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**EAGLE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

by and among

BEAVER CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

TOWN OF AVON, COLORADO

EAGLE COUNTY, COLORADO

TOWN OF EAGLE, COLORADO

TOWN OF GYPSUM, COLORADO

TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO

TOWN OF RED CLIFF, COLORADO

and

TOWN OF VAIL, COLORADO

Dated as of [May 31, 2022]

Providing for the establishment of the “Eagle Valley Transportation Authority” as a Colorado Regional Transportation Authority pursuant to the Regional Transportation Law, Title 43, Article 4, Part 6, Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended.

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THIS EAGLE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”) is entered into as of [May 31, 2022] by and among the **BEAVER CREEK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**, the **TOWN OF AVON, COLORADO**; **EAGLE COUNTY, COLORADO**; the **TOWN OF EAGLE, COLORADO**; the **TOWN OF GYPSUM, COLORADO**; the **TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO**; the **TOWN OF RED CLIFF, COLORADO**; and the **TOWN OF VAIL, COLORADO** (together the “Initial Signatories”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 43, Article 4, Part 6 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended (the “Act”), Colorado counties, municipalities, and special districts with street improvement, safety protection, or transportation powers, are authorized to establish, by contract, regional transportation authorities, which, upon the satisfaction of the conditions set forth herein, are authorized to finance, construct, operate and maintain regional transportation systems;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 29, Article 1, Part 2 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended (the “Intergovernmental Relations Statute”), and Article XIV, Section 18 of the Colorado Constitution, governments may contract with one another to provide any function, service or facility lawfully authorized to each of the contracting units and any such contract may provide for the joint exercise of the function, service or facility, including the establishment of a separate legal entity to do so;

WHEREAS, the Initial Signatories are a Colorado county, a Colorado special district, and certain Colorado municipalities located within the boundaries of Eagle County that desire to form a regional transportation authority to serve the greater Eagle River Valley community pursuant to the Act and the Intergovernmental Relations Statute for the purpose of financing, constructing, operating, and maintaining regional transportation systems;

WHEREAS, enhancing regional transportation services for Eagle County residents, businesses and visitors is a crucial step in meeting the communities’ workforce, economic and climate goals, and regional transportation services support Eagle County socially and economically, helping employees get to work safely and visitors to enjoy their Eagle County experience;

WHEREAS, the signatories of this Agreement wish to work toward collaborative solutions that will increase transportation and transit options throughout the greater Eagle River Valley, as well as increase air connections to the Eagle River Valley;

WHEREAS, extensive input from local businesses, employees, nonprofits and community members have made clear that the creation of a Regional Transportation Authority (“RTA”) is a

desirable way to plan, finance, implement and operate a more comprehensive regional transportation system that better meets the needs of communities;

WHEREAS, an RTA serving the greater Eagle River Valley is poised to improve transit service, increase ridership and efficiency across the valley’s existing transit agencies, provide affordable or free transit to the valley’s visitors and employee base, strengthen the connection between the valley’s different communities, and advance local climate action goals by reducing car trips and increasing the use of low or zero emission public transportation; and

WHEREAS, transit services promote independent living for the elderly and the disabled by providing essential links to medical, social and other services, and the region recognizes the need to improve mobility options for all segments of the population.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth below, the Initial Signatories hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01 Definitions from the Act. The following terms shall, when capitalized, have the meanings assigned to them in Section 602 of the Act: “Bond,” “Construct,” “Construction,” “County,” “Municipality,” “Person,” “Regional Transportation Activity Enterprise,” “Regional Transportation System,” and “State”.

Section 1.02 Other Definitions. The following terms shall, when capitalized, have the following meanings:

“*Act*” is defined in the Recitals.

“*Advisory Committee*” means two or more persons appointed by the Board pursuant to Article 4 of this Agreement for the purpose of providing advice to the Board.

“*Agreement*” means this Eagle Valley Transportation Authority Intergovernmental Agreement, as amended from time to time in accordance with the terms contained therein.

“*Alternate Director*” means any person appointed as an Alternate Director pursuant to Section 3.03 of this Agreement.

“*Authority*” means the Eagle Valley Transportation Authority, a separate political subdivision of and body corporate of the State established pursuant to this Agreement as a regional transportation authority under the Act and as a separate legal entity under the Intergovernmental Relations Statute.

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“*Authority Sales Tax*” means a sales and use tax levied by the Authority in all or any designated portion of the Members in accordance with Section 605(1)(j)(1) of the Act.

“*Authorized Transportation Projects*” refers to the Regional Transportation Systems projects described in Appendix C of this Agreement, as such projects may be amended from time to time in accordance with Article 6 of this Agreement.

“*Ballot Question*” refers to any of the questions listed in Section 2.04(a)(i)-(viii) of this Agreement, and shall mean a “Ballot Issue,” as defined in Title 1, Article 1, Part 104(2.3), Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended. The Ballot Question for each of the Initial Signatories are collectively referred to as the “Ballot Questions.”

“*Board*” means the Board of Directors of the Authority.

“*Boundaries*” means the boundaries of the Authority illustrated in Appendix A-1 and described in Appendix A-2 of this Agreement, as such Appendices may be amended from time-to-time in accordance with Article 12 of this Agreement.

“*Director*” means any person appointed as a Director pursuant to Section 3.02 of this Agreement. Whenever the person appointed as a Member’s Director is absent from a Board meeting, the term “Director” shall mean the Alternate Director, if any, appointed by such Member pursuant to Section 3.03 of this Agreement.

“*Division of Local Government*” means the Division of Local Government in the State Department of Local Affairs.

“*ECRTA*” means the Eagle County Regional Transit Authority (Fund 1151) which operates Eagle County’s current ECO Transit public transportation service, and which is also referred to in this Agreement as “ECO Transit.”

“*Governing Body*” means, when used with respect to a Member, the town council, board of trustees, board of commissioners or other legislative body, as appropriate, of such Member.

“*Initial Boundaries*” means the Boundaries of the Authority on the date the Authority is originally established pursuant to Article 10.01 of this Agreement, as such Initial Boundaries are illustrated in Appendix A-1 and described in Appendix A-2 of this Agreement.

“*Initial Members*” means the Initial Signatories who become Members on the date on which the Authority is originally established pursuant to Section 2.05 of this Agreement.

“*Initial Signatories*” means the county, special district, and municipalities that are signatories to this Agreement in its original form.

“*Intergovernmental Relations Statute*” is defined in the Recitals.

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“*Member*” means (a) the Initial Members and (b) the State or any Municipality or County or special district that becomes a member of the Authority pursuant to Section 9.03 of this Agreement.

