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SUMMIT COUNTY TRANSIT BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, July 26, 2023, 8:15 a.m.

SUMMARY MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Summit County Transit Board on Wednesday, July 26, 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
Josh Blanchard – Summit County
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)
Tom Fisher – Town of Frisco
Cindi Gillespie – Copper Mountain Ski Resort
Kyle Hendricks – Town of Dillon
Matt Hulsey – Town of Breckenridge
Susan Juergensmeier – Snake River Basin (At Large)
Tom Koehler - Ten Mile Basin (At Large Member)
Kort Langlinais (remotely) - Town of Breckenridge
Ted Pilling – Town of Blue River
Scott Verlinde – Keystone Ski Resort

Guest present: Steve Swanson, Silverthorne, Peter Siegel, Executive Director, Village at Copper Mountain, Peter Bakken, Miriam Garcia and Yirka Platt from Mountain Dreamers, Katie Kelsey, Sun Communities.

Staff present were as follows: Chris Lubbers, Transit Director; Alex Soto, Operations Manager, Ann Findley, Planner, George Zachos, Shift Supervisor and Vivian Pershing, Admin.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

The minutes from the May 31, 2023, Summit County Transit monthly meeting and July 26, 2023, meeting agenda were reviewed. (There had been no June meeting.) Cindi Gillespie moved to approve the minutes and agenda, with a second by Tom Daugherty. Motions carried.

IV. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Guests were welcomed. Public comments received were from Mr. Siegel recommending that 30-minute bus service be restored for equity to all resorts and towns.

V. REGULAR MONTHLY UPDATE ITEMS

A. Transit Director Report and Financials

Chris Lubbers discussed 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 and insurance, training and recognition along with beginning and ending fund balances. A budget statement of operating revenue and expenses for year-to-date to June 30, 2023 was given. An update on grants and projects was given and an invitation to the monthly equity/inclusion luncheon for county employees on Aug. 16. The Financial Report was approved unanimously by the board.

B. Operations and Maintenance Report

Alex Soto discussed the Transit Operations Summary in detail, focusing on current fixed-route passenger counts, and current mass transit sales tax receipts, and ridership changes by route, comparing hourly service in 2022 to hourly service in 2023 with a .36% increase in June 2023, especially in the Blue River, Park and Lake County Commuter, Copper-Frisco, Boreas Pass Loop, Wilderrest, Free Ride Purple Contract and Para Transit routes. She discussed bus operator staffing, training, recruiting efforts, and safety metrics. Ms. Soto reviewed maintenance technician staffing, work orders, bus and para transit availability, warranty issues, road calls, costs, preventative maintenance, bus performance and parts availability and budget impact. The Operations and Maintenance Report was approved unanimously by the board present.

C. Planning Work Session Agenda Items

Ann Findley reported a passenger survey is being conducted and mentioned Park County bus parking inside has changed, so the buses will be stored in Frisco. She reviewed the ridership route standards, upcoming winter service plan and gave an update on the Transit to Trails website.

Ms. Findley reviewed the micro-transit feasibility study with a scope for programs in communities similar to ours using a county service assessment. She reported on the county trip to review micro-transit service in Park City, Utah. 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, surveys and meetings with the first one scheduled for Aug. 16. The scope would 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.

Mr. Lubbers briefly discussed forming and establishing a regional transit authority and X Pattern for future service.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.