

**RTA Intergovernmental Meeting
Mountain Village Council Chambers
August 15, 2016 Noon**

1. Introduction
 - a. Public Officials
 - b. Ground Rules for meeting
 - c. Designated time for Public Comment
2. Discussion of SMART Measure Public Information
 - a. Review of draft SMART Frequently Asked Questions
 - b. Informational Brochure
3. Review of SMART Preliminary Budget Scenarios
 - a. Preliminary Revenues & Expenditures – Cash Flow
 - b. General Strategies to Consider
4. Review Timeline for Ballot Measure - Next Steps and Conclude

Meeting Notes – RTA Intergovernmental Worksession – July 28, 2016

Officials present: **Mountain Village** –Dan Jansen, Marty McKinley, Dan Caton, Laila Benitez, Bruce MacIntire, Cath Jett & Kim Montgomery-Administrator
 Town of Telluride –Anne Brady, Todd Brown, Lars Carlson, DeLanie Young, Sean Murphy & Greg Clifton-Administrator
 San Miguel County –Joan May, Amy Levek, Art Goodtimes & Lynn Black-Administrator

Introductions & Review of Meeting Ground Rules and Review of Notes from June 2, 2016.

An update was provided by each jurisdiction on the status of public hearings and ballot language.

Town of Telluride Attorney Kevin Geiger explained Tabor ballot language requirements and offered a detailed summary of the Fair Campaign Practices Act. Local officials received direction on the strict limitations of using public funding in support of a ballot measure. September 9th 2016 is the deadline for ballot certification with the San Miguel County Clerk.

Officials discussed drafting a factual summary that can be produced and printed by the local governments.

This document is typically a financial summary of the proposed measures, not advocacy.

State law also allows adoption of a formal resolution in favor of the measures by each jurisdiction. These must be handled strictly in the same manner as any other resolution and not used to promote the measures beyond the meeting or hearing where they are approved. Finally there is a Tabor Ballot Issue Notice published by the San Miguel County Clerk. Statements both pro and con of 500 words or less are included after a financial or factual summary. The deadline to submit information for the Ballot Issue Summary is September 23rd 2016. This document is mailed to the voters by October 7th, and the first day that mail ballots can begin to be posted is October 17th.

The attorneys from the three proposed member jurisdictions also stressed the need to have legal representation and staff support immediately in place in the event of voter approval for SMART. Several important actions will need to take place by November 16th, such as the mill levy certification with the County Assessor and the sales tax certification to the Colorado Department of Revenue. This would also require that the preliminary appointment of SMART board members be in place from the elected officials of each entity.

AGREEMENT - A subcommittee was appointed to work on SMART “frequently asked questions”. For Mountain Village – Cathy Jett and Laila Benitz; San Miguel County – Joan May; and Town of Telluride - Sean Murphy along with their administrators and appropriate staff.

Officials directed the administrators to put together a preliminary SMART budget with a cash flow analysis, and to work with a subcommittee on the FAQ’s and other factual information.

AGREEMENT – Officials agreed to recruit citizen and business leaders for a committee to promote the measure(s). Pam Pettee was asked to participate. Pam is a member of the San Miguel Transit Advisory Committee. The goal is to have other participants identified by the next meeting.

A final worksession of the all-inclusive group of local officials was scheduled for August 15th at noon prior to the regularly scheduled Intergovernmental Worksession.

San Miguel Authority for Regional Transit -- SMART FAQs

What is SMART?

- If approved SMART will be a “Regional Transportation Authority”, the formation of which is approved by the State of Colorado.
- Approval of the SMART ballot measure will form a new specialized district, similar to the local school districts, library districts, fire districts, hospital districts etc.
- The State allows all forms of transportation to be included in an RTA such as pedestrian trails, shuttles and buses, aerial tramways, rail, roads and transit related infrastructure including parking lots, bus stops and maintenance facilities.
- Member participation must be a local government.

Why form SMART?

- SMART will provide improved coordination and efficiency in regional transit.
- It will bring all local public transit providers under one umbrella for planning and implementation of transit services and infrastructure.
- SMART will improve leverage for local, state and federal transportation grants.

Public Transit is a vitally important part of any vibrant community.

- Transit helps reduce traffic and demands for parking.
- Less vehicles mean improved air quality and greenhouse gas reductions.
- Transit plays an important role in our economic development, bringing our workforce to their jobs.
- Transit provides affordable mobility for our whole population including youth, workers and seniors.
- Transit adds an important visitor amenity for the towns of Telluride and Mountain Village and the resort.

Where?