“*MOU*” means the Memorandum of Understanding Establishing a Regional Transit Authority Formation Committee entered into by and among the Initial Signatories for the purpose of researching and proposing the structure of an RTA to serve the greater Eagle River Valley community.

“*Officer*” means the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer or Executive Director of the Authority, and any subordinate officer or agent appointed and designated as an officer of the Authority by the Board.

“*Regional Transportation Systems*” shall have the meaning given to it in Section 602(16) of the Act.

“*Visitor Benefit Tax*” means a visitor benefit tax levied by the Authority in all or any designated portion of a Member in accordance with Section 605(1)(i.5) of the Act and Section 7.01 hereof.

**ARTICLE 2
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AUTHORITY AND INITIAL MEMBERS**

Section 2.01 Establishment. A regional transportation authority to be known as the “Eagle Valley Transportation Authority” shall be established as a separate political subdivision and body corporate of the State pursuant to the Act and as a separate legal entity created by this Agreement among the Initial Members pursuant to the Intergovernmental Relations Statute, effective upon satisfaction of the following conditions:

(a) each Initial Member (i) has held at least two public hearings on the subject of this Agreement in accordance with Section 603(3) of the Act; and (ii) has executed this Agreement, which execution shall constitute a representation by such Initial Member to the other Initial Members that the executing Initial Member has held the public hearings required by Section 603(3) of the Act and that the Governing Body of such Initial Member has duly authorized its execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement;

(b) this Agreement will be submitted for approval, and has been approved by, a majority of the registered electors residing within the boundaries of the Initial Members at the time of the election, who voted in a general election or special election called for such purpose in accordance with Section 603(4) of the Act, which, for purposes of the November 8, 2022, election, shall be determined based on the votes cast on the Ballot Questions approved by the registered electors voting on the Ballot Questions that approve the participation in the Authority; and

(c) the Director of the Division of Local Government has issued a certificate pursuant to Section 603(1) of the Act stating that the Authority has been duly organized according to the laws of the State.

Section 2.02 Purpose. The purpose of the Authority is to plan, finance, implement and operate an efficient, sustainable and regional public multimodal transportation system at any location or locations within or without the Boundaries of the Authority, and exercise any or all other powers authorized by, and subject to compliance with, the Act.

Section 2.03 Boundaries. Subject to Section 2.05 and amendment to reflect to outcome of the Ballot Questions, the Initial Boundaries of the Authority shall be as illustrated in Appendix A-1 and described in Appendix A-2 of this Agreement. For any territory included or annexed in the boundaries of a Member, the Boundaries shall automatically be amended to include such territory that has been included or annexed into the boundaries of the Member (for taxation purposes, as if such territory was included in the Boundaries of the Authority because the territory is included in the boundaries of such Member).

Section 2.04 Voter Approval.

(a) The Initial Signatories agree to submit Ballot Questions seeking voter approval of the establishment of the Authority; the baseline funding of the Authority in accordance with Article 7 and the exemption of certain Authority revenues from the revenue limitations of Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution (“TABOR”) at an election held on November 8, 2022, that is conducted in accordance with the Act and other applicable law. Eight separate questions, which are hereafter referred to by the names indicated below and drafts of which are attached of this Agreement as Appendixes B-1 through B-8, shall be submitted to the registered electors residing within the following described areas within the boundaries of the Initial Signatories:

(i) the “Avon Question,” a draft of which is attached hereto as Appendix B-1, shall be submitted to the electors of the Town of Avon;

(ii) the “Beaver Creek Question,” a draft of which is attached hereto as Appendix B-2, shall be submitted to the electors of the Beaver Creek Metropolitan District;

(iii) the “Eagle Question,” a draft of which is attached hereto as Appendix B-3, shall be submitted to the electors of the Town of Eagle;

(iv) the “Gypsum Question,” a draft of which is attached hereto as Appendix B-4, shall be submitted to the electors of the Town of Gypsum;

(v) the “Minturn Question,” a draft of which is attached hereto as Appendix B-5, shall be submitted to the electors of the Town of Minturn;

(vi) the “Red Cliff Question,” a draft of which is attached hereto as Appendix B-6, shall be submitted to the electors of the Town of Red Cliff;

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(vii) the “Vail Question,” a draft of which is attached hereto as Appendix B-7, shall be submitted to the electors of the Town of Vail; and

(viii) the “Unincorporated Eagle County Question,” a draft of which is attached hereto as Appendix B-8, shall be submitted to the electors of the unincorporated area of Eagle County within the boundaries described in Appendix A-2, exclusive of electors residing in the municipalities and special district that are Initial Signatories of this Agreement.

(b) With the intent to put forth these measures as a coordinated election under the Clerk of Eagle County, the Governing Body of each of the Initial Signatories named in the title of each Ballot Question shall take all actions necessary to submit such questions to the appropriate registered electors at the Election but may modify the Ballot Questions submitted by it in any manner that is consistent with the terms of this Agreement and the Ballot Questions attached in Appendices B-1 through B-8. Any Governing Body’s modification(s) to a Ballot Question that are inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement and the attached appendices shall require the written consent of each of the other Initial Signatories prior to its submittal to that body’s registered electors. The designated election official for a coordinated election shall be the Eagle County Clerk and Recorder.

(c) The costs of conducting the November 8, 2022, election shall be allocated from the funding contributions set forth in the MOU.

Section 2.05 Initial Members.

(a) Subject to Section 2.05(b) of this Agreement, the Initial Signatories whose participation in the Authority is authorized by a majority of the registered electors voting on the Ballot Questions indicated below shall be the Initial Members of the Authority on the date the Authority is originally established pursuant to this Agreement:

(i) the Town of Avon will be an Initial Member if the Town of Avon electors approve the Avon Question;

(ii) the Beaver Creek Metropolitan District will be an Initial Member if the Beaver Creek Metropolitan District electors approve the Beaver Creek Question;

(iii) the Town of Eagle will be an Initial Member if the Town of Eagle electors approve the Eagle Question;

(iv) the Town of Gypsum will be an Initial Member if the Town of Gypsum electors approve the Gypsum Question;

(v) the Town of Minturn will be an Initial Member if the Town of Minturn electors approve the Minturn Question;

(vi) the Town of Red Cliff will be an Initial Member if the Town of Red Cliff electors approve the Red Cliff Question;

(vii) the Town of Vail will be an Initial Member if the Town of Vail electors approve the Vail Question; and

(viii) Eagle County will be an Initial Member if the electors within the unincorporated area of Eagle County described in Section 2.04(a)(viii) approve the Unincorporated Eagle County Question.

