

CRV REGIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Regional Planning Committee Agenda

January 25, 2023; 5:00pm – Gulkana Fuel Pilot Lounge

- I. Call to Order: Bruce C 5:00pm
- II. Roll Call: Bruce Cain, Martin Boniek, Gary Schliesing, Jennifer Rosenthal, Judy Chapman, Joe Bovee
 - a. Guest: DOT&PF Commissioner Anderson & Jocelyn Swindel, James Fields
- III. Approval of Agenda: ***Motion to approve agenda by Martin B., 2nd by Gary S., Motion passed.***
- IV. Invocation by Bruce C.
- V. Approval of Meeting Minutes: ***Motion to Approve by Joe B., 2nd by Gary, Motion passed.***
- VI. Committee Discussion Items:
 - a. Right-of-Way Update from DOT&PF Commissioner Anderson: Thanked the RPO Committee for the work. In August the Governor signed a statement of intent on excess right-of-way and directed the DOT&PF to work toward a change in state regulations that will eliminate the amount adjoining landowners must pay in order to vacate. This has been struck from the regulations and the change has been submitted; It takes out the requirement for the adjoining landowner to have to pay the 90% of fair market value. There is a process for public comment and DOT&PF will notify the public. The DOT&PF right-of-way team has been looking at conflicts in the area in and around Glennallen. They are putting together a corridor map of these conflicts for review. DOT&PF would like to present this map at our next RPO to solicit feedback on the map. Then take the next steps and work out a process for people to request vacating a certain portion of the right-of-way where it's no longer needed for highway purposes. This will be an agenda item for a follow up meeting when DOT is ready.
 - b. Trooper request: James F. passed on a request to Commissioner Anderson from the Troopers for a speed feedback signage in locations where the speed changes to 40, at least in the summer months and solar flashing signs where the speed changes along the Rich Highways from 65 – 55.
 - c. Is there a formal application to vacate a right of way? Joe B. asked Commissioner Anderson. Not at this point, but a letter to DOT&PF with the request is where people can start to initiate the process. Barry Hooper is the Northern Region DOT contact for Right-of-Way.
 - d. CRV-RPO Policies and Procedures: The group discussed the DRAFT Policies. Defining our decision-making authority and how the CRV-RPO fits into the CVDA Structure. It was agreed between the CVDA Board President and the CRV-RPO Chair that the CRV_RPO would define the purpose, scope decision making process very clearly, the policies would be presented to the CVDA Board for ratification. Once these policies were finalized the CVDA board would defer to the CRV-RPO and they would have the authority to make final decisions on transportation as long as they are operating within the policies outlined.

This concept was agreed upon and the committee agreed that the language and policies need to be clear and more specific. Further discussion followed and it was agreed that the next Bylaws Working Group would meet to continue refining and present to the group for review. Once these are final and ratified by the CRV-RPO Committee the Chair will present to the CVDA Board for ratification.
 - e. Review New RPO Website Page: coppervalley.org, please send comments suggestions, request to Jen
 - f. GKN ALP – Airport Users and Stakeholders: Please provide name and contact information for any stakeholders that should be speaking with Tom Middendorf from DOWL on planning the updated ALP for GKN. ***Airport affiliate/interested parties we discussed at the meeting***: Park Service, Gary S. Gulkana Fuel and Manager, Robert Tubbs; Copper Valley Air Service, Martin B; National Park Service, Alaska Wildlife Troopers; Private hangers occupants, Terry Valentine, Todd Hand (sp?) and the Heinbahs (sp?); Who are the tie down renters; Life Med; Maritime Helicopters; Guardian, Riley Little.
PLEASE PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION TO JEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
- VII. Next Meeting: **Proposed change to Wednesday 3/15 at 5pm**
- VIII. Adjournment: ***Motion at 6:29pm by Martin B. 2nd by Gary S., Motion passed***