

Eastern Transportation Planning Region

Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2024

Opening

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Transportation Planning Region as called to order at 9:30am on September 9, 2024 in Akron, Colorado by Commissioner Weaver.

Roll Call / Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting on June 3, 2024 was distributed. Motion made by Commissioner Leerar, seconded by Giselle and approved unanimously as distributed.

Discussion Items

First item of discussion was MMOF updates presented by Michael Snow. Goals include benefiting aging seniors by making place of living more feasible, providing more mobility options for persons with disabilities, providing children with safe school routes, and reducing emissions of air pollutants to help environments, and benefiting DI Communitas with more flex public transportation. There has been delays in some of the projects due to unanticipated preparations and underestimated costs may cause more cost to the Local Agency and CDOT support staff. One goal is to try to avoid this by CDOT Experts reviewing closer before awards being made. They will take a look at edibility, budget, project delivery, and feasibility to make sure the application is acceptable. CDOT staff and ETPR members would both like to make the applications and granting easier to get to benefit both parties.

There was discussion of forming a MMOF Committee to further review projects and awards. It was decided there will be a group that will discuss and make decisions. They are hoping to get projects more complete so we don't lose the funding.

Commissioner Weaver would like to know if the Bylaws were acceptable since last time discussed. It was said that the ETPR can word it how they want but if they feel like they need to reach out to anyone to consult an attorney. Commissioner Weaver also questioned the MOU's and was wanting a current list.

Since we have been without a Transportation Commissioner, the group was wondering what the status of getting a new TC member was. It was explained that there has been interviewing in progress and hopefully a new person on board soon.

Marissa Gaughan talked about the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan and how we should identify and address items to make the future of ETPR benefit. We should end the 2024 meetings with Plan Overview and looking over the Long-Range Revenue Projection list in 2045 Plan. Starting in 2025 the ETPR should prioritize the list of projects and review the draft Regional Transportation Plan. Mid-2025 should be when the integration of the 10 Year plan should be implemented. Some key points that want to be accomplished would be making traveling safer, fixing roads, and expanding Transit services to Coloradans.

Informational Items

Gary Beedy stated the STAC Meeting was simple and the main information was the transit discussion. The Bylaws were going to be changed and they are to elect a new chairman at the next meeting.

Limon Residency Updates:

Asphalt is done on the WB Bethune to Burlington sections, paving WB KS to Burlington is hoping to be complete October 31. There will be a change of adding 2" overlay to US 24 to be done next season between Bethune and Burlington. On the Boero Bridge replacement, demolition expected to be done soon and new build started. The 3" Overlay on SH 59 going 9 miles north starting construction May-June 2025. There are two structures on I-70 8 other structures that should have construction begin early Spring 2025.

Sterling Residency Updates:

The two bridges East of Laird on US 34 are being replaced. The abutments and girders are placed at both structures. Work is scheduled to be done mid-November 2024. The roadway to be resurfaced with asphalt from intersection of US 6/ CO 61. Around four curve locations 6-foot paved shoulders added and embankments flattened. Projected completion date is October. Illiff to Crook Improvements including construction detour crossovers and diamond grinding expected to be done fall of 2025. Bridge replacements on US 6 and US 385 construction to begin spring 2025. Also, Spring 2025 US 6 East of Holyoke to get asphalt overlay from city of Holyoke to state line. Plans for CO 63 Akron asphalt overlay to start construction spring 2025. Preliminary design work is underway on US 6 Atwood to Sterling. Two projects to begin design in January 2025 is Resurfacing projects on US 385 to CR 29 and CO 14 Pawnee Pass.

Community Roundtable

Public Input

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:22pm by Commissioner Weaver. The next quarterly meeting will be in-person at 9:30am on December 9, 2024 in Limon, Colorado.