



City of Glenwood Springs Transportation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes for April 5, 2022

The meeting convened in City Council Chambers at 7:30am and adjourned at 9:40am.

Participants Included:

Commission Members: Jon Harman, Dean Kinkel, Steve Smith, John Stephens, Betsy Suerth, and Ralph Trapani

City Council members: Shelley Kaup and Ingrid Wussow

City Staff: Linda DuPriest, Jenn Ooton, and Terri Partch

Guest: Ray Alexander

Minutes

March 2022 minutes were approved.

Commission Recommendations for Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA) Bike-Share Study

Consultants to present governance proposal and updated cost estimates to study's technical advisory committee (TAC) on April 5, 2022. Linda is a member of the TAC.

Commission recommendations (approved January 2022) will be presented to City Council at its second April meeting or first May meeting, along with update from the TAC presentation.

- Other updates included:
 - Expansions and additions to bike-facilities in Aspen, Basalt, and Snowmass Village expected in 2022
 - Facilities in Carbondale tentative planned for 2023
 - Facilities in Glenwood Springs contemplated for 2024

27th Street/Glen Avenue Bicycle-Pedestrian Underpasses Capital Project

Bids have been received, reflecting cost 50% above original estimate; current project cost now projected at \$15 million. Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA) has asked City of Glenwood Springs to provide additional \$3 million. (City has provided \$750,000 so far.)

City Council is deliberating whether to provide additional funding and, if so, from what sources. Possibilities include funds from American Rescue Plan (a federal grant), City's capital projects reserve, and loan from RFTA. Decision is needed in early May.

Action: Commission formally recommended (motion by John, second by Ralph, supported unanimously) that City Council approve additional funding to complete underpasses project on schedule.

South Bridge Capital Project

Terri reported re-evaluation of environmental assessment is nearly complete, with right-of-way acquisition as next stage. Also, city council voted to proceed with current basic plan, including tunnel under municipal airport runway. Current estimated cost estimate is \$58.1 million (\$50 million for construction).

Status of project in state project rankings has shifted (via Intermountain Transportation Planning Region, see below), currently listed as active, but without funding (not on fiscally constrained priority projects list or on 10-years projects list).

6th Street Reconstruction Capital Project

Terri reported that final design is not yet completed, and city now is seeking new design contractor. Construction likely will be moved to 2023.

City is pursuing additional state grant funding for 6th Street (not for 6th & 8th streets combination).

Engineering Design Standards for Bicycle-Pedestrian Infrastructure

Bicycle-Pedestrian Subcommittee presented recommendations to revise or expand the city's *Engineering Design Standards* to address five bicycle and pedestrian structures:

- Crosswalks (minimum width, with corresponding curb-cuts; standard pavement)
- Markings using piano-keys lay-out with 1:1 ratio marking bare pavement)
- Shared-use paths (minimum width; continuous poured concrete with saw-cut joints)
- Bicycle lanes (affirm American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials/Colorado Department of Transportation (AASHTO/CDOT) standards, or write AASHTO/CDOT standards into city standards); white-lines pavement markings (not colored pavement); minimize use of "sharrows")
 - sidewalks (increased minimum width)
 - curb-cuts (smooth transition, without sharp lip)

Discussion included:

- Changes in engineering design standards may require corresponding changing in development code
- Access for travelers with disabilities should also be considered

Action: The Commission referred the Subcommittee's recommendations to City engineering staff for analysis and response.

Bicycle-Pedestrian Travel Network Review

On behalf of Bicycle-Pedestrian Subcommittee, John presented maps and narrative describing existing bicycle-pedestrian travel network, highlight gaps and inadequacies in that network.

The maps and accompanying documents will serve as a) continuing reference in proposing corrective actions, b) background to update recommendations for Long Range Transportation Plan, and c) contribution to city's comprehensive plan update.

Long Range Transportation Plan Annual Review and Update

City annual budget process will begin in June or July. Transportation Commission will corresponding prepare recommendations by then.

Commission deliberations will begin at its May 4 meeting and conclude at its June 1 meeting. Recommendations will focus both on ranking for transportation capital projects and on narrative/policy components of the Long-Range Plan.

Transportation Demand Management (TDM)

Staff have issued request for proposals (RFP) for consultant assistance in designing a transportation demand management program (TDM). Commission members complimented staff on the thoroughness and clarity of the RFP.

The RFP and continuing staff work on this effort has included assistance from Association for Commuter Transport and from Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) Office of Innovative Mobility. Ralph highlighted similar effort and information through Aspen Institute's mobility forum.

Intermountain Transportation Planning Region (IMTPR)

Until and unless city establishes a transportation management authority or organization (TMA or TMO), TDM and other multi-jurisdictional transportation planning/funding is coordinated through the State of Colorado's Intermountain Transportation Planning Region (IMTPR).

Part of the City's pursuit of funding for local projects proceeds through IMTPR, including the South Bridge project (as noted above) and Highway 6 and 24 bicycle path reconstruction (Linden Street to Donegan Road).

Specifically, the City is seeking funds for the Highway 6 and 24 bicycle path from the State's multi-modal Options Fund (MMOF). Meanwhile, design work is proceeding, as funded in current City budget (\$50,000).

Ingrid will serve as City's new representative to IMTPR.

Multimodal Options for a Vibrant Economy (MOVE), Topical Review Calendar

Three components of the MOVE study await city council review and decisions:

- Bus rapid transit, next phase of route alternatives analysis (including public review and comment process on route selection)
- Local transit connections and service patterns
- General operational analysis, Highway 82 and 8th Street

Staff will coordinate calendar for City Council work sessions and decision meetings regarding MOVE components, with opportunity for commission review and comment. Meanwhile, commission will review its earlier comprehensive memorandum of recommendations regarding MOVE.

Tasks, Homework, and Follow-up

- Staff convey to city council commission's recommendations regarding RFTA bike-share study
- Staff review and respond to bicycle-pedestrian engineering design standards recommendations

Agenda Topics for May 10, 2022 Commission Meeting

- Staff initial response to bicycle-pedestrian engineering design standards recommendations
- First review, capital projects ranking and Long-Range Transportation Plan recommendations
- Commission roles and responsibilities update
- Others as timely or needed

Agenda Topics for June 7, 2022 Commission Meeting

- Complete recommendations, capital projects ranking and Long-Range Transportation Plan
- MOVE transit components review, update recommendations
- Additional consideration and/or action, engineering design standards
- *Other anticipated topics, when timely*
 - Review citywide emergency access plan
- *Standing topics, when timely*
 - Updates and discussion – priority capital projects, large and small
 - Reports and discussion – studies, and initiatives, and shorter-term and maintenance projects

The next regular meeting of the Transportation Commission will be **May 10, 2022, 7:30am**, city hall.