



Eagle County RTA Update

November 10, 2021

Eagle County RTA:

- Collaboration between county, local governments, business and nonprofit leaders to discuss viability of new agency to fund and provide transportation services
- Process will engage broad-base of stakeholders—including metro districts, business groups, local employers and employees, nonprofits and community members—to identify the region's top transportation needs and discuss how an RTA can:
 - Provide improved and integrated transit and mobility services across the valley and potentially into Lake County
 - Support air services
 - Meet workforce, economic and climate goals of our communities

RTA formation process:

- Establishing an RTA is formal process set forth in state statute
- Over the next year, Formation Committee and Technical Committee members representing the county and the towns and metro districts that want to be part of the RTA will work through legal, financial and technical details of creating and funding an RTA and providing services
- Goal is to craft an agreement that will gain broad acceptance from the community
 - We will be engaging in community outreach to ensure that the final agreement reflects the needs and interests of our communities
- RTA members may decide to ask voters in November 2022 to formally approve the RTA and allow it to have funding through dedicated tax

RTA Memorandum of Understanding:

- First formal step in RTA formation process was approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
 - Adopted in September and October
- MOU sets goals, tasks and leadership for RTA
 - Formation committee—elected officials
 - Technical committee—transportation, local government and business experts
- Process will include multiple points for public engagement:
 - Open meetings
 - Regular updates to BOCC, councils and boards
 - Web site with all RTA materials available

MOU Members:

Eagle County
Avon
Eagle
Gypsum
Minturn
Red Cliff
Vail



RTA Technical Committee Members:

Tanya Allen – ECO Transit Director
Jen Brown – Beaver Creek Resort Company
Paul Gorbold – Vail Resorts
Greg Hall – Vail Public Works
Eric Heil – Avon Town Manager
Melissa Matthews—Town of Red Cliff
Michelle Metteer—Town of Minturn
Brian Nolan – Business Owner
Brandy Reitter – Eagle Town Manager
Jeremy Rietmann—Town of Gypsum
Scott Robson – Vail Town Manager
Chris Romer – Vail Valley Partnership
Bill Simmons—Beaver Creek Metro District
Eva Wilson – Avon Mobility Director

Planning Goals

1. Enhance Transit Service and Increase Ridership
2. Explore Administrative and Operational Efficiencies
3. Ability to expand in future to include areas like Lake County/Leadville
4. Broader multimodal integrated across the county

Specific Transit Enhancements to Explore

1. Improvements to frequency and pricing for ECO routes
2. Free and frequent transit between Vail and Beaver Creek ski resorts
3. Establish Eagle – Gypsum route
4. Climate Action Goals, including electric busses, increased ridership
5. Support for air services at EGE

Short-term Tasks:

- Formation Committee membership and convening
- Employee survey—Assessment of transportation needs/patterns of ECO workforce
- RTA borders and potential funding sources
- Legal counsel RFP
- Community engagement planning

Long-Term Tasks:

- Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs)—legal documents required to create an RTA
- Definition of services (Regional transit, local services and air support)
- Cost of services and funding needed for RTA
- Political process for adoption, including local government and voter approval
- Identifying public/voter support for RTA and potential tax increase



Questions?

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