



Three Rivers Regional Transit Coordinating Council

Thursday, June 9, 2011 – Minutes CORRECTED

1) **CALL TO ORDER** – Connie Hunt, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:07am.

2) **INTRODUCTIONS** – All those present introduced themselves

Members Present:	Doug Atchley	Terri Wilcox	Connie Hunt
	Jenny Patterson	Joanne Fagan	Chris Colter

Members Absent:	Kristen Amundsen	Kerwin Jensen
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Staff :	Paul Gray	Rhona Keckler
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3) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS** – Connie Hunt

Motion: Jenny Patterson proposed the Agenda be approved, Terri Wilcox seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES of April 29, 2011**– Jenny Patterson requested 2 changes

- P.3, Item 5 ¶.a) Does not reflect the full title of the material she was referring to. This is 'NCHRP report 436 : Guidance for Communicating the Economic Impacts of Transportation Investments' ISBN # 0-309-06619-0, available at www.nas.edu/trb/index.html for \$38.00.
- P.4, ¶ 8 be changed to read 'this 5304 grant'.
- Heidi Albritton was not in attendance at the meeting as was noted.

Connie Hunt requested a space be entered between existing and contract on P4 ¶ 9.

Connie also requested a current list of Gunnison Valley Transportation Region elected members, hoping to understand how the GVTPR Committee would handle voting with the additional members from the 3RRTCC. Paul Gray explained that approval of action at the GVTPR is always by acclamation, and voting has never occurred. Because GVTPR attendance includes members, alternates, CDOT staff, and interested local officials, discrete votes of actual members have not been taken. Paul and Rhona will hopefully get this resolved at the next GVTPR meeting, which now includes the 3RRTCC as members. The approach will be to have voice votes of members representing the various local governments in the region. If a vote is divided, those members present from a single local government must discuss and submit one vote among them. Connie requested the next meeting Agenda include a discussion of Transit versus Transportation.

Motion: Chris Colter moved to approve the minutes with these amendments, Jenny Patterson seconded the motion. Joanne Fagan abstained since she was not in attendance at that meeting. The motion passed.

Paul Gray commented that the 3RRTCC's primary focus will likely be on inter-county transit projects, and though the 3RRTCC can certainly support intra-county projects, the individual county Transit Advisory Committees will take the lead on projects within a given county. Connie Hunt said the 3RRTCC can assist with grant applications and endeavor to keep balance in the region.

5) OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Approval of 3RRTCC Goals and Objectives** – Paul Gray reminded members this had been discussed at the previous meeting and tabled to allow further perusal. He noted that although the Goals and Objectives can certainly be amended by the 3RRTCC, he felt this initial document should be left in place until the Council has several meetings under its belt.

Motion: Jenny Patterson moved to approve the 3RRTCC Goals & Objectives as developed by the Formation Group in 2009. Joanne Fagan seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

- b. **Update on 5304 Grant Application to Update the 2008 LSC Transit Study** – Paul Gray indicated he had applied for this \$15,000 grant and had received a call from John Valerio at CDOT asking further questions. Region 10 will take care of the small match for grant. There must be an open bid for contractors, so we will comply. We should hear about the grant in July, and Paul felt approval is likely. Jenny Patterson said we should review the 2008 survey to see if there are any gaps or areas we can improve, and we are welcome to use her for projects. Connie Hunt thanked her and said it is a very good offer.
- c. **Update on Coordinating Council Facilitation Grant Application-** Paul Gray noted that Region 10 had received this grant last year, and there is a new one available which has to be submitted by Monday June 13. However, CDOT has indicated the grants are primarily for developing new transit coordinating councils, which may possibly affect our application. Paul Gray said CDOT likes the unique model that the 3RRTCC represents, and has suggested it for other regions, so we may have a better chance for approval of this grant.

6) NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Review of Highlights of 2008 LSC Transit Study-** Paul Gray reviewed his PowerPoint Presentation highlighting the recommended new transit routes proposed in the study, giving newer members of the Council insight into what had been recommended in the study and why. He also distributed hard copies of the existing conditions noted by LSC in the study, and described the significant changes that had occurred since then. Chris Colter noted that the 2008 Study was the third or fourth attempt to have this done and completing the study had been a big step forward. As an update, Terri Wilcox of All Points Transit gave some current information on local & county ridership:

- Region 10 area had 57,923 rides in total in Montrose, Delta and San Miguel Counties now served by All Points Transit
- There were 11,900 rides in Delta County in 2010.
- The public bus route in the City of Montrose has averaged just over 100 riders per day. APT's target this year is an average of 112 rides per day.

Terri indicated that the price of fuel is obviously affecting both dial-a-ride and public transit. APT is working on different levels and durations of passes based on age, usage, contracts etc. for many different users.

Paul Gray said the data on existing conditions in the study needs to be updated, and suggested that each county TAC update its segment. He could then combine and distribute it when completed. Jenny Patterson asked if this could be put on the Region 10 Website with contact information for others to reference, and Paul said that it could. Connie hunt asked if each county's information could be refreshed to help get the word out to the riding public. Each county TAC will update its own information for the next meeting. (Note: Paul has since

distributed the existing conditions section of the 2008 LSC study in .doc format to facilitate these updates.)

Paul then discussed the three recommended priority transit routes in the 2008 study. These were Delta – Montrose, Montrose – Telluride and Montrose – Ouray. Jenny Patterson said we need to keep in mind that Park-and Ride locations need to be included in the update of the study. Paul Gray added that accurate estimated trips were critical in the update, and that we need to meet the cultural needs of the smaller communities as well in the types of transport recommended for these routes. Connie Hunt said we must remember that we are reliant on private companies like APT and Telluride Express which are currently providing transit services, for any additional routes. The group agreed that it is not appropriate for the Council to consider a Rural Transit Authority yet, but through working with private transit companies we can put key transit routes into place which will help form the basis of a future RTA.

5) TAC REPORTS – Moved to next meeting due to lack of time.

6) NEXT MEETING

a. Three Rivers Regional Transit Coordinating Council: July 14, at 9:00 a.m. in the Gunnison Conference Room

The Agenda items requested are:

1. Website
2. Review updated County service summaries
3. 5304 Grant
4. TAC reports
5. Updated GVTPR member list, including the 3RRTCC members

Paul Gray requested that all updated materials be to him 1 week before the meeting so he can collate it.

7) ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 11:55am.