

**RTA INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016 11:00 AM
2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, MOUNTAIN VILLAGE TOWN HALL
455 MOUNTAIN VILLAGE BLVD, MOUNTAIN VILLAGE, COLORADO
AGENDA**

1.	Call to Order
2.	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Public Officialsb. Ground Rules for Meeting – Noelle Hagan<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Designated Time for Public Comment
3.	Recap of Previous Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. April 28, 2016 – Meeting Notes Provided
4.	Review of the Voter Poll Results
5.	Final Review of Language Amendments Agreed to at April 28, 2016 RTA Meeting
6.	Review and Finalize Appendix D-Initial Service Plan
7.	Discussion of the FCPA and Ballot Measure Committee/Professional Consulting
8.	Review of an Updated Ballot Measure Timeline
9.	Discussion of Funding Mechanism for November Ballot (if time allows)

Meeting Notes – RTA Intergovernmental Worksession – April 28 2016

Officials present: **Mountain Village** – Dan Jansen, Marty McKinley, Dan Caton, Laila Benitez, Bruce MacIntire & Kim Montgomery-Administrator
 Town of Telluride – Sean Murphy, Anne Brady, Jenny Patterson, Lars Carlson, DeLanie Young
 San Miguel County –Joan May & Lynn Black-Administrator

Introductions & Review of Meeting Ground Rules

Voter Polling Project Update – Nicole Zangara, Mountain Village Marketing & Business Development Director provided an update on the RTA-webpage and the RTA and voter poll content that has been loaded there. The site is linked from the other member websites to provide a consistent level of information.

Review of the RTA-IGA (Note: red text indicates added or corrected language)

AGREEMENT – Local officials agreed to corrections in the IGA language in Section 2.04(a)(iv) Voter Approval:

(iii) the “Town of Mountain Village Establishment Question”, a draft of which is attached herein as Appendix C-3, shall be submitted to the registered electors that are residents of the Town of Mountain Village;

(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.

and to Section 2.05(c) Initial Members:

(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;**

AGREEMENT – Local officials agreed to changes in the IGA language in Section 6.02 Specific Responsibilities (d) Trails:

(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.**

AGREEMENT – Local officials agreed to changes in the IGA language in Section 6.02 Specific Responsibilities (f) Aerial Tramway (Gondola):

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.

1) Capital Expenses. The Authority may fund capital expenditures that have a useful life that extends beyond December 31, 2027. In such an event the Authority would fund the portion of the capital expense that is projected to extend beyond December 31, 2027. This limitation, however, shall not preclude individual Member contributions and/or Authority contributions for capital expenditures for enhanced Gondola operations prior to December 31, 2027 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.

2) Operational Expenses. The Authority may aggregate funds from Members related to the operation for the Gondola prior to December 31, 2027, but the Authority may not expend such funds for operations prior to December 31, 2027. This limitation, however, shall not preclude individual Member contributions and/or Authority contributions for enhanced Gondola operations 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.

Agenda Items 4 Review of Appendix D – Initial Service Plan and Item 5 Discussion on Ballot Measure Committee and Professional Consulting was deferred to the next meeting.

Topics for the next session scheduled for **May 16th 11 a.m. Mountain Village Council Chambers** include review of the results from the voter poll, review of the Fair Campaign Practices Act, and review of Appendix D – Initial Service Plan.

To: Interested Parties

From: Chris Keating, Keating Research, Inc.

Date: May 12, 2016

Re: 5 Key Finding From The San Miguel County Transportation Survey

These results are based on a live-interviewer telephone survey, including cell phones, among a representative sample of 200 likely November 2016 voters in San Miguel County, Colorado. The interviews were conducted April 25 - May 1, 2016 by Keating Research. The worst case margin of error at the 95% level for the total sample of 200 is plus or minus 6.9%.

1. San Miguel County voters are optimistic

When asked if San Miguel County is heading in the right direction or wrong direction, 3-of-4 say *right direction (73%)*, compared to only 13% that say *wrong direction, which is nearly a 6-to-1 ratio of right direction to wrong direction.*

2. Support for the formation of the San Miguel County Regional Transportation Authority (SMART transit) is STRONG

An overwhelming majority (80%) of voters say they support the formation of the San Miguel County Regional Transportation Authority also known as SMART transit, with only 11% opposed to it. SMART transit was described in the survey as follows:

"While you may not be aware of it, the Town of Telluride and Mountain Village and San Miguel County are considering forming a Regional Transportation Authority that is funded through a tax increase, and will provide coordination and long range planning of San Miguel County regional transit services, including the construction and maintenance of regional trails and strategically located park and ride facilities, the expansion of the workforce shuttle services, and increased bus service between Lawson Hill and Telluride / Mountain Village."