- The legal boundaries of SMART will include the area roughly between Placerville eastward to the San Miguel County border at Lizard Head Pass. SMART coincides with the boundaries of the R1 School District. **A map showing the boundaries is available.**
- The SMART service area extends outside the boundaries of the district. Transit can serve any area that is considered important for workforce, recreational and human service needs. For example public transit services are currently provided to west San Miguel County (Wrights Mesa) and to locations outside the County such as Cortez, Montrose and Ridgway.
- The limitation of SMART membership to Telluride, Mountain Village and a portion of San Miguel County is intended to include existing public transit providers. A secondary goal is to “start small” and work toward increased member jurisdictions later.

Who will be impacted?

- Voters within the Town of Telluride, Mountain Village and a portion of unincorporated San Miguel County that matches the boundaries of the R1 School District will vote on the SMART measure. The towns of Ophir and Sawpit are not proposed for membership

in SMART. Other jurisdictions can join later with approval of their voters, and the agreement of current members.

- The proposed sales and property taxes within the measure will apply only within the boundaries of SMART.
- A governing board will include two elected officials from each of the member jurisdictions, Mountain Village, Telluride and San Miguel County.
- Advisory committees can be appointed to tackle long-range planning, and provide an annual review of service routes and schedules. Citizens and business stakeholders can participate on these committees.

How is the Gondola addressed by SMART?

- Mountain Village has legal requirements to fund operations of the gondola through December 31, 2027. SMART cannot assume any of these contractual requirements prior to that date.
- Currently the towns of Telluride and Mountain Village contribute money for extra gondola operating hours during busy times of the year. These enhanced services can be funded on a case by case basis by SMART, if approved by the Board of Directors.
- The priority of SMART funding will support commuter ground transit and related capital infrastructure. SMART as proposed will not collect sufficient tax revenue to significantly contribute to gondola operations in any event.
- Unrelated to SMART, a committee comprised of regional stakeholders will examine ways to fund gondola operations beyond 2027.

Who will vote on the SMART measure?

- Qualified, registered voters residing within the towns of Telluride and Mountain Village and in unincorporated portions of San Miguel County (Placerville to Lizard Head Pass) will have the opportunity to vote on the formation of SMART and associated taxes on November 8, 2016.
- In Mountain Village, qualified second homeowners have the right to vote in municipal elections. These voters will have the right to vote on the proposed SMART taxation question (a municipal issue), but not the SMART formation question (a State statutory measure). For this reason Mountain Village will have two ballot measures, one for the SMART formation and one for the sales and ad valorem property tax question.

What happens if voters on one jurisdiction do not approve their measure?

- The SMART Intergovernmental Agreement (Section 8.01) stipulates that if a measure is not approved by the voters of one or more of the proposed members the other member(s) may withdraw from formation.

What specific services will be covered by SMART?

- It is currently envisioned that Telluride and Mountain Village will continue to operate and fund their in-town services for their respective communities.
- SMART will begin to fund the services currently covered under a contract between San Miguel County and the Town of Telluride Galloping Goose Transit Division, including Norwood, Lawson and Down Valley-Placerville bus routes.

- Other services such as commuter shuttles and van pools will also be transferred to SMART. Annual San Miguel County real estate transfer assessment funds designated for transit services will be turned over to SMART to be a part of the budget for inter-jurisdictional transit services.
- The SMART Intergovernmental Agreement provides an Initial Service Plan in Appendix D. One of the first orders of business for the newly formed SMART will be to engage in a comprehensive long-range plan and vision for public transit, trails and related infrastructure.
- In addition, members or outside jurisdictions can contract with SMART to provide specific additional transit services but they must provide the full funding to accommodate the service.

What is this going to cost me?

- The proposed ¼ percent sales tax will apply in Telluride, Mountain Village and a portion of eastern San Miguel County. This tax will be applied to the same retail sales that the current state and county taxes are applied. In other words, the tax will not be applied on food for home consumption or utilities. An example of the impact is for every ten dollar (\$10) retail sale two and one-half cents (.025 cents) of tax will be charged.
- The .75 mill ad valorem tax levy will be \$5.97 for every \$100,000 of actual value on residential properties and \$21.75 per \$100,000 in actual value for commercial properties. **A calculator for the impact of this tax on your property is available at:**

How much revenue will be collected in taxes each year?

- Current estimates for the first year (2017) of SMART sales and property tax revenues could total up to \$1.3 million.
- It is estimated that about \$700,000 will be generated from the .25% sales tax and \$600,000 from the .75 mill property tax.