(b) The Initial Signatories agree that in order for the Regional Transportation Systems to be efficiently and effectively provided within the Authority's service area, participation of each of the Town of Avon, the Beaver Creek Metropolitan District, Eagle County, and the Town of Vail, is essential. This Agreement will terminate automatically and be of no further force and effect if the registered electors voting on each of the Avon Question, the Beaver Creek Question, the Vail Question, and the Unincorporated Eagle County Question do not each approve their respective ballot questions at the November 8, 2022, election.

ARTICLE 3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 3.01 Establishment and Powers. The Authority shall be governed by a Board of Directors as described in this Article 3. The Board shall exercise and perform all powers, privileges and duties vested in or imposed on the Authority. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the Board may delegate or prescribe the performance of any of its powers to any Director, Officer, employee or agent of the Authority with sufficient direction to comply with the non-delegation doctrine.

Section 3.02 Directors. The Board shall be composed of one Director appointed by each Member.

Section 3.03 Alternate Directors. In addition to the Director appointed by it, each Member shall appoint an Alternate Director who shall be deemed to be such Member's Director for all purposes, including, but not limited to, voting on resolutions whenever the person appointed as such Member's Director is absent from a Board meeting or in the event such Director has resigned or been removed and no replacement Director has been appointed.

Section 3.04 Appointment of Directors and Alternate Directors. As required by Section 603(2)(b)(1) of the Act, the Director and the Alternate Director appointed by a Member shall both be members of the Governing Body of such Member, and shall be appointed as a Director or Alternate Director by the Governing Body of such Member.

Section 3.05 Terms of Office. The term of office of each Director and Alternate Director shall commence with the first meeting of the Board following his or her appointment and shall continue until (a) the date on which a successor is duly appointed or (b) the date on which he or she ceases to be a member of the Governing Body of the appointing Member.

Section 3.06 Resignation and Removal. Any Director or Alternate Director (a) may resign at any time, effective upon receipt by the Secretary or the Chair of written notice signed by the person who is resigning; and (b) may be removed at any time by the Governing Body of the Member that appointed him or her, effective upon receipt by the Secretary or the Chair of written notice signed by the Governing Body of the appointing Member.

Section 3.07 Vacancies. Vacancies in the office of any Director or Alternate Director shall be filled in the same manner in which the vacant office was originally filled pursuant to Sections 3.02 through 3.04 of this Agreement.

Section 3.08 Compensation. Directors and Alternate Directors shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in serving in such capacities upon such terms and pursuant to such procedures as may be established by the Board.

Section 3.09 Meetings, Notice. The Board shall annually establish times for regular meetings of the Board, which shall meet no less than quarterly. The Board may additionally call special meetings as it deems necessary or desirable. Meetings will be held at the location as may from time to time be designated by the Board. Public notice of meetings shall be posted in the locations established by the Board, in accordance with the Colorado Open Meetings Law, Section 24-6-401 *et seq.*, Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended. Except in the case of special or emergency meetings where such advance notice is not practicable, the Authority shall provide at least 48 hours' advance notice of meetings to each Director and Alternate Director and to the Governing Body of each Member.

Section 3.10 Resolutions, Quorum. All actions of the Board shall be by resolution, which may be written or oral, approved at a meeting that is open to the public according to the voting requirements set forth in Section 3.11. At least a quorum shall be necessary to take any Board action and at least two-thirds of all Directors then in office who are eligible to vote thereon will be required for action pursuant to Section 3.11(a). A quorum shall mean a number of Directors greater than half the total number of Directors then in office (which, if all Initial Signatories become Initial Members, will be five of the eight initial Directors). The Board may establish bylaws providing for electronic participation by a Director in a meeting, including requirements for a Director participating electronically to be considered "present" for purposes of establishing a quorum and voting on agenda items.

Section 3.11 Voting Requirements.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this Section, resolutions of the Board shall be adopted upon the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Directors then in office who are eligible to vote thereon (which, if all Initial Signatories become Initial Members and no Director is ineligible to vote, will be six of the eight initial Directors).

(b) Provided a quorum is present, the following actions shall be approved upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors of the Board then present who are eligible to vote thereon:

- (i) administrative approvals such as setting meeting locations and times and ministerial actions required for the Authority's compliance with applicable law;
- (ii) approvals authorized by bylaws or rules previously approved by the Board;
- (iii) approval of contracts for expenditures included in an annual budget previously approved by the Board;
- (iv) approval of contracts for transportation services included in an annual budget previously approved by the Board;
- (v) approval of contracts for the assumptions of existing facilities and transportation infrastructure, or the development of new facilities and transportation infrastructure, included in an annual budget previously approved by the Board; and
- (vi) other actions that are reasonably incidental to prior Board approvals made under subsection (a) of this Section.

Section 3.12 Special Rules Regarding Adoption of the Authority's Annual Budget. Notwithstanding Section 3.10 of this Agreement, if the Board fails to approve the Authority's annual budget by resolution adopted in accordance with Section 3.10 of this Agreement by the end of the immediately preceding fiscal year of the Authority or any earlier date required by State law, until an annual budget is so adopted, the Authority's budget for such year shall be the prior year's budget, with adjustments approved by a majority of the Directors then in office who are eligible to vote thereon. The procedures set forth in this Section may be modified by bylaws or rules adopted in accordance with Section 3.15 of this Agreement.

Section 3.13 Director Conflicts of Interest. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, a Director shall disqualify himself or herself from voting on any issue with respect to which he or she has a conflict of interest, unless he or she has disclosed such conflict of interest in compliance with Sections 18-8-308 and 24-18-101 *et seq.*, Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended.

Section 3.14 Powers of the Board. The Board shall, subject to the limitations set forth of this Agreement, have (a) all powers that may be exercised by the board of directors or a regional transportation authority pursuant to the Act, including, but not limited to, the powers conferred by Sections 604(1) and (3) of the Act, and (b) all powers that may be exercised by the governing board of a separate legal entity that has been lawfully created by a contract among the Members pursuant to the Intergovernmental Relations Statute.

Section 3.15 Bylaws and Rules. The Board, acting by resolution adopted as provided for in Section 3.10 or Section 3.11 of this Agreement, may adopt bylaws or rules governing the activities of the Authority and the Board, including, but not limited to, bylaws or rules governing the conduct of Board meetings, voting procedures, the type of resolutions that must be in writing and procedures for the resolution of issues on which a two-thirds majority cannot be obtained in accordance with Section 3.11(a) of this Agreement.

Section 3.16 Additional Directors. If at any time there are four or fewer Members, then, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in order to comply with the provisions of Section 603(2)(b)(1) of the Act requiring at least five Directors, the Directors representing the remaining Members shall, by unanimous consent, appoint such additional Directors and Alternate Directors as are necessary for there to be five Directors, and may likewise remove such Directors and Alternative Directors by consensus of the Directors appointed directly by the Members. If such remaining Directors are unable to reach unanimous consent, each Member shall appoint a second Director, until the total number of Members exceeds five at which time each Member shall revert to appointing a sole Director.