SMART transit receives strong majority support across all key voter groups in San Miguel County:

- Women (85% support) and Men (76% support);
- Younger voters age 18-49 (83% support) and older voters age 50+ (77% support);
- Registered Democrats (84% support), Independents (76% support) and Republicans (79% support)

3. The most important part of SMART transit is new bus or shuttle service to workforce or affordable housing, while parking infrastructure, trail maintenance and linkage, and expanded regional transportation are also important

- **New bus or shuttle service to future workforce or affordable housing developments (70% extremely or very important);**
- **Parking infrastructure expansion and improvements including the development of strategically located park and ride transit centers (58% extremely or very important);**
- **Improved trail maintenance and expanded multi-modal trail linkages between Mountain Village, Telluride, Lawson Hill and Down Valley (58% extremely or very important);**
- **An expansion of the workforce shuttle services to regional destinations such as Montrose, Ridgway and Cortez, including smaller busses, vans and alternative fuel vehicles (55% extremely or very important).**





4. Voters show similarly strong support for funding SMART transit with a sales tax or a property tax

- 73% support a one-quarter of one percent increase in the San Miguel County sales tax rate to fund SMART transit – which is a sales tax increase of 25 cents on a \$100 purchase;
- 72% support a one mill increase in the San Miguel County property tax rate to fund SMART transit – which is a property tax increase of \$8 per \$100,000 in assessed value for a residential home.

5. Investing in the Telluride-Mountain Village gondola is vital

- 81% support saving a portion of the SMART transit funding to pay for capital improvements and operations and maintenance of the gondola after 2027; while 15% oppose.
- 85% agree that the towns of Mountain Village, Telluride and San Miguel County should reach a decision soon on how to pay for the gondola, so the gondola will continue after 2017; while 12% oppose.



200 likely November 2016 voters in
San Miguel County Precincts 1, 2, 3 & 6
Field: April 25 - May 1, 2016

San Miguel County Transportation Poll 2016

Hello, may please I speak with **name on the list**?

My name is **name of interviewer**. I'm calling from **XXXX Research**. I'm not selling anything. We're doing a short survey here in San Miguel County on some topics that I'm sure you will find interesting.

Screener and intro questions

S2. Are you 18 or older and registered to vote in San Miguel County?

Yes	100%	Continue interview
No	--	Terminate interview
Don't know / not sure Don't read	--	Terminate interview

3. Generally speaking, are things in San Miguel County heading in the right direction, or in the wrong direction? **If respondent says "I don't know" ask:** Which way would you lean toward - right direction or wrong direction?

Right direction	73%
Wrong direction	13%
Don't know / not sure Don't read	14%

Ask question 4 on Split Form A: n=100.

- 4. What would you say are the most important issues or challenges facing San Miguel County? **Probe with:** Are there any other issues? **Record response verbatim.**

Please see verbatim responses document pages 1-4.

Ask question 5 on Split Form B: n=100.

- 5. Thinking about transportation issues in San Miguel County, what would you say is the best way to improve transportation here in San Miguel County? **Record response verbatim.**

Please see verbatim responses document pages 5-8.

- 6. While you may not be aware of it, the Town of Telluride and Mountain Village and San Miguel County are considering forming a Regional Transportation Authority that is funded through a tax increase, and will provide coordination and long range planning of San Miguel County regional transit services, including the construction and maintenance of regional trails and strategically located park and ride facilities, the expansion of the workforce shuttle services, and increased bus service between Lawson Hill and Telluride / Mountain Village.

Do you support or oppose the formation of the San Miguel County Regional Transportation Authority, also known as SMART transit? **If respondent says support or oppose, ask:** Do you strongly favor/oppose or somewhat favor/oppose?

SUPPORT	80%
OPPOSE	11%
Support - strongly	56%
Support – somewhat	24%
Oppose – somewhat.....	4%
Oppose - strongly	7%
Don't know / not sure Don't read.	9%

Ask question 7 if support or don't know in question 6 and Split Form X: n=102.

- 7. What is the main reason you might support it? **Probe:** Are there any other reasons?

Please see verbatim responses document pages 9-12.

Ask question 8 if oppose or don't know in question 6: n=39.

- 8. What is the main reason why you might oppose it? **Probe:** Are there any other reasons?

Please see verbatim responses document pages 13-14.

Rotate the order of questions 9 and 10.

9. Would you support or oppose - the formation of the San Miguel County Regional Transportation Authority, also known as SMART transit, if it is funded with a one-quarter of one percent increase in the San Miguel County sales tax rate - which is a sales tax increase of 25 cents on a \$100 dollar purchase? **If respondent says support or oppose, ask:** Do you strongly favor/oppose or somewhat favor/oppose?

SUPPORT	73%
OPPOSE	22%
Support - strongly	41%
Support – somewhat	32%
Oppose – somewhat.....	9%
Oppose - strongly	13%
Don't know / not sure Don't read	5%

10. Would you support or oppose - the formation of the San Miguel County Regional Transportation Authority, also known as SMART transit, if it is funded with a **1 mill increase in the County property tax rate**, which is an annual property tax increase of 8 dollars per 100 thousand dollars in assessed value for a residential home? **If respondent says support or oppose, ask:** Do you strongly favor/oppose or somewhat favor/oppose?

SUPPORT	72%
OPPOSE	21%
Support - strongly	45%
Support – somewhat	28%
Oppose – somewhat.....	7%
Oppose - strongly	14%
Don't know / not sure Don't read	7%

11. If taxes are increased to fund the San Miguel County Regional Transportation Authority, do you prefer a sales tax increase or do you prefer a property tax increase? **Randomize the order of responses. If respondent says “neither one” or “both” please say:** If you had to select one of these which one would you prefer?

Property tax increase.....	47%
Sales tax increase	43%
Don't know / not sure Don't read	10%

Now I'll read some specific things which might be included in the San Miguel County Regional Transportation Authority. Keeping in mind that it is difficult for everything to be equally important, please tell me how important each one of these is to you personally. Is it extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not very important to ensure that the funding is dedicated to that purpose? **Randomize the order of the items on the list.** The (first/next) is...

