



City of Glenwood Springs Transportation Commission

November 3, 2020 Monthly Meeting Minutes

The November 2020 monthly meeting of the City of Glenwood Springs Transportation Commission was called to order at 7:32 a.m. on November 3, 2020 via Zoom™.

Present were Commission Chair Sandy Lowell (SL), and Commissioners John Stephens (JS), Ralph Trapani (RT), Lee Barger (LB), Steve Smith (SS), Roger Poirier (RP) and Robert Gavrell (RG).

Also present were City Council Members Charlie Willman (CE), Paula Stepp (PS) and Shelley Kaup (SK), City Engineer Terri Partch (TP), Assistant City Engineer Jessica Bowser (JB) and Transit Planning and Development Lead Linda DuPriest (LD). Mayor Jonathan Godes (JG) joined the meeting at approximately 7:37 a.m.

I. Modifications to the Agenda.

By general agreement, Item IV. 1. ("Snow Removal") had already been removed from the agenda to the December meeting.

II. Approval of the October Meeting Minutes.

SL moved to adopt the 10.06 meeting minutes, with no changes. RG seconded. No discussion. Approved unanimously. (*Secretary's note: these minutes had already been earlier approved at the 10.20.20 special meeting*).

III. Staff Report – Upcoming / Developing Transportation Issues. (TP / LD)

No discussion or update, other than SL and TP reminded all that the TC will host a walk down Grand Ave. at 3 pm this afternoon as part of the MOVE study.

IV. Old Business - Discussion Items.

1. **Snow Removal Zones Downtown** – Update by PW director on plans for designating maintenance / snow / painting zones downtown to aid snow removal / street maintenance in 2020-21. (Matt Langhorst)

Moved to December meeting per above.

2. **Sub-Committees** – Constitution of TC Transit, Ped / Bike, and Parking Subcommittees. (SL)

RG reminded all that we had settled on these three Sub-Committees, to allow us to target important long-range issues as smaller groups to move the ball forward.

SS and RT reminded all that these three sub-committee topics all were essential components of an overall TDM strategy, and that TDM, as a whole, would continue to be the focus of the TC, generally.

By discussion, the Sub-Committees came to be constituted as follows:

Transit: RG, JS and SL

Parking: RG, RT, LB and RP

Bike / Ped: JS, SL, SS and LB

LB reminded all that Sub-Committees should consider soliciting input from other individuals. RG suggested that each Sub-Committee's first meeting should include (1) picking a chair, (2) discussing whether / whom to invite to provide input.

JO suggested that all Sub-Committees needed to publicly notice meetings, most likely, and that a formal attorney opinion on that point had already been solicited from the City Attorney.

TP and LD advised that they would both like to be included on any sub-committee meetings.

3. **Blake / Palmer / Blake Gate** – (1) Project timing / progress, (2) Proposals for parking / traffic flow. (TP)

At TP's invitation, JB presented / summarized her former presentation made to the Blake / Palmer residents and public last week, presenting numerous options for traffic configurations following the opening of Blake Gate.

Comments by the Commissioners were made and there was some discussion from each.

Comments from the citizens were made, including the presentation of a petition by the citizens against making Blake one-way from 23rd to 27th. Palmer residents offered that they felt it would be unfair if all of Blake from 23rd to 27th were made on way while their street remained two-way.

SL made a motion that Blake Gate be opened as soon on a temporary (trial) basis, as soon as possible. RT seconded. Discussion. No vote held on the Motion. General agreement to discuss the matter further at the next meeting on December.

4. **MOVE Study** – Update by City Engineer / staff re MOVE study's focus on parking issues. (TP)

Cut for time.

5. **South Bridge Construction Project** - (1) Project timing / progress, (2) Pedestrian / bicycle safety measures during construction, (3) forecasting opportunities for TC involvement / recommendations. (TP)

Cut for time.

- V. New Business - Discussion Items.

n/a

- VI. Old Business Topics. Discussion Items.

No discussion / cut for time.

- VII. Agenda Planning for Next Meeting.

By general discussion the TC members nominated for primary consideration at the next meeting the following topics:

The Move On Study, including a summary of the two walk-throughs that the TC members had been on and also a summary of the up-coming public meeting on parking Downtown issues scheduled for 11/16;

The Blake / Palmer / "Blake Gate" matter;

The Snow Removal Zones downtown matter; and

The South Midland / South Bridge Construction Project and Planning matter.

Before breaking, SS asked for City staff to circulate any technical review / sidewalk creation plans for the Blake / Palmer matter. Concerns were raised about cost of staff preparing such plans if they did not exist, but TP explained that staff did not mind pulling such plans together and that actually plans along the lines of what was being requested already existed, **so TP committed to providing such requested drawings / plans to TC prior to the next meeting.**

Adjourned at 10:20 a.m.