

**RTA Intergovernmental Meeting  
Mountain Village Council Chambers  
April 28th 2016 9:30 am - noon**

1. Introduction
  - a. Public Officials
  - b. Ground Rules for meeting
    - i. Designated time for Public Comment
2. Recap of previous meeting
  - a. March 28<sup>th</sup> 2016 Worksession – Meeting Notes Provided
  - b. Update on Polling
3. Review RTA – IGA Section 6.02 – Specific Responsibilities
  - a. Voter Approval 2.04(a)(iv) and Replacing 2.05(c) Initial Members
  - b. Regional Trails 6.02(d)
  - c. Aerial Tramway (Gondola) 6.02(f)
4. Review and Finalize IGA Appendix D – Initial Service Plan
  - a. Discuss pros and cons of specificity vs broad less detailed
5. Ballot Measure Committee and Professional Consulting Question
6. Next Meeting Date – Post Poll Results Mid-May

## **Meeting Notes – RTA Intergovernmental Worksession – March 28, 2016**

**Officials present:**        **Mountain Village** – Dan Jansen, Marty McKinley, Dan Caton, Laila Benitez, Bruce MacIntire, Cath Jett, Michelle Sherry & Kim Montgomery-Administrator  
                                  **Town of Telluride** – Sean Murphy, Anne Brady, Jenny Patterson, Lars Carlson, Bob Saunders & Greg Clifton-Administrator  
                                  **San Miguel County** –Art Goodtimes, Joan May & Lynn Black-Administrator

### **Discussion of voter polling process with Chris Keating**

**AGREEMENT** – Local officials gave direction to staff to publicize the poll in advance so that local voters will have notice and be more willing to participate. The notice will be posted on the websites, Facebook pages and in printed ads.

### **Report on regional trails with Mountain Club representatives Tor Anderson and Heidi Lauterback**

The Telluride Mountain Club has had a trails subcommittee for the past four years. They performed a trails survey last fall with 375 respondents mostly of full time residents but also second homeowners and visitors. The responses came in roughly 50% hikers and 50% bikers. Trail improvements and maintenance projects, as well as new trails were identified. The trails that provide connections to population centers include Mountain Village – Lawson – Telluride improved multi-modal trail(s) possibly improvements to the Meadows Trail and to Boomerang Road; a link to lower-Lawson Two Rivers and down valley to Placerville.

### **Continued Discussion on the Gondola**

Elected officials and staff discussed a proposed change to the IGA language with Town of Telluride Attorney Kevin Geiger. This involved Section 6.02. Specific Responsibilities – Item (f) Aerial Tramway (Gondola). No agreement was reached on the proposed change but it will remain up for discussion.

Topics for the next session scheduled for **April 28<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. Mountain Village Council Chambers** include further review of the IGA – Continued Gondola discussion and regional trails.

2.04(a) – Add the following subsection (iv)

(iv) the “Town of Mountain Village Funding Question”, a draft of which is attached hereto as Appendix C-4, shall be submitted to the registered electors of the Town of Mountain Village;

Section 2.05: Add the following redline language to subsection (c)

(c) Town of Mountain Village will be an Initial Member if a majority of the Town of Mountain Village registered electors that are legal residents of the Town of Mountain Village voting thereon approve the Town of Mountain Village Establishment Question, and if a majority of the Town of Mountain Village registered electors approve the Town of Mountain Village Funding Question;

**Section 6.02. Specific Responsibilities.** In addition to the general powers described in Section 6.01 herein, the Authority shall have the responsibilities described in this Section and shall have all powers necessary to carry out such responsibilities, subject to the availability of funds and, to the extent required by law, annual appropriation of funds by the Board. The description of specific responsibilities and powers in this Section shall not, however, limit the general powers of the Authority described in Section 6.01 herein.

**(a) Regional Transit Services.** The Authority shall coordinate and may operate and fund Regional Transit Services as described in Appendix D, the Initial Service Plan, as may be amended from time to time per Article XI herein.

**(b) Contract Transit Services.** The Authority may enter into contracts with any Member or other person or entity for the provision of transit services in the manner and subject to the terms of such contracts.