Ranked by Importance	EXTREMELY / VERY	SOMEWHAT NOT VERY	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not Very	Don't read Don't know
17. New bus or shuttle service to future workforce or affordable housing developments.	70%	26%	30%	41%	18%	8%	4%
15. Parking infrastructure expansion and improvements including the development of strategically located park and ride transit centers.	58%	40%	25%	33%	32%	8%	1%
16. Improved trail maintenance and expanded multi-modal trail linkages between Mountain Village, Telluride, Lawson Hill and Down Valley.	58%	39%	23%	35%	23%	16%	3%
14. An expansion of the workforce shuttle services to regional destinations such as Montrose, Ridgway and Cortez, including smaller busses, vans and alternative fuel vehicles.	55%	42%	22%	34%	33%	9%	2%
12. Increased bus service between Lawson Hill and Telluride with additional stops along the way.	45%	51%	19%	26%	35%	16%	4%
13. Increased bus service between Lawson Hill and Mountain Village.	30%	66%	12%	18%	38%	28%	4%

Ask question 23 if Split Form Y: n=113.

23. What is the MOST important thing that you would like to see funded by the San Miguel County Regional Transportation Authority?

Please see verbatim responses document pages 15-19.

18. While you may not be aware of it, funding for the Telluride-Mountain Village gondola ends in 2027. Do you support or oppose – saving a portion of the Regional Transportation Authority funding to be used to pay for capital improvements, and operations and maintenance of the gondola after 2027? **If respondent says favor or oppose, ask:** Do you strongly favor/oppose or somewhat favor/oppose?

SUPPORT	81%
OPPOSE	15%
Support - strongly	54%
Support – somewhat	27%
Oppose – somewhat.....	6%
Oppose - strongly	10%
Don't know / not sure Don't read.	4%

19. Do you agree or disagree that the towns of Mountain Village, Telluride and San Miguel County should reach a decision *soon* on how to pay for the gondola, so that gondola service will continue after 2027? **If respondent says favor or oppose, ask:** Do you strongly agree/disagree or somewhat agree/disagree?

AGREE	85%
DISAGREE	12%
Agree - strongly	69%
Agree– somewhat	17%
Disagree – somewhat	5%
Disagree - strongly.....	6%
Don't know / not sure Don't read.	3%

Demographic questions

And finally, just a few questions for statistical purposes only...

D20. Gender **Do not ask question**

Male.....	54%
Female	46%

D21. Could you please tell me your age? **Read list if necessary**

18-24.....	6%
25-29.....	6%
30-34.....	9%
35-39.....	10%
40-44.....	10%
45-49.....	12%
50-54.....	12%
55-59.....	6%
60-64.....	11%
65-69.....	10%
70+	8%

D22. Which of the following forms of transportation do you use when you travel within San Miguel County? **Read items on the list. Multiple response question.**

Car or truck	82%
Gondola	65%
Walk.....	50%
Bike	43%
Galloping Goose bus service	35%
Chondola.....	16%
Mountain Village bus service	13%
Mountain Village dial-a-ride.....	12%
Commuter shuttle or van service	7%
Any <i>other</i> transportation services you use	3%
Don't know / refused Don't read	2%

Thank you for taking our short survey, your answers have been very helpful.

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San Miguel County Transportation Poll 2016

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4. What would you say are the most important issues or challenges facing San Miguel County? Probe with: Are there any other issues? Record response verbatim.

A healthy economy and a healthy environment.

Affordable housing.

Affordable housing.

Affordable housing.

Affordable housing.

Affordable housing and public transportation.

Affordable housing and enough pay.

Affordable housing and more public transit in the Down Valley area and I think they should add a bike path along the Down Valley highway.

Affordable housing and transportation.

Affordable housing everything I so expensive.

Affordable housing, transportation.

Affordable housing.

At this time housing. More need for working folks housing. Free Parking for those that travel into Telluride for the workers that work here. There needs to be more attention to the working class in San Miguel County altogether.

Broadband internet.

Broadband internet. We need better internet for the businesses. We also need better jobs and housing. There isn't enough housing in town, and I think the business owners should be paying for that.

Childhood education.

Conservation.

Control the roads and organize.

Controlled and well thought out growth. In other words, the growth of the community on a development stand point.

Cost of healthcare.

Definitely housing.

Diversity of the economy and affordable housing.

Environmental issues - potential of the bark beetle killing trees.

Food, pay too much for food, housing.

Getting a: (RTA); in place so the people who do live in the area outside, the community can have consistent affordable transportation. Affordable housing has definitely a lack of housing in the work force area.

Growth well there's just too many people, too expensive to live here.

Having lots of people and not enough roadway in Telluride, we need more space in Telluride

Healthcare because it is going to be more difficult to access since the hospital is moving. Also housing issues-the lack of availability of affordable housing and the issues with all the vacation homes that are vacant.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FACILITIES AND RECREATION CENTERS; IMPROVED FACILITIES; TRACK; SWIMMING POOL.

High taxes, because I am a property owner and I pay high taxes, that's all.

Housing.

Housing.

Housing and broadband internet.

Housing affordable housing.

Housing and economics, and also fair payments among all people.

Housing and employment.

Housing and full time employment opportunities and we need more parking in the county.