2017 Proposed First Year Budget & Cash Flow - <u>Without Member Contributions</u>													
Revenues	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Total
SMC	\$ 180,000	\$ -										\$ 100,000	
Sales Tax	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61,000	\$ 61,000	\$ 79,221	\$ 20,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 51,000	\$ 59,000	\$ 46,000	\$ 57,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 477,221
Property Tax			\$ 250,000	\$ 100,000			\$ 250,000						\$ 600,000
Fares	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	
Grant for Norwood/DV	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	
Totals	\$ 195,250	\$ 15,250	\$ 326,250	\$ 176,250	\$ 94,471	\$ 35,250	\$ 286,250	\$ 66,250	\$ 74,250	\$ 61,250	\$ 72,250	\$ 137,250	\$ 1,540,221
Expenditures	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Total
Salaries	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	
Rent/office exp.	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	
Attorney fees	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
DV/Norwood busses	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	
SMC vans	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750	
Mtn. Village Shuttles	\$ 5,602	\$ 5,602	\$ 5,602	\$ 5,602	\$ 5,602	\$ 5,602	\$ 5,602	\$ 5,602	\$ 5,602	\$ 5,602	\$ 5,602	\$ 5,602	
Gondola Backup					\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000				\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000		
Sr. Transit	\$ 10,000												
TOT County Lawson		\$ 8,127	\$ 8,127	\$ 8,127	\$ 8,127	\$ 8,127	\$ 8,127	\$ 8,127	\$ 8,127	\$ 8,127	\$ 8,127	\$ 8,127	
Transit Plan -- Possible Grant									\$ 40,000.00				
Totals	\$ 53,852	\$ 51,979	\$ 51,979	\$ 51,979	\$ 81,979	\$ 81,979	\$ 51,979	\$ 51,979	\$ 91,979	\$ 81,979	\$ 81,979	\$ 51,979	\$ 785,621
Cash Available	\$ 141,398	\$ 104,669	\$ 378,940	\$ 503,211	\$ 515,703	\$ 468,974	\$ 703,245	\$ 717,516	\$ 699,787	\$ 679,058	\$ 669,329	\$ 754,600	

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Fares	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,250		
TOT Contribution	\$ 140,000													
TMV Contribution	\$ 160,000													
Grant for Norwood/DV	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000		
Totals	\$ 495,250	\$ 15,250	\$ 326,250	\$ 176,250	\$ 94,471	\$ 35,250	\$ 286,250	\$ 66,250	\$ 74,250	\$ 61,250	\$ 72,250	\$ 137,250	\$ 1,840,221	
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Rent/office exp.	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500		
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Cash Available	\$ 441,398	\$ 404,669	\$ 678,940	\$ 803,211	\$ 815,703	\$ 768,974	\$ 1,003,245	\$ 1,017,516	\$ 999,787	\$ 979,058	\$ 969,329	\$ 1,051,848		

