

# CRV REGIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

## Regional Planning Committee Agenda

December 14, 2022; 5:00pm – Gulkana Fuel Pilot Lounge

- I. Call to Order: Bruce C. 5:06pm
- II. Roll Call: Bruce Cain, Gary Schliesing, Jennifer Rosenthal, Judy Chapman present.
- III. Approval of Agenda: ***Motion to approve agenda by Jennifer R., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary S., Motion Passed***
- IV. Invocation by Bruce C.
- V. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Bruce C. asked to table this until the next meeting. Moving forward the previous meetings minutes will be included in meeting packets with the agenda.
- VI. Committee Discussion Items:
  - a. **Chair Report from Bruce C:** We had some confusion about decision making and the structure of the committee. I talked through this with some committee members and am proposing that we move forward by first establish the foundational documents/bylaws and our structure. We should have a defined structure and our decision-making process in our bylaws. The CRVRPO will make decisions as a committee with recommendations to the CVDA for review and final approval. I don't expect to write bylaws today, but I do want to have everybody on board and go through a ratification process
  - b. **Judy C. Update on the CTP Snow Shoe Road submission.** It's not a state road and the state does not maintain it. DOT can't nominate it without an entity willing to take on the maintenance for this segment of road. CRVRPO would need to find a private entity willing to take on the fiduciary responsibility to maintain that section of road in order to keep it on the list of projects nominated. In which case there would be enough time to get to it to nominate it to the nomination so.

Discussion followed: Clarification around DOT policy. They don't take on new maintenance where DOT has not been maintaining unless there is a budget increment to go with it. The CTP and TAP calls for projects every three years, so this is not the only opportunity.

The nominations are due at the end of February and the DOT will proceed with Aurora and Terrace and Snowshoe Road could be added if we find an entity to sponsor it. The CRVRPO can renominate in 2 1/2 years, look for a private entity to take on the maintenance or go after a discretionary grant for it.

Committee Comments: Flood control on the Glenn highway and Glenallen needs to be addressed as the flooding effects the whole community. Suggestion to bring in a few loads of material leveled out to keep the creek from coming back in have some super sacks ready to line the whole road. There is a blockage issue on Moose Creek downstream from the Glenn Highway Bridge. The flooding comes right up to the road, and this will cause erosion of the highway and should be addressed by DOT as a maintenance issue.

There is a new project kicking off and in the design phase for the Glenn Highway mile 158 to 172, Russ Johnson is the PM and can be reached at 907-451-5059. He will make several presentations to the CRVRPO.

- c. **GIS CRV/RPO MAP:** Judy presented the Draft GIS map that DOT is working on. The map is a work in progress and the goal is to define roads within the CRVRPO boundary, whether they are state or federal highways, show mile markers, communicate regional construction projects, and those in

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design will show the CRVRPO defined boundaries with roads, mile markers, etc. This will be added to the Web pages for the CVDA/RPO website that is under construction.

- d. **Proposal to have CRVRPO meeting minutes every 6 weeks.** Discussion followed: The committee decided that if something comes up that needs more detailed discussion and working sessions are required, we can schedule those sessions as needed. This will allow work to happen in a timely manner. Work would be presented to the full committee for discussion and debate.

*Motion by Judy C to adopt the 6-week intervals for meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary S, Motion Passed*

Jen will send out calendar appointments for the next six meetings (1/25/23, 3/8/23, 4/19/23, 5/31/22, 7/12/22 & 8/23/22), schedule notices in the Copper River Record and put on the calendar for the CRVRPO page of the CVDA website.

- e. **CVDA - CRVRPO Website:** The DOT has offered the assistance of their communications contractor to help publish a CRVRPO web page. The CVDA currently has a web page, and we will be adding a page for the CRVRPO. This is where we can publish meeting minutes and agendas, a calendar with any upcoming meetings, the GIS map. Once the structure is there and the page is published running, I will be able to add vents, meeting minutes etc.
- f. **CRVRPO Bylaws:** The committee formed a working group to draft CRVRPO Bylaws, Jen, Gary and Bruce volunteered and will meet 12/22/22 at 5pm to create draft bylaws. The draft will be presented to the Committee and the CVDA Board for comments/review. All committee members are invited to participate and provide input during these working sessions. The working group will review examples of bylaws from other RPO/MPOs' with similar structure and the CVDA bylaws, Jen will forward examples to the committee. Bruce will send an email out to the committee members.
- g. **DOT Informational Sessions Topics:** Discussion: Bruce C. stated that he would prefer to invite guest and topics until after the next meeting so the committee can focus on the bylaws. Tabled for next meeting.
- h. **DOT Upcoming deadlines for 2023:** Judy C. Reviewed the listed (attached) There are also four new programs being created.
- Smaller calls for projects for this spring of 2023, they represent expanded eligibilities in DOTS most flexible funding pot.
  - Scheduled for the second quarter of 2023 is a Resiliency and Coastal Protection Program. That could also apply to riverine type resiliency and projects like that, this may be a good fit the flooding issues. \$19 million for the state and opportunities will be every two years.
  - Rural Ports, Docks, and Barge Landings. \$16 million for the state and opportunities will be every two years.
  - Community Bridge investment program, 100% fundable so no match is required. Communities nominate bridges that are on the National Bridge Inventory list. This is to replace poor bridges or rehabilitate fair bridges. \$32 million for the state and opportunities will be every two years.

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Discussion Followed: 2020 STIP Amendment 6 is going to be released for 30 days of comment on December 21. These are projects that are already in the STIP, and most are cost increases or updates to existing projects.

The committee would like to have the CRVRPO STIP 2020 comments on the record. Judy noted that the 2023-2026 STIP will be the main point of comment and there will 45 days of public comment 4/1/23 -5/15/23 (dates to be confirmed) so there will be time to look at the draft STIP. Planning will be doing public meetings around the state, and we should have DOT staff at our meeting on 4/19 to present the STIP.

- i. DOT Right-of-Way through Glennallen: tabled for next meeting.
- j. Guest Tom Middendorf – DOWL. Tom introduced himself and talked about his background in aviation planning, he is an aviation consultant with DOWL and will be working with DOT on the Interior Alaska Transportation Plan (IATP). Most Recently he worked on the UTAPS and will likely be helping the CRVRPO with the Gulkana Airport 2003 Master plan update. Discussion followed:
- k. UTAPS Study Update: Jen participated in public meeting #2 held in TOK. There was a lot of good information, comments, and further clarification for this project. The TOK Airport seems to be the best choice as the Regional HUB, given the evaluation criteria for the UTAPS. The meeting provided info on the process and insight that would/could/should help us move forward with an updated GKN Plan. GKN Planning is part of the Alaska Interior Transportation Plan, through this planning exercise the DOT was looking at a regional airport for the Upper Tanana Region - GKN cannot serve this area, it is too far and is its own regional Airport for the Copper River Valley.

VII. Next Meeting Proposed Date/Location: 1/25/23, 5pm, Gulkana Fuel Pilots Lounge

VIII. Adjournment: *Motion by Jen R. to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary S., Motion passed*