Housing and transportation, housing for working people. There is plenty of housing for billionaires but not for workers and that's very very bad. They collect taxes for all businesses, the businesses pay the taxes to the town.

Housing close to Telluride, because it's the revenue provider for this county and the people have to commute for the county, also the cost of food is ridiculously expensive.

Housing crisis, second home owners purchasing homes, remodeled them and they leave them empty and leaves locals with nowhere to live

Housing for permanent residents. More professional jobs.

Housing is a concern.

Housing is one of the biggest issues.

Housing is the biggest issue, lack of housing.

Housing is the main problem in the county and also in Telluride we need more housing and transportation to get around.

Housing it's really hard to keep housing, hard to find affordable housing and it's an issue, that's about it.

Housing there's very little reasonable housing to come get jobs and come here.

Housing to start.

Housing-affordable housing within the realms of dealing with the permanent residents of affordable housing. Also there should be higher taxes for the large vacation homes. I also think our parks and rec department needs more support.

Housing, affordable housing in the east end of the county.

Housing, because there is no place to live, that's all.

Housing, the lack of affordable housing, that's all.

Housing, trails, and transportation

Housing, the lack of workforce housing and all housing.

I believe the lack of recycling which should be back and another is the lack of transportation around the entire county and the size of the health care buildings it's too small for the community they should make them bigger.

I can't think of anything on the top of my head, no.

I don't know.

I guess housing and jobs for people.

I know this is going to sound bad but I would say the illegal aliens and the pressure they are putting on public schools.

I specifically live in Telluride and affordable housing and health insurance is an issue.

I think its affordable housing.

I think we need a new hospital facility for more care.

I would say fire mitigation. They could get up in the mountains and thin out the forest by burning the dead wood to help with wild fires.

I would say housing, transportation and fresh water waste water treatment.

I'd say affordable housing and local work force.

I'm not really up to date on the issues so I can't really answer your questions.

Its employee housing. Housing costs are way too high employees can't live in town.

Just housing in general I guess, I don't know.

Lack of space for expansion to have more people who have a variety of backgrounds.

Local housing. Eastern part.

MARIJUANA, THAT'S THE PROBLEM JUST MARIJUANA THE LEGISLATION AROUND THE ELECTRIC COMPANY THEIR REQUIREMENTS TO BYPASS ELECTRICITY PRODUCED PV PANELS.

Parking transportation and housing affordable housing.

Population, industries and water.

Population.

Power - we lose electricity frequently.

Probably employee housing, we need to save town from the billionaires and put more housing for the employees.

Probably housing, lack of housing and lack of reasonable housing.

Probably housing, there aren't many places to live, I would say we need a regional transportation authority and better health care access, that's pretty much it.

Probably the...I don't know there's a lot of issues.

Reason of transit and affordable housing.

Roads and open space.

Since I'm a teacher, teaching professionals don't get paid well enough.

Some areas have bigger issues like housing.

The cost of real estate in telluride income inequality.

The fiscal responsibility, the budget not corresponding to the taxes collected.

THE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING, IT'S RIDICULOUS.

The main issues facing the county is the housing for employees. There is only 2 inches worth of housing available within the area of Telluride.

The only one I can think of right now is affordable housing.

The taxes they're too high.

This county has horrible housing.

To maintain clean water and transportation congestion and parking the high density growth, minimize automobile traffic and provide appropriate parking.

To me, it is local transportation-we need more transportation beyond Trout Lake and to San Bernardo. There are no bus routes to these places; maybe 1 bus a day. People could benefit from these routes and we would use less fossil fuels.

Transit and housing.

Transportation is big! There is no bus service on weekends except early in the morning or early in the evenings.

Water, housing, and land use.

We need a critical access hospital in the county and more options for transportation and housing is the number one problem for employees of San Miguel County.

Well you were calling on behalf of transportation and the parking is terrible being a resident having a parking pass to park in front of your home and I still get ticketed.

Without out a doubt it's housing, how to create a non-tourist economy, greater transparency in government.

Ask question 5 on Split Form B: n=100.

5. Thinking about transportation issues in San Miguel County, what would you say is the best way to improve transportation here in San Miguel County? Record response verbatim.

Please more transportation, bus and taxi service.

Additional bus services.

As for public transportation it is fine the galloping goose is free so it is really good.

Better bus schedule.

Better roads. Would prefer more lanes.

Both the gondola and transportation should be great, that's it.

Buses, from Norwood and Montrose.

Busses, more busses.

Car pooling and community effort shuttles, regional transits.

Couple more shuttles running in the county.

Enhanced regional bus services.

Enhanced bus service to the outlying areas.

Expand bus transportation to Norwood and Ridgway.

Form a regional transportation authority with taxing abilities.

Have a better regional transportation system.

Having more buses for out of town.

Honestly maybe parking was a bit easier. We have issues for getting parking tickets for silly reasons they'll put tickets for parking places and plow them other than that it's all around difficult to park even if you live in Mountain Village or Telluride.

I am not sure - I like it so far.

I BELIEVE THEY NEED TO HAVE MORE OPTIONS FOR VALLEY COMMUTERS. NEEDS TO INCLUDE THE WEST VALLEY IN NORWOOD, NORTH RIDGWAY, RICO (SOUTH) AREA, TELLURIDE.