Section 3.17 References. All references of this Agreement to the Director and Alternate Director of a Member shall be deemed to refer to the initial and the additional Director and Alternate Director, as appropriate, appointed by such Member.

ARTICLE 4 ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Board may appoint, maintain, and/or disband one or more Advisory Committees at any time in order to advise the Board with respect to policy and service matters. Advisory Committees shall not be authorized to exercise any power of the Board.

ARTICLE 5 OFFICERS

Section 5.01 Generally. The Board shall appoint a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer and an Executive Director. The Board also may appoint one or more subordinate officers and agents, each of whom shall hold his or her office or agency for such term and shall have such authority, powers and duties as shall be determined from time to time by the Board. The Chair and the Vice Chair shall be Directors. Other Officers may, but need not, be Directors. Any two or more of such offices may be held by the same person, except that the offices of Chair and Secretary may not be held by the same person and the person serving as Executive Director may not hold any other of such offices. All Officers of the Authority shall be persons of the age of 18 years or older and shall meet the other qualifications, if any, stated for his or her office elsewhere in this Article 5. Alternate Directors shall not assume the officer position of any Director unless so designated by action of the Board.

Section 5.02 Chair. The Chair shall have the power to call meetings of the Board; the power to execute, deliver, acknowledge, file and record on behalf of the Authority such documents as may be required by this Agreement, the Act or other applicable law; and such other powers as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board. The Chair may execute and deliver contracts, deeds and other instruments and agreements on behalf of the Authority as are necessary or appropriate in the ordinary course of its activities or as are duly authorized or approved by the Board. The Chair shall have such additional authority, powers and duties as are appropriate and

customary for the office of the chair of the board of directors of entities such as the Authority, and as the Board may otherwise prescribe.

Section 5.03 Vice Chair. The Vice Chair shall be the Officer next in seniority after the Chair and, upon the death, absence or disability of the Chair, shall have the authority, powers and duties of the Chair. The Vice Chair shall have such additional authority, powers and duties as are prescribed by the Board.

Section 5.04 Secretary. The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings (including special meetings) of the Board, keep written minutes of such meetings, have charge of the Authority's seal (if any), be responsible for the maintenance of all records and files and the preparation and filing of reports to governmental agencies (other than tax returns), have authority to impress or affix the Authority's seal to any instrument requiring it (and, when so impressed or affixed, it may be attested by his or her signature), and have such other authority, powers and duties as are appropriate and customary for the office of Secretary of entities such as the Authority, and as the Board may otherwise prescribe. If a Treasurer has not been appointed, the Secretary shall also serve as Treasurer and may use the title of Treasurer in performing the functions of Treasurer.

Section 5.05 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall, subject to rules and procedures established by the Board, be responsible for the custody of the funds and all stocks, bonds and other securities owned by the Authority and shall be responsible for ensuring the timely preparation and filing of all tax returns, if any, required to be filed by the Authority. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys paid to the Authority and, subject to any limits imposed by the Board or the Chair, shall have authority to give or authorize receipts and vouchers, to sign and endorse checks and warrants in the Authority's name and on the Authority's behalf, and to give full discharge for the same. The Treasurer shall also have charge of disbursement of the funds of the Authority, shall ensure that full and accurate records of the receipts and disbursements are maintained, and shall ensure that all moneys and other valuables are deposited in such depositories as shall be designated by the Board. The Treasurer shall ensure deposit and investment of all funds of the Authority in accordance with this Agreement and laws of the State applying to the deposit and investment of funds of regional transportation authorities formed under the Act. The Treasurer shall have such additional authority, powers and duties as are appropriate and customary for the office of Treasurer of entities such as the Authority, and as the Board may otherwise prescribe. If a Treasurer has not been appointed, the Secretary shall also serve as Treasurer and may use the title of Treasurer in performing the functions of Treasurer.

Section 5.06 Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be the chief executive officer of the Authority, shall supervise the activities of the Authority, shall see that all policies, directions and orders of the Board are carried out and shall, under the supervision of the Board, have such other authority, powers or duties as may be prescribed by the Board.

Section 5.07 Resignation and Removal. Any Officer may resign at any time effective upon receipt by the Secretary or the Chair of written notice signed by the person who is resigning, and may be removed at any time by the Board.

Section 5.08 Changes to Authority, Powers and Duties. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article 5, the Board at any time may expand, limit or modify the authority, powers and duties of any Officer or employee.

Section 5.09 Vacancies. Vacancies in the office of any Officer or employee shall be filled in the same manner in which such office was originally filled.

Section 5.10 Compensation. The Authority shall determine and may compensate Officers and employees who are not Directors or Alternate Directors for services performed, and may reimburse them for expenses incurred, in serving in such capacities upon such terms and pursuant to such procedures as may be established by the Board.

ARTICLE 6 POWERS OF THE AUTHORITY

Section 6.01 General Grant of Powers. The Authority shall, subject to the limitations set forth in this Agreement, have (i) all of the powers granted to regional transportation authorities by the Act and (ii) all powers that may be exercised by a separate legal entity created by a contract among the Members pursuant to the Intergovernmental Relations Statute.

Section 6.02 Specific Responsibilities. In addition to the general powers described in Section 6.01 of this Agreement, the Authority shall have the responsibilities described in this Section and shall have all powers necessary or convenient 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 of this Agreement.

(a) Regional Transportation Systems. The Authority shall coordinate and may operate and fund Regional Transportation Systems and provide such related services as are necessary in order to effect the Authorized Transportation Projects described in Appendix C, as may be amended from time to time in accordance with Article 12 of this Agreement.

(b) Regional Transportation Planning. The Authority shall engage in annual regional transportation planning to direct the implementation of Regional Transportation Systems, 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.

(c) Regional Transportation Demand Management. The Authority shall develop plans, programs, and materials to support individuals and employers in their efforts to reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips and mitigate climate impacts in Eagle County, in coordination with local jurisdictions, CDOT, NWCCOG, the I-70 Coalition and other relevant organizations.

(d) Enhance Local, State, and Federal Coordination.

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(i) The Authority shall represent the Eagle Valley region with regard to state and federal legislation affecting available funding to support regional transit operations and with regard to legislation affecting operations.

(ii) The Authority shall coordinate with the Colorado Department of Transportation (“CDOT”) and federal governing agencies to enhance regional transit, including but not limited to, improvements to connections to the Authority area via Bustang and other statewide bus programs and increased air service to the Eagle County Regional airport.

