in Limon, Colorado by Commissioner Richardson.

Roll Call / Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on March 4, 2024 was distributed. Motion made by Commissioner Laybourn, seconded by Adam Gates and approved unanimously as distributed.

Discussion Items

The first item up for discussion was the question of why the name was updated to Regional Planning Commission instead of Eastern TPR in the Bylaws. Jamie Grim was stating that in our 2017 signed IGA it was written that we were considered Regional Planning Commission and it was recommended that our Bylaws have the same matching name. The RPC is an organization established within the TPR and is the governing body responsible for the transportation process. The TPR is considered the geographic area of the state including 15 regions. All of Colorado RPC was formed to fulfill the transportation planning requirements under Title 43 in statute with the governing bodies know as TPR. Jaime Grim suggested contacting County Attorney if more advise is needed.

Michael Snow was next and went over MMOF 2023-2024 updates. He mentions how the match reduction formula is using more recent data but there are no formula changes and how the rates apply to new projects without affected previously funds awarded. It has remained 81/19 for Urban/Rural funding split with modifications to Urban and no changes to Rural formula. For the Application process of MMOF funds there is a goal to reduce number of withdrawn and delayed projects and reduce costs for Local Agency and CDOT staff project support. They hope to provide TPR complete project information to aid in efficiency. Some important items to review are budget, project delivery, and the feasibility.

Next item of discussion was Tom Aguilar explaining how they prepare and act for Winter Maintenance Pre-Storm Treatment. He first showed us the system they pull up to check the probability of a storm to prepare for what actions and routes to take. There are trucks and plows with friction sensors to communicate to the supervisors to decide what sort of solid or liquid needs to be put on the roads. They try to be proactive and put materials on pre-storm for added safety.

Brian Varrella went over Base Level Engineering Study that shows high level understanding of Flood Hazard using the best available data if no prior mapping existed. It does not include

bridges, culverts, or ditches in its studies. Brian went over the fact that these studies are not very efficient and the results are not always accurate.

Informational Items

Megan Vasquez resigned and there is now a vacancy for the CDOT Transportation Commission Report Position. Gary Beedy went over the STAC updates which included the conversation of boundary changes and updated statewide plan. There was more conversation about new transit and past rail and transit projects. Joe Kiely was not at the meeting so there was no Ports-to-Plains Update.

Community Roundtable

Public Input

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm by Commissioner Weaver. The next quarterly meeting will be in-person at 9:30am on September 9, 2024 in Akron, Colorado.