I don't know I guess more routes more bus routes that's my primary issue the small community where I live there is no infrastructure for it when we should have more, that's all.

I don't know.

I don't know.

I don't really know much about transportation issues I just mainly use the Gondola.

I don't think any improvements are needed.

I don't think there's no issues it's 3 blocks long it tiny.

I guess more bus service.

I guess more of an increase in public transit.

I guess regional transit less van service.

I have no idea. Well they certainly have to figure out a way to keep the gondola going. There's an urgent need to remove cars from the road.

I think a region wide transportation system that runs every hour that connects to Telluride and other towns.

I think having a larger network of transportation to connect all the areas together.

I think it be good to have the bus run down to Placerville so it runs in the morning and the evening and it use to run in the middle of the day it be helpful to run one hour, 3 o'clock 2:30 or 3.

I think it's important that they extend the hours of operation for people that are in town up to the Mountain Village with public transportation.

I think that we need better mass transits like busses to get people around, that's about it.

I think the biggest issue is regional transportation.

I think the bus service is good but could be better. The gondola is excellent. I think there should be more transportation between Grand Junction and Durango.

I think there should be some sort of unified transport plan between all the towns and counties

I think transportation authority, because it is way behind the curve and without it we won't improve environmental concerns like reducing carbon footprint, also improve economic vitality.

I think transportation is pretty good.

I think the hardest issue is in the morning of the commute to Telluride. Work with school hours.

I would say a regional approach by the county and the two towns working together. They have separate funding mechanisms it is very counterproductive.

I would say probably more affordable housing so people do not have to commute

I'm not sure.

Improve traffic safety. Pay attention to markers detailing road surfaces, guard rails, traffic signs stuff like that well its complex our governments have done a terrible job with working with the state with safety of transportation.

Increase bus service.

Increase public transportation.

Increased traffic, we need more bus service that's more frequent and reliable, that it.

Increased public transportation, we have a lot of people commuting and it's due to the housing cases and nobody can afford to live in Telluride. It's too expensive to live there and it leads to really bad traffic from people trying to get back to their homes.

Increasing frequency and reach of the bus services and utilizing smaller vans if that would be more efficient.

Keep the bike path nicer.

Keep things as they are, I really don't think we should mess with our transit system. Maybe a tiny bit more effort on a ride sharing program.

Leave it the way it is!

Making it more accessible for bikers because right now it is not very accessible.

Maybe more bus routes.

Maybe some more bus and shuttles.

More affordable housing there is a lot of land to build more affordable housing a lot of free space in the county.

More bus routes, because there's just very few when the gondola is not running.

More buses.

More buses on regular schedules.

More busses, during winter and spring.

More busses trough out the county and more often throughout the day.

More consistent service year round for public transportation and road maintenance, better designated bike lanes.

More frequent buses.

More public transit.

More public transit and more late transit options.

More public transit, more buses to more places at more times.

Most of the roads are paved that's all I know nothing else.

Mountain village should use better transportation for the workers who travel from low income housing. The developer was paid for up-zoning years ago. Mountain Village is paying for the gondola but should also be paying for better busses and transportation.

Need for more transportation.

No opinion.

NO OPINION.

Not so much transportation but more that nobody that works up there can afford to live in Telluride. Gotten worse from 25 years ago

Offer more times of transport.

I haven't given much thought because I think they need more parking places in the town of Telluride, public parking they need more public parking in the town of Telluride.

Ok well I have kind of an outside of the box but this town has already been people have always been busy before I got here the gondola speaks to that we have to be as forward thinking in transportation that has outgrown were going where there's no parking

Pretty well, ran more frequently or free.

Provide more local bus service to Montrose and Ridgway.

May 3, 2016 – Verbatim Responses

Provide more public transportation I would say bus service between communities, we have some but we think there could be more, no.

Provide subsidized service, pay for it by taxation and making it free for riding, such as property tax and sales tax.

Public bus system, run busses more often, because as a workforce person and I drive 13 miles away and there's a lot of environmental issues and it would just make a better quality of life for everyone here and it would be a more viable option for commuter.

Public transportation is pretty good.

Secure a long term future for gondola.

The bus system needs to be more consistent- in terms of coverage, they miss out by not picking up in Ilium.

The construction of a light rail.

The county commissioner is lacking leadership, they just passed term limits that was just voted in last election. Finally removing it this upcoming election.

The gondola and the buses - to improve and invest more money into them so they continue to run efficiently.

The local three busses definitely nice and everybody utilizes it to their benefit in terms of driving there's only so much you can do with one road into town. Right the highway coming into town, you know.

To commuter bussing in town.

To improve roads.

To keep the long distance to help them use lines going to and restrict them and maybe increase after hours shutter so that some drivers can chaperone.

Transit system connecting all the towns.

Transportation is needed we need more bus services to Montrose and Norwood and down valley not enough buses.

Transportation, to have more frequent buses down valley.

TRYING TO GET PEOPLE TO LIVE CLOSER TO WHERE THEY WORK.

WE HAVE A GOOD SYSTEM.

We need to fix the roads and increase the gas tax.

We should have better regional transit.

Widen the roadside.

Ask question 7 if support or don't know in question 6 and Split Form X: n=102.

7. What is the main reason you might support it? Probe: Are there any other reasons?

Anything that would help the transportation in the county I will support.

Because I believe its good idea.

Because I live between Telluride and Mountain Village.