(e) First-Last Mile Solutions. The Authority may study, design, financially support and implement, with partnerships as appropriate, first and last mile improvements to enhance transit ridership, including but not limited to park and rides, pedestrian crossings, and regional innovative mobility programs such as regional e-bike sharing, on-demand microtransit, and community vanpools.

(f) Contract Transit Services.

(i) 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.

(ii) The Authority may initially enter into contracts with Eagle County for the continuation of ECO Transit service during and after the ECRTA Transition Period (as set out more specifically in Article 8 below) and shall reasonably cooperate with Eagle County to ensure the continuation of employment for personnel currently employed by Eagle County in the provision of transit services within the Boundaries of the Authority.

(g) Local Service. The Authority may fund projects or services that serve the residents and businesses of a single Member (as distinguished from regional services) but, except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, only pursuant to an agreement to which such Member pays the Authority for the services provided on the same fully allocated cost basis used to determine costs of Authority services throughout the Authority’s service area.

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

(a) Planning, Construction, and Maintenance of Regional Trails and Pedestrian Infrastructure.

(i) The Authority shall 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 USFS, BLM and CDOT. The Authority will place emphasis on multi-modal transportation-oriented trails that

provide improved accessibility and connections between transit nodes, population centers, and communities.

(ii) The Authority may plan for transitioning the operations, maintenance, capital improvements, and funding required for Eagle County's ECO Trails partnership, including the Eagle Valley Trail, after completion of all currently planned sections and no sooner than December 31, 2024.

(i) Contract Air Services. The Authority may enter into contracts with commercial air service carriers for the provision of air services in the manner and subject to the terms of such contracts.

(j) Roadway Improvements. Subject to the Gypsum Question first being approved by the electors of the Town of Gypsum, the Authority shall provide financial support for the construction on an EGE Airport interchange, including commitment of matching funds to be combined with other local matching funds in support of the pursuit of state and federal grant funds. Any obligation of the Authority to provide matching funds will be conditional upon first securing funds for construction of the EGE Airport Interchange from all other available federal, state, and local funding sources and shall not exceed an amount budgeted therefor by the Board. It is anticipated that the Town of Eagle, Town of Gypsum, Eagle County, or some combination thereof will be the responsible entities for all permitting, financing and construction. and the Authority's role would be limited to providing matching funds as described in this Section.

Section 6.03 Limitations on Powers of the Authority. Notwithstanding Sections 6.01 and 6.02 of this Agreement, the powers of the Authority shall be limited as follows:

(a) no action to establish or increase a tax or to create a multiple fiscal year debt or other financial obligation that is subject to Section 20(4)(h) of Article X of the State Constitution shall take effect unless first submitted to a vote in accordance with Section 612 of the Act;

(b) the Board shall deliver notice of any proposal to establish, increase or decrease any tax to any County, Municipality or special district Member where the proposed tax or fee would be imposed in accordance with Section 613 of the Act; and

(c) a notice of the imposition of or any increase in any fee or tax or the issuance of Bonds shall be sent to the Division of Local Government and shall be filed with the State Auditor and the State Transportation Commission in accordance with Section 614 of the Act.

Section 6.04 Limitations. If any portion of the Regional Transportation System alters the physical structure of or negatively impacts the safe operation of any state or local transportation improvement, the Authority shall, upon the request of the Governing Body of the jurisdiction impacted by the transportation improvement, in order to ensure coordinated transportation planning, efficient allocation of resources, and the equitable sharing of costs, enter into an intergovernmental agreement between the Authority and such jurisdiction concerning the applicable portion of the Regional Transportation System before commencing physical construction of that particular improvement.

**ARTICLE 7
FUNDING THE AUTHORITY**

Section 7.01 Baseline Funding. The baseline funding of the Authority shall be provided from the following sources:

(a) Initial Authority Sales and Use Tax. Subject to Section 2.05(b) of this Agreement, upon approval by the registered electors of the Ballot Question for each Initial Member, a sales and use tax of one-half percent (0.5%) shall be imposed in all areas within the Initial Boundaries of the Authority.

(b) Eagle County 0.5% Transportation Sales Tax. Eagle County shall pay to the Authority the proportion of the proceeds of the Eagle County 0.5% Transportation Sales Tax accrued on and after January 1 of the year following the Effective Date of this Agreement and that are allocated to ECRTA operations as of the Effective Date. To the extent required by law, the obligation of Eagle County to make such payments may be subject to annual appropriation by the Board of County Commissioners of Eagle County.

(c) Visitor Benefit and Lodging Tax. The Visitor Benefit Tax imposed by the Authority on persons who purchase overnight rooms or accommodations shall, upon satisfaction of the conditions stated below, be imposed at a rate of 1% within the Boundaries of the Authority:

Such Visitor Benefit Tax shall apply to all types of accommodations available for rent for a period of thirty days or less within the Boundaries of the Authority. The proceeds of the Visitor Benefit Tax shall be used by the Authority solely to finance, construct, operate, and maintain Regional Transportation Systems and provide incentives to overnight visitors to use public transportation. To the extent that the imposition of an additional tax by the Authority is precluded by Section 43-4-605(1)(i.5)(I), C.R.S., such Member shall seek alternative sources of funding, or pledge existing tax revenues, in an equivalent amount.

Section 7.02 Discretionary Member Contributions. A Member may, at its sole discretion, offer to make cash contributions to the Authority, provide in-kind services to the Authority or pay costs that otherwise would have been paid by the Authority (referred to as a “Discretionary Member Contribution”). If a Member offers to make a Discretionary Member Contribution, the Authority will, subject to Board approval on a case-by-case basis, make a good faith effort to provide additional transportation services within the boundaries of such Member with a value, or grant such Member a credit against other contributions or contract service payments to the Authority by or on behalf of such Member, in an amount equal to the Discretionary Member Contribution.

Section 7.03 Pursuit of Grants. The Authority shall actively pursue grants to support its activities, including grants for offsetting operating and capital costs, long range planning and environmental review, and major capital improvements. The Authority shall also cooperate and assist Members in their pursuit of grants for transportation projects.

Section 7.04 Capital Projects and Bonds. The Authority may fund capital projects by the issuance of Authority Bonds pursuant to Section 609 of the Act if voter approval is obtained for the issuance of such Bonds as required by Section 612(2) of the Act; through lease-purchase agreements or other arrangements permitted by, and subject to compliance with the applicable provisions of, State and federal law; or through one or more agreements with one or more Members. Bond issuances by Regional Transportation Enterprises formed pursuant to Section 606 of the Act do not require voter approval.

Section 7.05 No Implied Limits on Powers. Except as otherwise specifically provided, no provision of this Article 7 shall limit the Authority’s powers under the Act.

