

Eastern Transportation Planning Region

In-Person

2738 Victory Highway, Limon, CO 80828

December 9, 2024

MINUTES

Called to Order at 9:30 by Co-Chair Chris Richardson

Roll Call / Introductions

Todd Masters; The new region 4 Commissioner.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Terry Hoffmeister moved to approved the September 9, 2024 minutes, Mike Leerar seconded.

Discussion Items

Due to the recent election, Chris Richardson stated that Region 4 needs to elect co-chair to replace him at next meeting. Chris Richardson had project discussion on MMOF projects.

Josie would like a Call Committee Review of 5 members to review a draft document. Final Applications due April 28th. The group reviewed documents presented at the June ETPR meeting. There is 1,343, 586 available for funding. Scott Weaver suggested adding a deadline to projects. Josie stated it could be added to the award letter process and will get Michael Snow to help.

MMOF call for projects FY 20; FY23 FY28

Motion: Giselle Jefferson 2nd: Sarah Lancaster, Town of Hugo

Giselle Jefferson discussed changes made to the scoring table.

Oversize Load Routes

There was extensive discussion regarding oversized load routes and the permitting process. Craig Hurst noted that \$9 million in overweight permits are allocated to the CDOT general fund each year. He also mentioned that if carriers violate permitting regulations, no action can be taken unless they are cited by law enforcement.

Since the oversized permit conversation was lengthy, no discussion was had on Hwy 34 West of Yuma, Legislative Issues (Ev-Tax and CCI Work Group), and Open Call to Counties with roads that are degrading faster than the plan is for repair.

CDOT Presentation

Marissa Gaughn provided an update to the ETPR Region 4 members and CDOT employees. She discussed the development of various plans, including Regional Plans, Statewide Transportation and Transit Plans, the 10-Year Plan, and the 4-Year STIP. The group engaged in a conversation about the TPR Vision and Goals, specifically considering the removal of the phrase "Enhancing air, freight, and passenger service for the Region" from the 2024 Goal list. Additionally, there was a discussion regarding the 2045 Focus Areas and potential modifications.

Status on ETPR Items

Josie Thomas delivered an update regarding the status of ETPR projects. The group examined the 10-year plan and noted several new projects for consideration, which were presented in the slideshow from CDOT during the meeting. Thomas mentioned her willingness to distribute a survey to assist ETPR in prioritizing projects for the 2050 plan update. The group will review the survey results at the next ETPR meeting.

Informational Items

There were updates from STAC by Gary Beedy, who discussed the government's budget challenges, specifically highlighting on Gallagher funding to support healthcare funding, amounting to \$65 million. Additionally, Joe Kiely provided an update on the Ports-to-Plains project, which is projected to require an investment of \$2.17 billion over the next decade.

**Setting of next ETPR Meeting: Monday, March 3, 2025 (In-Person, Akron) 9:30am – 12pm
(Changed to virtual on March 11th at 9am)**

NOON Adjournment