Because I relied on it during high school.

Because I think having solid transportation is important to people who don't have cars or to people who want to save gas and it is environmentally friendly.

Because I think our community has grown big enough to have this type of facilities available to our community.

Because I think that we need all the parties involved to come up with a solution together instead of trying to figure everything out on their own.

Because I think there would be more work force transportation, that's the only reason.

Because I wouldn't have to drive 30 miles a day.

Because it is a regional problem that all jurisdictions need to solve together.

Because it will coordinate all transit options.

Because it's always great to have public transportation available.

Because more and more of the people who work in Telluride and Mountain Village don't live there and need to commute.

Because of environmental reasons and to improve quality of life for people who don't own cars or who don't choose to drive.

Because of the trails included and free transportation is nice.

Because of traffic in San Miguel county.

Because people need to get around and everyone doesn't have to drive everywhere and I've seen it work in other places.

Because the need of transportation.

Because there is nowhere to live, and you have to get to work and you wouldn't really want to leave 2 hours in advance just to get to work, that's all.

Because they need to drive less and have other options to get around.

Because they would have designated funding.

Because too many commuters.

Because transit seems to always help economic diversity.

Because transportation is important.

Because we already pay for the trail, already have a found, and don't need to fund them anymore.

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Because we have a problem with affordable housing and if there's a problem with that there should be good transportation.

Because we need to start preparing for the gondola change over, and I would prefer for us to build housing for people who live there as appose to bussing them in from neighboring counties.

Better transportation, because I just think there needs to be better transportation.

Depends on the circumstances.

Everybody has trouble getting around – it's easier for people that don't have cars.

For employment purposes.

For people to get into town Lawson and I would of probably appreciated that for sure.

For the working class.

For transportation and Canada is really big.

For transportation purposes.

Get cars off the road.

I believe workers are having a tough time having a place to live and they should commune around the community, it would also be convenient for people living in other places of the state, that's all.

I can't answer that.

I didn't say I would support it, well it depends on what transportation were talking about.

I don't have a vehicle and I need an easier way to get around the county.

I guess I don't really know don't understand why we need a separate entity to work on that.

I just think it's a friendly environmentally deal that's it.

I just think parking in Telluride has been a major issue, plus the improvements of transportation are good reasons.

I know a lot of people who use buses to go in and out of town and I don't have a car, and use the gondola myself to get to work.

I support because we need more transportation so more people will use it. There will also be less traffic. We don't have enough parking, and I think this will help.

I support public transportation in general so people don't drive in their cars as often. It's better for the community and the environment.

I think all the parties would need to work together to make it successful

I THINK IT SUPPORTS THE PEOPLE WHO KEEP THE TOWN RUNNING.

I think it will help the overall growth of our county. Better opportunities of housing in other regions.

I think it's a necessity.

I think it's good for the community but I do have to know the specifics of the tax increase.

I think people's ability to move around.

I think that there is very limited parking in town (tourist are penalized), and I think that there should be less cars overall.

I think the Lawson hill community requires additional transit services.

I think they need improved transportation.

I think we need better transportation in the region.

I would support it because it benefits everyone.

I would support it if it works for everyone and I think a good transportation system is necessary, that's it.

I would support this as long as we would have employee housing and transport workers to the near-by towns. I would prefer not to see employee housing in town. I think they are building too much affordable housing in town.

I'm a business owner that lives in town, and I think it's going to be more and more important for workers to get to their jobs.

If it supports affordable housing and if it doesn't increase taxes too much.

If there is an expansion for service to the Ames area and over.

I'm hoping they'll do the right thing no nothing's happening right now.

It is desperate needed for workers to use to get to work and home.

It is needed and there is no housing here and we need more transportation so people can get work from outline areas.

It just needs to be improved.

It would improve the housing situation. The people who live in affordable housing wouldn't have to need to travel long distances.

It's hard to get around, because there's not enough buses.

It's just time to coordinate those effort along the lines you just read out to provide more commuter service between communities to provide more coordination between the three governments to make that happen like you said.

It's needed in all levels. We have parking issues also. The time of day that needs to improve.

Just less traffic would be the best thing. And more options would be good.

Less cars on the car better air quality, that's all.

Less cars on the road and lees people who move here won't need cars.

Less need for traffic vehicles. Also there will be more support between the surrounding areas. Less likely to be issues traveling between areas.

REDUCE THE CARBON FOOT PRINT.

So people can get to work without driving their cars.

So there's less cars and more public transportation.

THE COMMUNITY NEEDS MORE TRANSPORTATION FOR OUT OF TOWN WORKERS.

The funding for the gondola does run out and they should figure out how to keep funding to keep the gondola going.

The reason that I would support it mostly because it is a quick fix to a long term problem.

The traffic on the roads and less pollution if fewer cars used the road there would be less pollution and also make more parking available.

There's no parking left.

They are much disorganized so having a transit service for the working people will be a benefit.

To have less vehicles on the road.

To promote more growth in the community as I stated earlier.

To provide regional transit.

To reduce the carbon foot print of cars and to reduce obesity and increase having more public transit, that's all.

We live in hillside and it would be good to have more transportation options for people who don't have a car like myself.

We need better transit to help people get around.

We need it!

We need it. We don't have enough transportation between affordable housing. Also to reduce carbon footprint and access between towns.

We need more transportation for our local business and workers.

We need solutions to lack of employees not enough businesses.

