

commuter needs, but that we will know more when the schedule comes out.

Ralph explained that errors regarding the date on page 5 of the DRAFT will be corrected.

Commenting on the DRAFT, Peter Crowell noted that All Points Transit is unable to expand because of restricted administrative funding, and is looking at new funding sources. He also noted that although APT appears to have excess when the number of vehicles and total ridership are examined, there really is no excess capacity due to commitments of vehicles to specific grant-funded segments of riders.

Nina Kotke noted that San Miguel County operates the Galloping Goose service within San Miguel County, and also operates shuttle routes between Telluride and Mountain Village funded by riders and town taxpayers. Connections between Delta and North Fork destinations such as Paonia are only covered by APT's unscheduled dial a ride services, though vacant seats are available for the public.

Nina Kothe said the vision for San Miguel County is a 'Hub & Spoke' model, to better fit our challenging geography. Peter Crowell said possibly a hybrid system might work better since hub and spoke would not work everywhere in the region. He felt we need a fixed route service for inter-county transit, and also for intercommunity service to the North Fork and elsewhere in the region.

Ralph Powers requested a copy of the mission, policies and goals and objectives for the 3RRTCC.

Issues impacting transit development are funding, scheduling, and establishing priorities for routes. Paul Gray said the longer we go without a coherent regional plan, the more potential there is for splintered, inefficient transit. Peter Crowell said we need to coordinate existing systems. Connie Hunt noted the plan needs to acknowledge the different organizations involved, and that the 3RRTCC needs to try to find a collaborative solution. Paul Gray noted concerns over duplication and the inefficiency of organizing and funding transit around specific ridership groups rather than aggregating demand and offering scheduled service to meet that demand. Nina Kothe said that in San Miguel county there is already some duplication and inefficiency, but collaboration and discussion has helped provide solutions for some issues. Paul Gray noted that this independent-minded region can find collaborative working difficult. Connie hunt suggested finding issues we can work together on and build from there.

Paul Gray reminded the group that although the 2008 study was inadequate for several reasons, primarily because demand was estimated

based on national norms rather than norms derived locally or from similar regions, the priority transit links based on potential ridership and financial viability were probably properly identified in the study as Montrose-Delta, Montrose-Telluride and Montrose-Ridgway-Ouray.

Doug Atchley said the idea of implementing new transit links is great, but that the #1 issue is funding, because no transit system operates without some degree of local subsidy. Peter Crowell feels the solution is a Rural Transit Authority which could work to unite all the parts of the region. Paul Gray continues to feel that a regional RTA is a non-starter with voters unless the value and viability of scheduled, inter-community public transit on priority routes can be demonstrated first. Nina Kotke noted that San Miguel County had difficulty getting all local governments to support establishing a County RTA, but that the County may try balloting a County RTA again in November 2013.

- b. **Transit Advisory Committee Updates** San Miguel reported they had held a public forum which was well attended. Connie Hunt suggested we invite all members of all four county transit advisory committees to the next meeting to hear the presentation of Technical Memorandum #1. The date of November 8 was proposed for the meeting.
 - c. **State Coordinating Council Minutes** Paul Gray presented the SCC minutes for information.
6. **Next Meeting Date** – As proposed, the scheduled December 13 meeting was changed to Thursday November 8 from 9 to 11 a.m. TAC chairs will invite their members.
 7. **Adjournment-** The meeting adjourned at 10:55am.