**(c) Regional Transportation Planning.** The Authority shall engage in annual regional transportation planning to direct the Authorized Transportation Projects, pursue local, federal or state funding and coordinate overall transportation policy within the area in which it provides transit services. Regional transportation planning shall, as determined by the Board, include short range service and infrastructure planning as well as long range planning, corridor investment studies and related impact analyses.

**(d) Planning, Construction and Maintenance of Regional Trails and Pedestrian Infrastructure.** The Authority may provide planning and funding support for regional public trail maintenance, improvement and construction, in cooperation with Members, advisory groups and other agencies including but not limited to the USFS, BLM and CDOT. The emphasis will be on multi-modal trails that provide improved accessibility and connections between transit nodes, population centers and communities.

**(e) Local Service.** The Authority may operate Authorized Transportation Projects of a Member jurisdiction (as distinguished from regional services) except as otherwise specifically provided herein, only pursuant to an agreement to which such Member pays the Authority for the services provided on the same fully allocated cost basis otherwise used to determine costs of services throughout the Authority's service area.

**(f) Aerial Tramway (Gondola).** The Authority may plan for transitioning operations, maintenance, capital improvements, and the funding required for such functions of the Telluride-Mountain Village Gondola system (the "Gondola") to the Authority by December 31, 2027. The Authority may fund capital expenditures that have a useful life that extends beyond December 31, 2027; the Authority would fund the portion of the capital expense that is projected to extend beyond December 31, 2027.

Previous Language

The Authority may, but is not required to, fund expenses related to the operation of the Gondola prior to December 31, 2027. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, it is the objective of the Authority to assure the ongoing operation of the Gondola beyond December 31, 2027.

Proposed New Language

The Authority may aggregate funds from Members related to the operation of the Gondola prior to December 31, 2027, but the Authority may not expend such funds for operations prior to December 31, 2027. However, this limitation shall not preclude individual Member contributions for enhanced Gondola services above the legal minimum service standards as established under the legal requirements of the First Amended and Restated Gondola Operating Agreement dated July 28, 1999, nor shall this limitation preclude the Authority from expending local, state or federal grants for the

operation of the Gondola. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, it is the objective of the Authority to assure the ongoing operation of the Gondola beyond December 31, 2027.

**(g) Transportation Related Infrastructure.** The Authority may assume the maintenance of existing facilities and may develop new park-and-ride facilities, transit stops, vehicle maintenance garages, trails, or other necessary infrastructure related to operations under the purview of the Authority.

**(h) Roadway Maintenance & Improvements**

**(i) Rail Projects and Service**

**(j) Aviation Service**

## APPENDIX D

### INITIAL SERVICE PLAN

The Authority shall:

1. Engage in comprehensive long range transportation planning with participation from the Members, the RTA Advisory Committees, and other regional stakeholders.
  - a. Include improved coordination, services and schedules, and transit related facilities.
  - b. Review the need for specialized transit services within the boundaries of the Authority and within the greater region where feasible.

The final plan will require RTA Board adoption.

2. Provide and/or coordinate public transit services including but not limited to the following:
  - a. Commuter-based transit serving Placerville and Down Valley, Norwood, Ridgway, Montrose, Rico, and Cortez, including points between and in a manner consistent with existing or improved levels of service to Telluride and/or Mountain Village.
  - b. Transit service to the Lawson Hill Subdivision and points between in a manner consistent with existing or improved levels of service.
  - c. Shoulder season, special event, and Gondola backup transit service between the Towns of Telluride and Mountain Village and points between in a manner consistent with existing or improved levels of service.
  - d. Paratransit, medical appointment and senior transit services.
3. Provide or coordinate regional trail planning, construction and maintenance with an emphasis on the provision of multi-modal linkages and accessibility to and between transit services, communities and population centers.
4. Consider assuming intra-town services in a manner consistent with existing or improved levels of service.
5. Provide for a continuing capital fund for maintenance, repairs and improvement of the gondola aerial tramway system, between Mountain Village and Telluride.
6. Advocate and promote the use of transit and trails rather than personal vehicles whenever possible.