We need the additional coordination and more transportation for working people in outlying areas.

Well first for environmental behavior because access to local housing is terrible here, most people can't afford it.

WELL I THINK PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IS A MORE EFFICIENT USE OF ENERGY AND REDUCES CONGESTION ON THE ROADS.

Well we do have a lot of people that do have to commute so it'll help out that problem and it would be more environmentally friendly.

Workers cannot live in Telluride and need to be able to work on outlying areas because there is no housing in Telluride

You know there's too many cars on the road there's no place to park when you get to Telluride.

Ask question 8 if oppose or don't know in question 6: n=39.

8. What is the main reason why you might oppose it? Probe: Are there any other reasons?

A little too early, the county is not ready for it.

A lot of people commute. They can take the gondola. We don't need more busses, what we need is improvements for affordable housing. The people who help the town run can't even afford to live here.

Because of a lot of reasons how are they doing this? What's the tax on us? What's going to come out of this is it going to be friendly to our environment?

Because the amount of traffic.

Because there are other issues like affordable housing.

Depends on the cost.

Don't know, rather do more research.

Due to the issue that I would be paying for this out of my tax dollars. It all depends on how much I'm taxed.

High taxes, I am not rich taxes are high, that's all.

I don't feel there's sufficient traffic base to support such an organization suffice I am not impressed with some of the governments involved.

I don't know much about it I live miles away from Telluride.

I don't want to pay for something that the rich people should be paying for.

I guess I really don't understand the purpose for it. Our public transportation is just fine. I don't see what good it would do.

If already paying for it why should I pay for it again?

If it is a significant increase on taxes and the hours it might run.

Increased taxes.

It depends on what kind of revenue it will take, that's all.

It's not covering the whole county.

It's really not that beneficial to me I live here locally and I have to travel myself to the housing that I live in and that's sort of service is not offered to me which is the public transportation.

Just because I don't know the routes and you know what I mean with any formation of new groups there are things that are hidden within that the general public might not be aware of.

Just more busses are needed.

Like I just said that the tax increases would be and I'm not sure if it would get good enough use to be of value.

Like I said before I would just have to know the specifics of the tax increase.

MAJOR TAX INCREASE.

Oppose a tax increase.

Potential tax increase.

Shift the burden of the gondola on taxpayers.

Tax increase.

Tax increase.

Taxes going up.

Taxes. Well imagine they will be real estate taxes and that what I imagine they tax the riders it would be something different if it's going to be modest I'll be go for it I hate to see the taxes get high to get things done here.

THE MONEY WHICH IS USED FOR ROADS, IS NOT USED IN A RIGHT WAY; IN THE PASS AREAS.

The tax increase.

The taxes.

Transportation is free right now.

We already have a good system I don't see the point of raising taxes to improve something that is already good.

We are still a small community and we don't want to tax our self for transit when we are not big communities I like the transportation here and the Gondola is too expensive, taxes are too high in San Miguel County.

We have bigger issues.

You didn't mention the gondola only that I don't use it that would be a part of it.

Ask question 23 if Split Form Y: n=113.

23. What is the MOST important thing that you would like to see funded by the San Miguel County Regional Transportation Authority?

A cohesive board that represents all the employers and employees and the county basically everyone in the county.

Additional transportation. Workforce transportation.

Affordable bus service to and from San Bernardo.

Affordable housing.

Affordable housing and transit in the Down Valley area.

Affordable housing.

Better parking in Mountain Village.

Better transportation between Placerville, and better highways.

Bus transportation, increase in the schedule.

Cover bus stops.

Down Valley transportation, because I lived down valley and they have reduced public transportation over the last years, which is the only thing I like to use to get a round places that's my main issue.

Energy efficient vehicles.

Expanded bus service within the county but beyond Telluride, Mountain village and Lawson hill.

EXPANDING THE BUS SERVICE TO MONTROSE AND CORTEZ.

For me it would be extra bus service on the weekends. The bus service should run a little later and add a couple routes it would be amazing for my family and I. We need to spend a little bit more wisely.

Ground transportation to get cars off the highway.

I don't care about more buses. That money should be used to start housing developments in the flatlands outside Telluride. Use that land for those who can't afford to live in Telluride instead of protecting the god damn prairie dogs.

I don't have anything to offer on this one.

I don't know.

I don't know, well I'd like to see what they came up with as ideas first.

I don't know.

I guess it would be bus services between Lawson Hill and Mountain Village.

I guess the transportation from Lawson hill, Down Valley and Telluride.

I guess transportation around the Telluride region, just because it's needed and there is very little right know, I would also say it would be better for the environment, that's all.

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I know it may not be paid for by this, but I would like a rec center with a big swimming pool.

Just get rid of the ice skating rink and replace it with a swimming pool.

I suppose a late night shuttle, so that people won't have to drive drunk.

I think I would suggest transit increase to Lawson Hill.

I think it would be services for transportation from San Bernardo because I live over here and it would be nice.

I think it would have to be transportation to future housing. But first the affordable housing would have to be built, housing is one of the biggest issues.

I think it's important to have environmentally friendly transportation.

I think just a better transit system for workers I would like just like to see a better network of transportation.

I would like everybody to keep a smile on their face. I'm in a great situation I have no other observations everything is doing great from my perspective.

I would like to have the trail maintenance which is improved, and anything that improves bus transportation and affordable housing and reduce carbon pollution.

