Gondola Subcommittee: Agenda

Monday, October 20, 2025
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting (Zoom Webinar):
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Item 1: Call to Order, Determination of Quorum and Agenda Review

Item 2: Approval of September Gondola Subcommittee Meeting Summary
Presenter: Miles Graham
Item Type: Action (packet pages 2-5)
Allotted Time: 5 minutes

Item 3: Project Development Updates
Presenter: Amber Blake
Item Type: Informational
Allotted Time: 15 minutes

Item 4: Project Delivery Approach & Construction Procurement
Presenter: Ed Parks
Item Type: Informational
Allotted Time: 30 minutes

Item 5: Government Relations Overview
Presenter: Miles Graham
Item Type: Informational
Allotted Time: 30 minutes

Item 6: New Business / Other Business
Presenter: Miles Graham
Item Type: Informational
Allotted Time: 5 minutes

Item 7: Public Comment

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Gondola Subcommittee Meeting Summary
Monday, September 15, 2025

Item 1: **Call to Order, Determination of Quorum and Agenda Review**

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Town of Telluride (ToT):
  - Meehan Fee (proxy for Councilmember Ashley Von Spreeken)
- Mountain Village Entity (TMV):
  - Harvey Mogenson
- San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART):
  - David Averill
- San Miguel County:
  - Mike Bordogna (proxy for Commissioner Lance Waring)

OTHERS PRESENT:

- ToT: Zoe Dohnal, Hayden Brodowsky, Lance McDonald
- TMV: Paul Wisor, Jim Loebe
- TMVOA: Anton Benitez
- SMART: Amber Kyle-Blake
- Telluride Ski and Golf (TSG): John Miller
- AECOM: Ed Parks
- SE Group: Pete Williams
- GBSM: Miles Graham, Mavis Fitzgerald
- Hilltop Securities: Mattie Prodanovic

Item 2: **Project Management Updates**

Gondola Project Budget Planning Updates

The Gondola Subcommittee meeting focused on project development updates and budget planning. The draft 2026 IGA was presented with a revised 2026 project development budget to increase contingency from 10% to 20% because all 2025 contingency was exceeded. The group discussed technical work priorities in 2026, including cost estimation, financial planning, government relations, stakeholder meetings, public outreach, surveys, right-of-way investigation, and coordination with station design efforts.

Item 3: **Procurement Methodology**

AECOM presented potential procurement approaches for the gondola project. An informational overview of pros/cons was provided related to different project delivery options. It was highlighted that a standard procurement process for gondolas would typically be a design-build project, but emphasized the importance of considering factors such as cost, schedule, risk, and stakeholder input.

A comparison of four construction delivery models was presented: design-bid-build, CMGC/CMAR, traditional design-build, and progressive design-build. It was explained that while design-bid-build offers the most agency control but requires separate contracts and longer timelines. Progressive design-build provides the best fit for the project due to its single contract approach, collaborative design process, and flexibility to establish fixed pricing at various stages. It was highlighted that progressive design-build allows the agency to maintain more control while incurring less risk compared to traditional design-build, and offers the advantage of price certainty through a guaranteed maximum price.

The benefits of a progressive design-build were discussed, focusing on flexibility and control compared to traditional design-build methods. Concerns were raised about how this theoretical approach might be impacted with a small team and limited staff capacity. The group discussed why progressive design-build could actually work well with a lean team by allowing them to manage the contract and work with subject matter experts. Group members supported this view, sharing past experience with progressive design-build as more staff-efficient than traditional design-bid-build approaches.

The team discussed progressive design-build as the recommended approach for the project, citing its alignment with Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) best practices and flexibility to allow early contractor involvement and stakeholder input. Concerns were expressed about managing multiple stakeholder inputs and the need for consistent messaging and strategic communication, particularly given the project's regional scope and multiple partners involved. The project team agreed on the importance of coordinating messaging and differentiating between stakeholder input and education throughout the process, with more significant input opportunities planned for the future.

Item 4: **Approval of August Gondola Subcommittee Meeting Summary**
On motion, the August meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Item 5: **Project Update | Town of Telluride Conceptual Station Area Design**
Town of Telluride staff presented updates to their conceptual gondola station area design at Oak Street, including plans for improved rider queuing areas, enhanced transit connections, and new public and commercial spaces. The design details, highlighting features such as a two-level plaza, food and beverage facilities, and potential uses for ski lockers and community spaces, were shown. The group discussed architectural elements, ensuring compliance with height limits and public access requirements, and confirmed that SMART buses could fit through the planned transit area. The next steps include further coordination with the SMART gondola process, cost estimation, and capital funding discussions.

Item 6: **Project Comments**
A New Standing Agenda Item, Project Comments, was presented. There were no project comments.

Item 7: **Public Comment**
There was no public comment.

Item 8: **New Business/Other Business**
No new or other business.

Item 7: The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.