ARTICLE 8 REORGANIZATION

Section 8.01 Reorganization Plan. All relevant assets and liabilities of ECRTA will be transferred to the Authority in accordance with this Article 8 within an 18 month period of time from the Effective Date of this Agreement and establishment of the Authority (the “ECRTA Transition Period.”)

Section 8.02 ECRTA Transition Period, Maintenance of Effort. During the ECRTA Transition Period, the Authority will undertake the following:

(a) The Authority will assume responsibility for the services provided by ECRTA and will begin receipt transfers of the operating revenues of ECRTA (as distinguished from the contributions to the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority by its members) from Eagle County no later than January 1 of the year following formation of the Authority in accordance with Section 7.01(b) of this Agreement; provided, however, that the Authority may not allocate such revenues to any purpose other than funding of services provided by ECRTA, including payments under any contract with Eagle County referred to herein for services of employees or other assets of ECRTA, in order to ensure continuity of ECO Transit services during the ECRTA Transition Period as the provision of such services, and the transfer of assets and liabilities, transition from Eagle County to the Authority over such period.

(b) For the purpose of continuity, the existing ECRTA Advisory Board shall be constituted as an Advisory Committee pursuant to Article 4 of this Agreement for the purpose of advising the Authority’s initial Board with respect to the transition of ECRTA services throughout the ECRTA Transition Period. The Authority Board may add or remove members of the ECRTA Advisory Board as provided for in this Agreement.

(c) Either directly or by contract with Eagle County or others, will use reasonable efforts to:

(i) maintain continuity of the existing ECO Transit regional transit services provided by ECRTA within the Authority Boundaries and to neighboring jurisdictions,

without any significant changes in routes, schedules, or equipment, during the ECRTA Transition Period;

(ii) continue ongoing transportation planning efforts;

(iii) enter into contracts for transit services ECRTA currently provides to other Eagle County departments or entities no later than the end of the ECRTA Transition Period; and

(iv) accommodate Member requests for additional or new local services on the same fully allocated cost basis used to determine the cost of Authority services throughout the Authority service area;

(d) The Authority will assist Eagle County to cause all relevant Eagle County assets, liabilities, personnel, contracts, and operations to be formally transferred and assigned to the Authority, and to enter into any required intergovernmental agreement, leases, or other contractual arrangements to enable such transfers or assignments, prior to the conclusion of the ECRTA Transition Period; and

(e) The ECRTA Transition Period will be deemed concluded when all issues set forth in the Transition Plan (defined in Section 8.03) have been addressed to the satisfaction of the Board.

Section 8.03 Transition Plan.

(a) The Authority and Eagle County shall use their best efforts to agree on a “Transition Plan” that implements the provisions of this Article 8. The Transition Plan will specify how merger issues, including those related to human resources, employee benefits, insurance, transfer of ECRTA assets, contractual relationships (e.g. with the Town of Vail and the Town of Avon), and matters concerning the allocation of operating and capital costs and resources will be resolved.

ARTICLE 9 MEMBERS

Section 9.01 Initial Members. The Initial Members shall be the Initial Signatories whose participation in the Authority is approved at the November 8, 2022, election as described in Section 2.05 of this Agreement.

Section 9.02 Withdrawal of Initial Members.

(a) Following establishment of the Authority, an initial Member may withdraw from the Authority only if the Initial Member’s withdrawal is approved at an election by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

(b) If an Initial Member withdraws from the Authority pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section:

(i) the territory within the boundaries of such Initial Member will be excluded from the Boundaries of the Authority.

(ii) the taxes relevant to that Initial Member shall not be levied after the effective date of such withdrawal; and

(iii) the obligations of such Initial Member set forth in this Agreement shall terminate.

(c) Members may only withdraw from the Authority in the manner, and subject to the conditions, set forth in this Section.

Section 9.03 Additional Members. Any county, municipality, or special district with street improvement, safety protection, or transportation powers, or a portion thereof, which is not an Initial Member of the Authority, may become a Member (for purposes of this Section, a “new Member”) effective upon:

(a) the adoption of a resolution of the Board in accordance with Section 3.11(a) of this Agreement, the effectiveness of which may be conditioned upon compliance by such new Member with any conditions which the Board, in its sole discretion, sees fit to impose;

(b) unless the new Member is the State, approval of such new Member’s participation in the Authority by the electors residing within the territory of the new Member that is to be included in the Boundaries of the Authority; and

(c) compliance with any other conditions to the admission of such new Member as a Member or its execution of the amended Agreement imposed under the Act, the Intergovernmental Relations Statue or any other applicable law.

ARTICLE 10 TERM AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON TERMINATION

Section 10.01 Effective Date. The term of this Agreement shall begin when all the conditions to the establishment of the Authority set forth in Section 2.01 of this Agreement have been satisfied.

Section 10.02 Termination. The term of this Agreement shall end when all the Members agree in writing to terminate this Agreement; provided, however, that this Agreement may not be terminated so long as the Authority has any Bonds outstanding.

Section 10.03 Distribution of Assets Upon Termination. Upon termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 10.02 of this Agreement, after payment of all Bonds and other obligations of the Authority, the net assets of the Authority shall be distributed to the parties who are Members at such time in proportion to the sum of:

(a) the amount of cash and the value of property and services contributed by them to the Authority pursuant to Article 7 and 8 of this Agreement minus the amount of cash and the value of property previously distributed to them by the Authority; and

(b) the amount of Authority taxes or other charges (other than fares) paid by their residents to the Authority pursuant to the Authority's exercise of the powers granted to it pursuant to the Act, with taxes or other charges paid by residents of areas of counties which are also located within a municipality or special district allocated 100% to the municipality or special district for such purposes.

ARTICLE 11 DEFENSE OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, MEMBERS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND EMPLOYEES

Section 11.01 Authority Obligations. The Authority shall insure and defend each Director, Officer, member of an Advisory Committee and employee of the Authority in connection with any claim or actual or threatened suit, action or proceeding (civil, criminal or other, including appeals), in which he or she may be involved in his or her official capacity by reason of his or her being or having been a Director, Officer, member of a Committee or employee of the Authority, or by reason of any action or omission by him or her in such capacity. The Authority shall insure and defend each Director, Officer, member of a Committee and employee of the Authority against all liability, costs and expenses arising from any such claim, suit or action, except any liability arising from criminal offenses or willful misconduct or gross negligence. The Authority's obligations pursuant to this Article 11 shall be limited to funds of the Authority available for such purpose, including but not necessarily limited to insurance proceeds. The Board may establish specific rules and procedures for the implementation of this Article 11.