I would like to see increased bus or shuttle services in regional areas, more specifically, Down Valley.

I would like to see mass of parking in Lawson hill transportation from Lawson hill to Telluride and parking in Telluride.

I would say parking and riding issues.

I would say the regional transportation, like around Mountain Village, and the San Miguel area.

I'd say transportation improvements to Trout Lake and San Bernardo and Matterhorn, over to Telluride.

If they could deal with transportation issues not only for work purposes in Telluride, but also transportation for recreational purposes.

Improvement for worker transit.

Increase service between Lawson Hill and Telluride.

Increased Down Valley shuttles at night.

Increase public transportation to the satellite towns.

Just a regional bus service.

Just expand the transportation service.

Just more parking access to high density core commercial residential areas.

Just the transit parking.

Just the use of alternative sustainable technologies and energy.

Larger regional area for the transportation.

Like to see them to go to Cortez, Montrose, Ridgway and Norwood.

Longer hours of operation.

Low income housing in Telluride.

Broader workforce transportation.

More buses and Canada is really big.

More buses to Lawson Hill.

More busses.

More frequent.

More help for all the locals so they don't have to drive from point a to point b using the group service.

More options for transportation.

More public transportation to Ridgway, Montrose and out to where employees work.

More regional transportation.

More reliable bus service between towns.

More shuttle to the outlying areas.

More transportation between the valleys.

More transportation for workers to their employment.

No Smart.

No, I'm sorry.

Not sure.

Nothing comes to mind.

Nothing I don't want a tax, that's all.

Nothing needs to development.

Nothing!

Overall regional transport.

Park n ride options.

Parking structure in Telluride.

Parking structure in Telluride - well something that's two or three stories high or maybe down that can hold more cars.

Parking. More available parking places for out a town people.

Potential expansion of transportation from Ridgway.

Probably more transportation to Mountain Village into town after hours.

Probably the regional bus service I mentioned earlier.

Probably the trails and parking out of town.

Regional buses.

Regional transportation so there is transportation for people outside the area and I would like to see trail development.

Regional transportation

THE BUS FLEETS, THE SELECTION ON THE BUSES - DEFINITELY NOT THE GONDOLA.

The gondola.

The gondola & regional trail system.

The gondola, because the funding is not going to be running and that's a responsibility not just in Mountain Village but for everyone in general.

The Gondola, I'd like to see the funding go towards the Gondola because it's regional transportation and it's most effective with all the advances you've recently talked about.

The gondola.

The gondola.

The long range transportation from Norwood and Montrose, Ridgway and Cortez.

The maintenance of the Gondola and up-keep.

The most important thing is getting the workforce areas more access to transportation. It is not their fault the cost of housing is so expensive here. We're also in a huge housing crunch they definitely need to make house more affordable and reasonable.

The parking is a nightmare - we need more space.

The regional transportation and parking because there's a lot of people traveling a great distance to work here and short time housing because they can't afford to live here.

The trail infrastructure.

The trails between mountain village and telluride, just additional trails.

The trails connecting Mountain Village and Telluride.

The trails. More trails different location for and better maintained.

The whole transit in general they need to be organized more.

The workforce transportation initiative, because I think it's important to support an expansion and population, that's all.

To have regional bus service.

Transit offer; it's too expensive to live in Telluride and too expensive and no housing for the locals and causing them to move outside the boundary.

Transit to affordable housing.

Transportation.

Transportation for the two rivers community, because there is currently no service to that area, that's all.

Transportation shuttle for sure are the most important.

I have no idea.

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We live just below Lawson hill in an unincorporated neighborhood of about 60 homes, and we get no service. No bus service, or school bus. I would like to see more transportation, especially to employee neighborhoods like this.

Well I don't know I just think we need to have housing and for a way to people to get to their jobs. The only thing I was going to say regarding the regional transportation - Lawson Hill, Mountain Village, and all the way to Cortez is just way too far.

Whatever there is a need I would pay for with taxes? I know getting workers into Telluride is an issue, also funding the Gondola.

RTA-IGA Sections Reviewed and Revised 4/28/16

Section 2.04 Voter Approval (a):

(iii) the “Town of Mountain Village Establishment Question”, a draft of which is attached herein as Appendix C-3, shall be submitted to the registered electors that are residents of the Town of Mountain Village;

(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 Initial Members:

(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 (d) Trails:

(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.**

Section 6.02 Specific Responsibilities (f) Aerial Tramway (Gondola):

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.

1) Capital Expenses. The Authority may fund capital expenditures that have a useful life that extends beyond December 31, 2027. In such an event the Authority would fund the portion of the capital expense that is projected to extend beyond December 31, 2027. This limitation, however, shall not preclude individual Member contributions and/or Authority contributions for capital expenditures for enhanced Gondola operations prior to December 31, 2027 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.

2) Operational Expenses. The Authority may aggregate funds from Members related to the operation for the Gondola prior to December 31, 2027, but the Authority may not expend such funds for operations prior to December 31, 2027. This limitation, however, shall not preclude individual Member contributions and/or Authority contributions for enhanced Gondola operations 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 an objective of the Authority to assure the ongoing operation of the Gondola beyond December 31, 2027.

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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. ← Needs to be reconciled to the revised IGA
6. Advocate and promote the use of transit and trails rather than personal vehicles whenever possible.