

AGENDA

Chaffee County Transportation Advisory Board Thursday, January 11, 2024 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Via ZOOM Conference Call and In Person
at Government Center Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room
<https://zoom.us/j/4328290633> ID #432 829 0633

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Keith Baker, Kate Garwood, Tom Brown, Bonnie Davis, Bill DeLay, Adriane Kuhn, Mike Bischoff

STAFF PRESENT: Don Reimer, Garry Baker, Caitlynn Fortner

I. Call to Order

Garwood called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

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

III. Approval of December 14, 2023 Minutes

MOTION was made by DeLay, seconded by Davis, to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2023 TAB meeting. Motion carried.

IV. Commissioner's Report -- Commissioner Baker

Commissioner Baker reported that the State Transportation Advisory Commission (STAC) had met the previous week. The STAC received a report on the Statewide Freight Plan update.

The Commission also voted to keep the boundaries of the San Luis Valley Transportation Planning Region (TPR) as they were. There had been consideration to remove Chaffee County from the San Luis Valley TPR and attach it to another region. However, Commissioner Baker had discussed the issue with the Chaffee County's elected officials, various Chaffee County organizations, and with the full TPR membership, with all requesting to have the boundaries remain as is.

Regarding State Legislation affecting transportation, Commissioner Baker noted that the Legislature was working on bills related to transportation enhancements for vulnerable users to improve access and mobility on bicycle and pedestrian paths, improve wheelchair access, etc. There was also discussion about various aspects of Electric Vehicles (EVs), including more charging stations.

V. Old Business

A. Transit Update

1. Chaffee Shuttle/Mountain Valley Transit

Bischoff reported that, as of January 1st, the organization had taken a major step in rebranding from the Chaffee Shuttle name to Mountain Valley Transit. Over the next several months, the buses would be re-wrapped with the new name.

Bischoff also reported that the route between Antonito and Alamosa had started.

2. Bustang - Canon City Stop and Chaffee County to Colorado Springs Route Petition

Bischoff stated that Bustang officials had been working with officials in Canon City to allow the bus to stop in Canon City again. Jeff Prillwitz, CDOT Transit, was in the process of working out a new location for a stop in Canon City.

Regarding a Bustang Outrider route between Chaffee County and Colorado Springs, Bischoff noted that a citizen, Adriane Schwartz, had begun a petition to have such a route started. It was pointed out that this was a top request raised in the County's 2020 Comprehensive Plan meetings and was also a top request during the public involvement processes during the 2022 San Luis Valley Transit Plan meetings.

Bischoff stated he would keep the TAB informed on these two Bustang issues.

VI. New Business

A. Board Members Terms -- Recommendation to Board of Commissioners

Garwood reported that the Board of County Commissioners had received the TAB recommendations for appointments to the TAB in 2024.

B. CDOT Plans for Telecommunication Fees for ROW

The TAB discussed the recent announcement by CDOT that it was proposing a fee structure to allow telecommunication companies to utilize CDOT rights-of-way for cable/line extensions, instead of needing to pay for private properties to do so. The TAB thought this may have application for telecommunication utilities in the County's rights-of-way.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Next Meeting: February 8, 2024