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**Three Rivers Regional Transit Coordinating Council
Minutes: June 14, 2012 @ 9:02 a.m. in Region 10 Conference Room
CORRECTED**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Connie Hunt, at 9:02 a.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Those attending introduced themselves.

Present: Connie Hunt	Joanne Fagan	Jenny Patterson	Chris Colter
Terri Wilcox	Paul Gray	Claudette Nicolas	
Absent: Doug Atchley	Pat Means	Kerwin Jensen	

3. AGENDA

Connie asked for any additions to the proposed agenda. None were noted.

m/s/c Jenny Patterson/Joanne Fagan to approve the agenda

4. APPROVAL of MINUTES of FEBRUARY 3, 2012

Connie asked for any corrections, additions, or deletions to the meeting minutes of the February 3, 2012. No additions, deletions or changes were noted.

m/s/c Jenny Patterson/Terri Wilcox to approve meeting minutes from February 3, 2012.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Transit Planning Update:** Paul indicated that three weeks ago he received a contract for the 5304 Grant. He immediately signed Region 10's portion of the contract and returned the contract to CDOT. So far he has not received a signed contract back from CDOT however he did receive a letter from CDOT stating that it was o.k. to begin the transit study and that a signed contract would be forthcoming. After receiving the letter, Paul contacted TransitPlus, who is the contractor that has been on hold to begin the study, and gave them the green light to begin. Because of the time that has lapsed waiting for paperwork, it is unknown to Paul when TransitPlus will be able to begin the project because scheduling conflicts may now be an issue. Paul would like to schedule a meeting between the Three Rivers Regional Transit Coordinating Council and TransitPlus prior to beginning the study.

As a result of Paul's Transit Planning Update the following items were discussed :

- Because of the timeframe necessary to complete the grant approval and contracting process, concerns were expressed that the reimbursement process may require a long wait

period as well. Paul said that he does not have any details concerning the reimbursement process or how Region 10 will need to invoice the state.

- Jenny expressed concern that the results of the transit study may be skewed because it would begin around the same time as the USA Pro Cycling Challenge which brings in elevated levels of tourism and traffic. Paul assured Jenny that he would notify TransitPlus of the upcoming event and that he was confident that they would be able to complete an accurate study despite such events.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Proposed Changes to Region 10 Bylaws:** Paul asked if he could begin the discussion of new business with an item that was not originally on the agenda, which is the proposed changes to the bylaws of Region 10. Historically, the only Chair attending board meetings has been the Business Loan Fund Chair however the proposed bylaws changes would allow Chairs of all Region 10 committees, advisory councils, committees, auxiliary, or other bodies to attend the meetings. If the proposed changes are approved (an e-vote is currently being conducted) the Chair of the Three Rivers Regional Transit Coordinating Council would be included as an ex-officio Member of the Region 10 Board of Directors.

Paul was asked to about the current makeup of the Board. Paul explained that there are 33 board members currently serving. Twenty-two of the members are elected officials from cities and counties in Region 10. Because Region 10 administers programs sponsored by the Small Business Administration its board must include members (at least 35%) who are not government officials.

- b. Transit Advisory Committee Updates:** Updates from the Transit Advisory Committees are summarized below:
- Connie Hunt reported that the planning for OTAC's June meeting has been somewhat derailed by issues involving staff turnover and the need for Connie to use built up vacation time. She will attempt to pull a meeting together, with the help of her assistant, sometime soon. Connie attended a meeting for the Town of Ridgway which was also attended by Jenny Patterson and Lynn Black. Connie refrained from giving details concerning the meeting because it would likely be part of Jenny's report later in the meeting.
 - Terri Wilcox explained that the next meeting for MATAC will be held next month. Terri was invited to speak at a community meeting in Ridgway called "Our Way" which was held on June 3rd and focused on regional transit. Questions concerning San Miguel and Ouray Counties were brought up and Terri mentioned Connie, Jenny and Chris as possible resources. Terri wanted members to contemplate if there was enough interest in our area to create a Regional TA. The topic had been talked about previously, but there had been no action to date. Terri also reported on a new service route that All Points Transit acquired from Tri County Health Network, which is a shuttle service from the West End and San Miguel Counties, through Montrose to Grand Junction. Last month 37 riders used the

shuttle on 6 trips. Of these riders, 17 were new to All Points Transit and 2 trips were paid for by Medicaid. The Telluride Foundation is covering all of the expenses for this service. Rides paid for by Medicaid or Fair Box are deducted from expenses, which improves the bottom line for the Telluride Foundation. Members asked Terri to email the schedule for the shuttle service to them. She agreed. Jenny voiced concern regarding Sales Tax use in that the shuttle was available for uses other than medical and may be looked at poorly by funding sources. Terri emphasized that people have legitimate needs, including shopping for food, that they would have a hard time doing financially without taking advantage of the shuttle service.

- Jenny Patterson began the report for San Miguel TAC by recommending a speaker that the San Miguel TAC had at their last meeting on June 7th, named Angela Dye. Angela was a Park & Ride planner in Arizona and Jenny thought that it would be beneficial to invite Angela to speak at the next Three Rivers meeting. Connie agreed to contact Angela and see if she would be available. After listening to Angela concerning what makes an effective Park & Ride location Lynn Black and others have considered a county intercept parking lot as a potential candidate for this type of transit system. Additionally, if an RTA is formed it may create voting issues with out-of-state residents who would be ineligible. SMCTAC's July meeting has been cancelled, they will be meeting again in August and will have a public meeting with local providers in October.

c. State Coordinating Council: Paul Gray did not have a report on the State Coordinating Council or the CASTA meeting that was held in May. Paul will forward a summary of the CASTA meeting to Council Members via email. Terri spoke favorably of CASTA meetings, in general, and said that the spring meeting is heavily focused on training and the fall meeting is also good to attend because they go over CDOT funding for the upcoming year. The SCC meetings may be offered remotely in the future but so far they are unable to find a venue with the appropriate equipment. CASTA is considered a helpful and influential organization but is limited in what they can do politically being a nonprofit. The Colorado Transit Coalition is an organization similar to CASTA with the ability to hire lobbyists. Both organizations were briefly discussed. There was also a brief discussion on some of the challenges that CDOT is having and how the TABOR Amendment may be affecting CDOT and other governmental agencies. Paul mentioned that Region 10, because of their nonprofit status, is barred from political activities and could not comment favorably or unfavorably to topics like the TABOR Amendment.

d. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Items: The next meeting will be held on August 9, 2012 unless Paul hears from TransitPlus, in which case the Council will be contacted to adjust the meeting date. Chris said that he would be unable to attend the August meeting due to a previously scheduled engagement. The following agenda items were suggested for the August meeting:

Suggested by	Agenda Item
Connie	To have a discussion and possible action item concerning the Chair and Vice

	Chair positions on the Council .
Jenny	Any discussion concerning improving communications or existing systems and/or long term planning.
Paul	Discussion on whether or not any of the Council Members would be interested in serving on the CEDS Committee.

e. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.