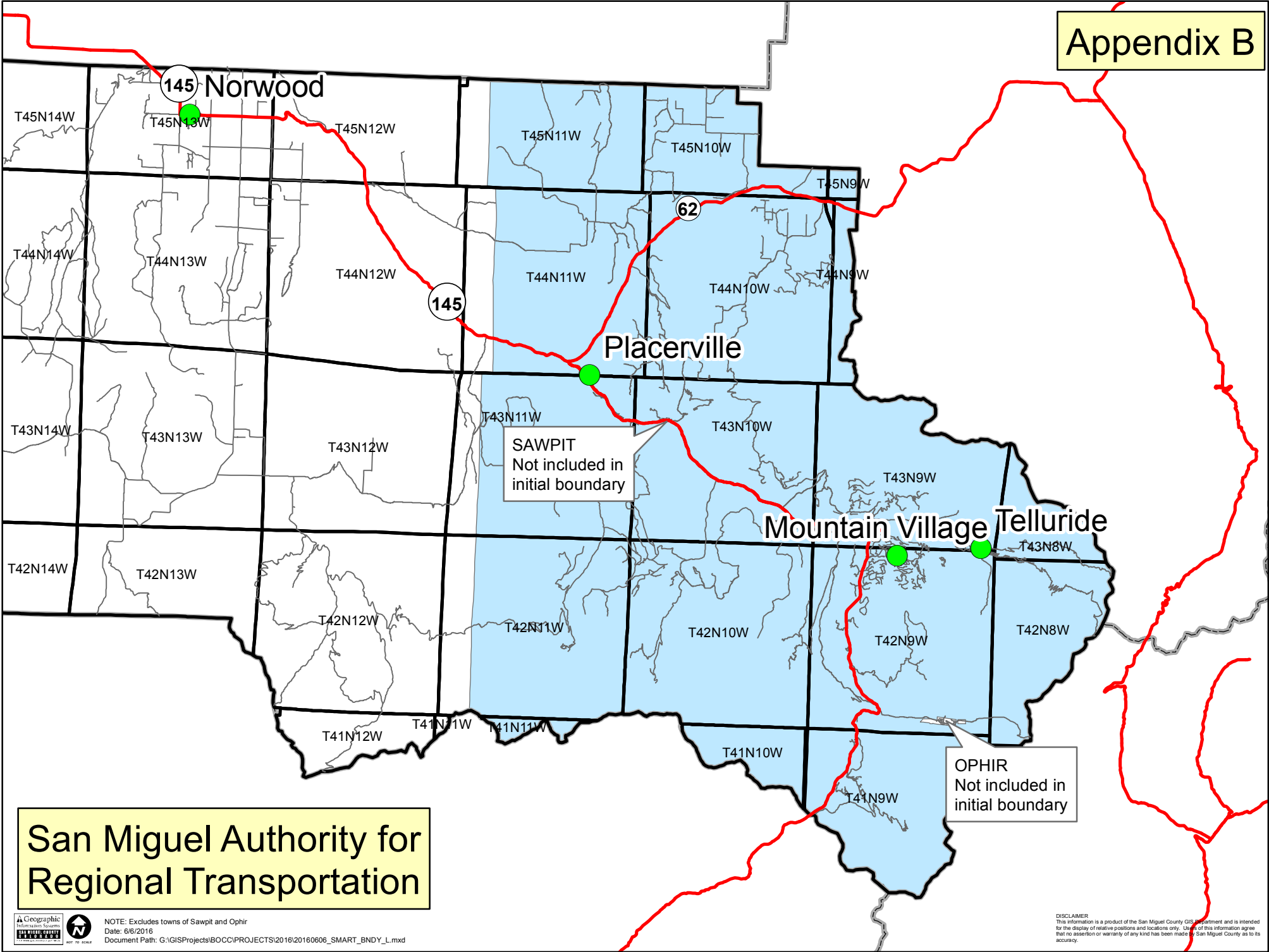
APPENDIX D

INITIAL SERVICE PLAN

1. The Authority shall strive to deliver safe and reliable public transit services, and to consistently advocate and promote the use of multi-modal transit systems.
2. The Authority shall engage in comprehensive long range transportation planning under the direction of the San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation Board with participation from the Advisory Committees and other regional stakeholders. Within the long range transportation planning process, an initial service plan shall be developed, which shall include but not be limited to the following elements:
 - a. Improved transit coordination, services and schedules;
 - b. A phased plan for transit related facilities and infrastructure;
 - c. A review and plan for specialized transit services, as outlined below (3-d).
 - d. Long term sustainable funding

The Initial Service Plan shall be subject to SMART Board Adoption.

3. The Authority shall consider enhancing or providing new transit services including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Transit serving Placerville/Down Valley, Norwood, Ridgway, Montrose, Ophir, Rico, and Cortez, including points between these jurisdictions.
 - b. Transit service for Lawson Hill and neighboring communities.
 - c. Transit service during shoulder season, special event, and Gondola backup between the towns of Telluride and Mountain Village.
 - d. Specialized services including paratransit, medical appointment, and senior transit.
 - e. Regional trail planning, construction and maintenance with an emphasis on the provision of multi-modal linkages and accessibility to and between transit services, neighboring communities and population centers.
 - f. Assuming intra-town services in a manner consistent with existing or improved levels of service subject to the agreement of the effected Member jurisdiction.
 - g. Funding for maintenance, repairs and improvement of the gondola aerial tramway system, between Mountain Village and Telluride consistent with the provisions of Section 6.02(f)(1) and 6.02(f)(2).



San Miguel Authority for
Regional Transportation



NOTE: Excludes towns of Sawpit and Ophir

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Timeline for SMART -- San Miguel for Authority Regional Transportation Ballot Measure 2016

July - August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• July 29th statutory deadline to notify the County Clerk in writing of intent to participate in the November 2016 election with a Tabor ballot measure. San Miguel County Completed.• Final public hearings and ballot resolutions must be completed by 9/9, the date for ballot certification.
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• September 9th last day for each political subdivision to certify the ballot content with the County Clerk.• Four consecutive legal publications required of the Ballot Measures by the Department of Revenue for the sales tax measures.• September 23rd deadline to file written comments for the <u>Ballot Issues Notice</u> (Tabor Notice) with financial the summaries of the measure(s) to the election official – San Miguel County Clerk.• Pro-con written statements of 500 words or less to be included in the Ballot Issue Notice due by 9/23/16.• September 27th last day for each RTA participating entity's designated election official to deliver the full text of ballot measures, including an written comment summaries received on TABOR ballot issues to the SMC Co Clerk.
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• October 7th is the last day that the Ballot Issue Notice can be mailed to electors by the County Clerk.• October 17th First day that mail ballots for a general election can begin to be mailed by the County Clerk. Last day that ballots can be mailed is October 21st.
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• November 8th General Election