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SUMMIT COUNTY TRANSIT BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 8:15 a.m.

SUMMARY MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Summit County Transit Board on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, was called to order by Chair, Kent Willis at 8:15 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members present and answered to the roll call were:

Kent Willis, Chair – Town of Frisco
Becky Bowers - Upper Blue Basin (At Large Member)
Tony Camarata – Arapahoe Basin Ski Resort
Tom Daugherty – Town of Silverthorne
Katrina Doerfler - Lower Blue Basin (At Large Member)
Cindi Gillespie – Copper Mountain Ski Resort
Kyle Hendricks – Town of Dillon
Scott Hoffman (remotely) – Summit County
Matt Hulsey – Town of Breckenridge
Susan Juergensmeier – Snake River Basin (At Large Member)
Tom Koehler (remotely) - Ten Mile Basin (At Large Member)
Chris McGinnis – Town of Frisco
Ted Pilling – Town of Blue River
Scott Verlinde – Keystone Ski Resort

Guests present: Miriam Garcia, Mountain Dreamers; Todd Ruelle, (remotely) Breckenridge; Dustin Lymon, Copper Mountain; Adam Bianchi, (remotely) U.S. Forest Service.

Staff present were as follows: Chris Lubbers, Transit Director; Alex Soto, Operations Manager; Ann Findley, Planner and Vivian Pershing, Administration.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

The minutes from the October 25, 2023, Summit County Transit monthly meeting and December 6, 2023, meeting agenda were reviewed. Katrina Doerfler requested an agenda addition of the communication and information of the BOCC adding 30-minute service for winter schedule. Cindi Gillespie moved to approve the minutes and modified agenda with a second by Tom Daugherty. Motions carried.

IV. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Guests were welcomed. Adam Bianchi commented on a requested Breckenridge neighborhood bus route on Ski Hill Road near Peak 7 with a Trail Head bus stop, mentioning the U.S. Forest Service is looking for potential solutions since there is no parking lot and little room for cars. The stop would also be encouraged by the Breckenridge Nordic Center, however not supported financially, except possibly for an environmental impact study. Board comments included remarks of asking support from Vail Resorts where new fencing and signage occurred. It was noted the area is on an unpaved rural road and future micro transit opportunities could exist.

V. MONTHLY UPDATE ITEMS

A. Process for BOCC to add weekend service

Chris Lubbers mentioned his discussion with the Board of County Commissioners and county management recently on trying to do the utmost in providing some 30-minute service and deciding a weekend scenario for Copper Mountain made sense. Board comments included wanting further information as the season continues. Fairness to other routes was questioned after reviewing ridership numbers, as well as, if it was financially sound. Also, if Advisory Board collaboration would be considered in future decisions. Scott Hoffman voiced acknowledgement of the input and opportunity.

B. Member Renewals and New Candidate

Mr. Lubbers recommended Candace De as a new candidate for the Ten Mile Basin Board position who had shared her transportation experience, suggestions and community interest at the last meeting. A resolution recommending her will be given to the Board of County Commissioners.

C. Transit Director Financial Report and Latest Sales Tax Information

Mr. Lubbers reviewed the Transit Financial Summary, Sales Tax Data and Budget Report in detail, focusing on current revenue, labor, administration/office, capital and fleet replacement, operation and maintenance, safety, training and recognition along with beginning and ending fund balances. A budget statement of current and previous year operating revenue and expenses for expended year-to-date to November 30, 2023 and available budget percentages were given. Financial Report was approved.

D. Operations and Maintenance Report

Alex Soto discussed the Transit Operations Summary in detail, focusing on current fixed-route passenger counts, and ridership changes by route, comparing fixed route hourly service in 2022 to hourly service in 2023 with a decrease in October 2023, primarily Keystone/Dillon/Silverthorne and Frisco/Silverthorne routes. She noted increases in Blue River and Park County Commuter routes and Purple (Free Ride Contract) route. Guests per hour were 23-31 for Town-to-Town routes, 8-21 for Town-to-Resort routes, 9-19 for Residential routes and 7-14 for Commuter routes. Ms. Soto discussed bus operator staffing, training, recruiting efforts, and safety metrics. She reviewed maintenance technician staffing, work orders, bus and para transit availability, in and out of contract availability percentages, warranty issues, road calls, costs, preventative maintenance, bus performance (bus mileage and age), parts availability and budget impact. Ms. Soto mentioned possession of six and awaiting arrival of two 40' Gillig buses awaiting title paperwork for plates and radio electronics installation. The Operations and Maintenance Report was approved unanimously by the board present.

VI. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Transit Planning Update

Ann Findley discussed the micro-transit feasibility study assessing goals of the study in servicing the first/last mile, to possibly expand current operating areas within county limits, and engage the public through stakeholder meetings, social media and surveys. The scope is to provide services to write and apply for suitable funding to hire a company to operate a county system. The rough timeline would have the study complete by March of 2024 and hire an operating company to start up by Fall of 2024.

Ms. Findley reviewed the smooth transition from summer to winter schedule in November with additions of Summit Cove to the AM and PM express buses from Frisco to A-Basin. She reviewed past procedures

and flow chart describing the pathway for changing service or adding a bus stop. She mentioned most ideas are presented to Transit Boards to review and gauge the need and public's desire, a route/stop layout is presented, possibly put into action and reviewed for the desired effect once it's been in use.

B. Capital Projects

Mr. Lubbers discussed bus stops at Razor Drive and Swan Meadow Village, shuttle service, transit building employee housing renovation projects and management on Little Beaver Trail and the Fleet Storage, Charging and Operations Facility, as well as bus purchases.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.