ARTICLE 12 AMENDMENTS

Section 12.01 Amendments Generally. This Agreement, except as may be limited in this Article 12, may be amended only by resolution of the Board and upon unanimous consent of all Members minus one. Such consent shall first be manifested by a majority affirmative vote of the Governing Bodies of each Member.

Section 12.02 Amendments to Boundaries. Except as provided in Section 2.03 of this Agreement, the Initial Boundaries illustrated in Appendix A-1 and described in Appendix A-2, may be amended in accordance with Section 12.01 of this Agreement and with the required approval of the registered voters of any county, municipality or unincorporated portion of a county proposed to be added to the territory of the Authority. For purposes of this Section, the boundaries may not include territory within the boundaries of a municipality that is not a Member without the consent of the governing body of such municipality, and may not include territory within the unincorporated boundaries of a county that is not a Member without the consent of the governing body of such county.

Section 12.03 Modification of Appendices B-1 through B-8. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, any Ballot Question attached hereto as Appendix B-1 through B-8 may be modified by the Governing Body of the Initial Signatory responsible for submitting such Ballot Question to the electors as provided in Section 2.04 of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 13 MISCELLANEOUS

Section 13.01 Adoption and Execution of Agreement in Accordance with Law. Each initial Signatory hereby represents to each other Initial Signatory that it has adopted and executed this Agreement in accordance with applicable law.

Section 13.02 Parties in Interest. Nothing expressed or implied in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any Person other than the Initial Signatories and the Members any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement, this Agreement being intended to be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Initial Signatories and the Members.

Section 13.03 No Personal Liability. No covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement or any resolution or bylaw issued by the Board shall be deemed to be the covenant or agreement of an elected or appointed official, officer, agent, servant or employee of any Member in his or her individual capacity.

Section 13.04 Notices. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, all notices, certificates, requests, requisitions or other communications by the Authority, any Member, any Director, any Alternate Director, any Officer or any member of a Committee to any other such person pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing; shall be sufficiently given and shall be deemed given when actually received, in the case of the Authority and officers of the Authority, at the last address designated by the Authority for such purpose and, in the case of such other persons, at the last address specified by them in writing to the Secretary of the Authority; and, unless a certain number of days is specified, shall be given within a reasonable period of time.

Section 13.05 Assignment. None of the rights or benefits of any Member may be assigned, nor may any of the duties or obligations of any Member be delegated, without the express written consent of all the Members.

Section 13.06 Severability. If any clause, provision, subsection, Section, or Article of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity, illegality or enforceability of such clause, provision, subsection, Section or Article shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Agreement.

Section 13.07 Interpretation. Subject only to the express limitations set forth in this Agreement, this Agreement shall be liberally construed to permit:

(a) the Authority and the Members to exercise all powers that may be exercised by a regional transportation authority pursuant to the Act and by a separate legal entity created by a contract among the Members pursuant to the Intergovernmental Relations Statute;

(b) the Members to exercise all powers that may be exercised by them with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement pursuant to the Act, the Intergovernmental Relations Statute and other applicable law; and

(c) the Board to exercise all powers that may be exercised by the board of directors of a regional transportation authority pursuant to the Act and by the governing body of a separate legal entity created by a contract among the Members pursuant to the Intergovernmental Relations Statute. In the event of any conflict between the Act, the Intergovernmental Relations Statute or any other law with respect to the exercise of any such power, the provision that permits the broadest exercise of the power consistent with the limitations set forth in this Agreement shall control.

Section 13.08 Governing Law. The laws of the State shall govern the construction and enforcement of this Agreement. Venue for purposes of any litigation arising under this Agreement shall only be proper in the Eagle County District Court.

Section 13.09 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which, when so executed and delivered, shall be an original; but such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same Agreement.

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
Dated as of [May 31, 2022]

By:

[INSERT], COLORADO

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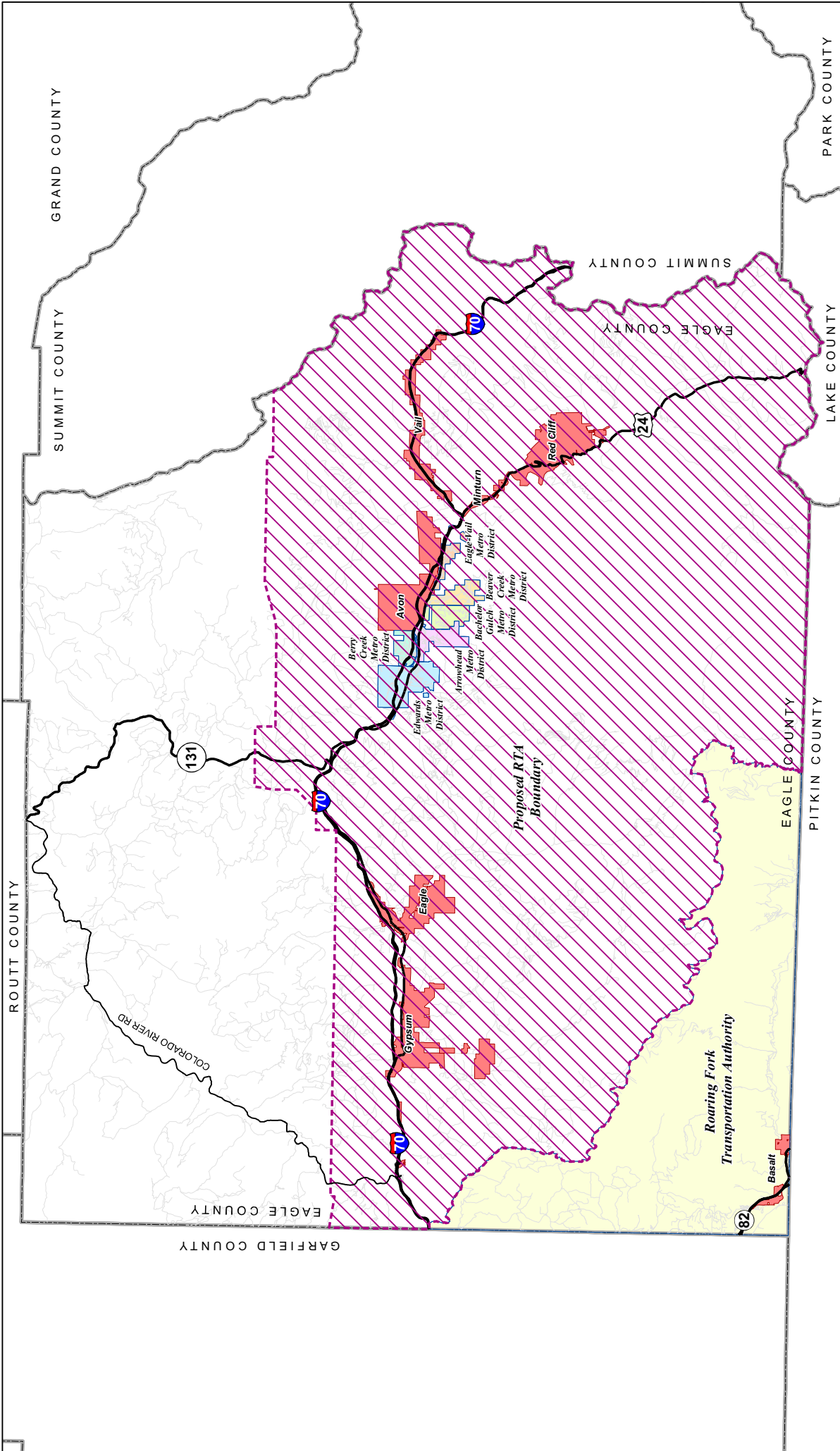
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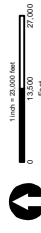
APPENDIX A-1

