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SUMMIT COUNTY TRANSIT BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 8:15 a.m.

SUMMARY MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Summit County Transit Board on Wednesday, October 25, 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 (remotely) - Upper Blue Basin (At Large Member)
Tony Camarata – Arapahoe Basin Ski Resort
Katrina Doerfler - Lower Blue Basin (At Large Member)
Cindi Gillespie – Copper Mountain Ski Resort
Scott Hoffman – Summit County
Matt Hulsey – Town of Breckenridge
Susan Juergensmeier – Snake River Basin (At Large Member)
Tom Koehler (remotely) - Ten Mile Basin (At Large Member)
Elisabeth Lawrence – Summit County
Chris McGinnis – Town of Frisco
Ted Pilling – Town of Blue River
Scott Verlinde – Keystone Ski Resort

Guests present: Miriam Garcia, Mountain Dreamers; Candace De, Frisco; Paul Obolewicz, Frisco; Dave Rossi, Summit County (remotely), Todd Ruelle, Breckenridge.
Staff present were as follows: Chris Lubbers, Transit Director; Alex Soto, Operations Manager; Ann Findley, Planner; Tracy Colvin and Vivian Pershing, Administration.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

The minutes from the September 27, 2023, Summit County Transit monthly meeting and October 25, 2023, meeting agenda were reviewed. Tony Camarata moved to approve the minutes with a second by Katrina Doerfler. Cindi Gillespie moved to approve the agenda, second by Mr. Camarata. Motions carried.

IV. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Guests were welcomed. Todd Ruelle made a public comment requesting a Breckenridge neighborhood bus route on Ski Hill Road near Peak 7 with a Trail Head bus stop endorsed by the National Forest Service and Vail Resorts. Board comments included remarks of unpaved rural roads, micro transit opportunities, and being behind in restoring our existing bus service and other projects.

V. MONTHLY UPDATE ITEMS

A. Member Expirations, Renewals, New Candidates, etc.

Chris Lubbers introduced Candace De and Paul Obolewicz, as applicants for the Ten Mile Basin Board position who were invited to share of their community interest and transportation experience. Board

inquiries included topics of grant or funding experience, local needs and transit improvement suggestions. Applicant recommendations will be given to the Board of County Commissioners. A request was made that an additional representative-Transit Board member could be for underserved groups or citizens. Elisabeth Lawrence will get input from the Equity Diversity Inclusion Council. Mr. Lubbers pointed out the 2021 Equity and Access study delved into identifying local neighborhoods needing transit service.

B. 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 September 30, 2023 and available budget percentages were given. Financial Report was approved.

C. 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 2.0% decrease in September 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. 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 one new 40' Gillig bus arrived awaiting title paperwork and radio electronics. Board members were invited to attend the annual Stage employee appreciation celebration when safe driver awards are presented. 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 peer reviews of three other agencies using micro-transit in communities similar to ours, giving successes and challenges. Goals of the study are to service the first/last mile, to possibly expand our operating area within county limits, and engage the public through 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 gave an update on the winter schedule with seven additions to include extra morning trips for Copper and a standby bus, an am and pm express from Frisco to A Basin and Silverthorne to Breck, an extra pm Boreas and Breck to Frisco, along with extending night service, until approximately 1am.

B. Capital Projects

Mr. Lubbers discussed bus stops at Razor Drive and Swan Meadow, shuttle service, transit building housing projects and management on the Little Beaver Trail employee housing renovation project and the Fleet Storage, Charging and Operations Facility, as well as bus purchases. 2024 meetings reviewed.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.