

MEETING MINUTES
Chaffee County Transportation Advisory Board
Thursday, April 14, 2022
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Via ZOOM Conference Call
<https://zoom.us/j/4328290633> ID #432 829 0633

In Attendance: Chaffee County Commissioner Keith Baker, Kate Garwood, Thomas Brown, Wendy Rombold, Donna Rhoads, Joseph Teipel, David Lady, Bill Almquist and Jennifer Davis.

I. Call to Order

Garwood called the meeting to order at 10:02

II. Approval of Agenda

Rhoads motioned to approve the agenda. Teipel seconded. All in favor.

III. Approval of February 10, 2022 Minutes

Rhoads motioned to approve contingent upon correcting the spelling of Nate Mohrmann's name. Brown seconded. All in favor.

IV. Commissioner's Report -- Commissioner Baker

Federal funds have been offered to the State of Colorado, and Chaffee County has applied to use some of the funds to build a new meeting center in Buena Vista which can also be used as an emergency operation center. Previously identified intersections earmarked for improvements as well.

There has been more talk about the re-activation of the Railway over Tennessee Pass. Chaffee, Eagle and Lake Counties share the same interests and are paying close attention.

He is attending the STAC Meeting tomorrow (Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee). There is not much transportation on the legislation agenda this year. Rules for bicyclists changed this week allowing them to not stop at intersections when safe.

The next Transportation Planning Meeting for Region 5 is on May 5th. They are finalizing a list of safety improvement projects such as adding turn lanes at Hwy 285 and the county landfill, Hwy 291 and CR 151, lighting at Hwy 24 and CR 384, among others. Lady commented that he's received phone calls from folks stating it's becoming increasingly difficult to make left hand turns at the intersection near the hospital, (Hwy 291 and CR153/CR175). Garwood asked if any of the "Congressional Designated Spending" money could be earmarked for Chaffee County Public Works? The answer is no for this year but prepare a list for next year's allocation.

V. Old Business

A. Update on Transit – Kate Garwood shared notes for Hank Martin

Martin is attending a meeting today with Chaffee County Public Health and Ark Valley Helping Hands regarding providing education to the public to increase their confidence for using the shuttle services. Overall, the demand for shuttle service has increased in the last month but some riding candidates are fearful. The Bustang is at 70% capacity on average. There is a new shuttle line from Crestone to Alamosa, and they are hopeful to start one from Antonito to Alamosa.

B. HOPE Grant Update--Upcoming Public Outreach--Phase II

Over 500 people participated in the “pop-up” transportation survey events held last month at Walmart, LaGree’s, City Market, etc. The results will be available at the end of this month.

C. Discussion of Sub-Area Planning for Rural Chaffee County

The TAB Board will work within their respective areas of the county to review possibilities of increasing the connectivity. Barton has a base map for reference.

VI. New Business

TAB Land Use Code Update

Barton said the consulting firm of Logan & Simpson started the project by viewing Salida from the top of Tenderfoot Mountain and Buena Vista from the hillside at CR 304 and Main. Information can be found on the Together Chaffee County website. Expect the project to take up to 18 months. Members of TAB are ready to assist.

VII. Other Business

A. Road Name Change

Teipel mentioned that the Town of Buena Vista would like to rename CR’s 319 and 320 to Airport Road. Jennifer Davis added that she is assisting the Town of Poncha Springs with a road name change and can share how to prepare a “Resolution” to accomplish this.

B. Future TAB Meetings – Zoom or In Person

Garwood asked how the board felt about having in person meetings. A couple folks would like to meet in person again, but the majority preferred the continuation of Zoom meetings as it is much more efficient with less time wasted on travel and meeting room set up preparation. Hybrid meetings may be the answer.

VIII. Adjournment

Garwood adjourned the meeting at 10:56. Next Meeting: May 12, 2022

Submit by Wendy Rombold, Secretary