

MINUTES

Chaffee County Transportation Advisory Board

Thursday, April 13, 2023

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Via ZOOM Conference Call and In Person at Government Center
Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room

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Members Present: Kate Garwood, Donna Rhoads, Tom Brown, Bill Delay, Adriane Kuhn, Bill Almquist, Jenny Davis, Joseph Teipel, Bonnie Davis, and Christine Wierzbinski; Staff Present: Christie Barton

Guest: Andrea Carlstrom, Chaffee County Health Department

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10am

II. Approval of Agenda

MOTION was made by Rhoads, seconded by Brown to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

III. Minutes of March 9, 2023

MOTION was made by Rhoads, seconded by Brown, to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

IV. Commissioner's Report – none

V. Old Business

A. RFP for Multimodal Transportation Plan

It was reported that the Request for Proposal for the Chaffee County Multimodal Transportation Plan had been approved by the Commissioners.

The plans for funding include a designated budget amount from the County for the TAB of \$10,000, DOLA and Transportation Grants and County match money. The plan will cost approximately \$400,000.

B. Collegiate Peaks Scenic Byway Public Input

Tables were set up in Buena Vista and Salida to get input on needs for the Byway.

The input was exciting and helpful and should be incorporated into our CCMTP and the LUC update.

VI. New Business

A. Commercial Drone Corridor in Chaffee County

Bill Delay spoke about a plan that started in 2017 being developed by Dennis Heath, from Denver that could involve creating a drone corridor between Salida and Buena Vista airports. It is a long way off, but has been successful in New York. It requires FAA approval for freight first and then for people.

Kuhn asked about the environmental issues involving drones; size, noise along the scenic byway and animal disruption.

There will definitely be environmental issues to be worked out. A suggestion was made that it may be possible to put the flight path over the UP rail line.

B. Broadband Readiness

DOLA is providing technical and monetary grants for communities to promote broadband readiness.

VII. Other Business

A. Chaffee Shuttle

Wierzbinski reported that a new New route from Antonito to Alamosa will start up at the end of July. Next will be expansion of the BV-Salida route with extended hours of operation and including one day a week for Howard and maybe Maysville.

The Chaffee Shuttle booth at the Home & Garden Show drew in approximately 90 people and 30 surveys were filled out concerning social, recreational and personal needs. The results will be out soon and she will be forwarding those to the TAB.

Bustang officials had reported they would be working on a second bus from Gunnison to Denver in the afternoons. With a recent change in leadership, CDOT will be improving customer information.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37am

Respectfully submitted by Donna Rhoads
Acting Secretary

Next Meeting: May 11, 2023