Authority Boundary Map



RTA Boundary March 14, 2022

- Proposed RTA Boundary
- Town Boundary
- County Boundary
- Street Centerline
- Major Highway
- Arrowhead Metropolitan District
- Bachelor Gulch Metropolitan District
- Beaver Creek Metropolitan District
- Berry Creek Metropolitan District
- Eagle-Vail Metropolitan District
- Edwards Metropolitan District
- Roaring Fork Transportation Authority



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APPENDIX A-2

Authority Boundary Description

Exhibit A
to Notice of Formation of Regional Transportation Authority

Legal Description of RTA Boundaries

Beginning on the common township line for Township 3 South and Township 4 South, Range 80 West 6th Principal Meridian, point also being on the common boundary line of Eagle and Summit Counties, thence west along said township line to the NW corner of Section 6 Township 4 South Range 80 W. Thence north to the NE corner of Section 1 Township 4 South Range 81W. Thence west, conforming to the north boundary of Township 4, Ranges 81, 82 & 83 West to the SW corner of Section 36 Township 3 Range 83 West. Thence north to the NW corner of Section 36 Township 3 South Range 83 West. Thence west to the NW corner Section 33 Township 3 South Range 83 West. Thence south to SW corner of Section 33 Township 3 Range 83 West. Thence south to the SW corner of Section 4 Township 4 South Range 83 West. Thence southwesterly to the SW corner of Section 8 Township 4 South Range 83 West. Thence west to the NW corner Section 18 Township 4 South Range 83 West. Thence south to the SE corner of Section 13 Township 4 South Range 84 West. Thence west along the south lines of Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18 Township 4 South Range 84 West, the south lines of Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18 Township 4 South Range 85 West, and the south lines of Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18 Township 4 South Range 86 West to the SW corner Section 18 Township 4 South Range 86 West. Thence south to the NE corner of Section 24 Township 4 South Range 87 West. Thence westerly along the north boundary of Sections 24 and 23, Township 4 South Range 87 West to the common boundary line between Eagle and Garfield Counties. Thence southerly along the common boundary line between Eagle and Garfield Counties to the point of intersection of the western boundary of Eagle County and the northern boundary of the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority. Thence southeasterly following the northern boundary of the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority to the intersection of the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority and the southerly boundary of Eagle County. Thence easterly along the southern boundary of Eagle County to the point of intersection of the common boundary line of Eagle, Lake, and Summit Counties. Thence northerly along the eastern boundary of Eagle County to the point of origin.

APPENDIX B-1

Town of Avon Ballot Question

APPENDIX B-2

Beaver Creek Metropolitan District Ballot Question

APPENDIX B-3

Town of Eagle Ballot Question

APPENDIX B-4

Town of Gypsum Ballot Question

APPENDIX B-5

Town of Minturn Ballot Question

APPENDIX B-6

Town of Red Cliff Ballot Question

APPENDIX B-7

Town of Vail Ballot Question

APPENDIX B-8

Unincorporated Eagle County Question Ballot Question

APPENDIX C

Initial Service Goals

Eagle Valley Transportation Authority Regional Transportation Service Goals

The newly established Eagle Valley Transportation Authority, (“Authority”), shall use its best efforts to achieve the following:

1. Assume Responsibility for Existing ECO Transit Service

The Authority shall assume responsibility for existing transit service as currently provided by the Eagle County Regional Transportation Authority, (“ECO Transit”), as of January 1 of the year following RTA formation.

Within 12 months of RTA formation, the Authority shall develop and implement a fare-free transit zone with expanded service, to include portions of Avon, Vail, Minturn and Beaver Creek, as a replacement for ECO’s existing Vail/Beaver Creek Express service.

2. Increase Service on Current ECO Routes

The Authority shall begin planning for one or more of the following enhancements, to be introduced as soon as equipment, staffing, and facilities allow:

- Increased capacity and/or service frequency on Highway 6.
- Increased all-day service frequency on Valley Route, including additional daily connections to Dotsero.
- Increased service to/from Leadville.

3. Develop and Implement New Transit Routes

The Authority shall develop and implement new transit service to meet needs identified during the RTA formation process, including but not limited to:

- 1) Eagle-Gypsum Circulator
Regular transit service connecting the Towns of Eagle and Gypsum that promotes increased circulation in/between these communities and provides efficient connection to other regional routes.
- 2) Limited Stop Express Service
Additional rush hour express service targeting peak workforce commute hours.

In addition, the Authority may explore the feasibility of offering additional regional transit services as needs are identified in future Transit Development plans.

4. Accelerate Conversion of Fleet and Facilities to Zero-Emission Operations

The Authority shall take the following steps toward zero-emission operations:

- 1) Conversion of ECO's existing Highway 6 bus service to a zero-emission platform, on a timeframe that evaluates available grant funds, anticipated increases in range and performance capacity of zero-emission buses, and allocation of available Authority funds to other expenditures which may increase ridership.
- 2) Development of zero-emission plans, timelines, and budgets for additional routes and facilities as outlined in an initial RTA Transit Development Plan, to be created following RTA formation.

5. Invest in Transit-Related Facilities and Infrastructure

The Authority shall allocate a portion of available revenues to upgrade existing facilities to support planned service expansion. In addition, funds will be set aside in a capital improvement fund to support fleet replacement and future construction of essential transit-related and transit-supportive facilities.

6. Support Local Air Service

The Authority shall pledge funding in the minimum amount of \$1,200,000 dollars per year to support expanded year round air service for residents and visitors of Eagle County.

7. Regional Transportation System Planning

The Authority shall embark on a 5-year Transit Development Plan (TDP) as one of its first tasks upon formation. This plan should be completed within 12-18 months of the appointment of the initial Authority Executive Director.

APPENDIX D

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