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## **SUMMIT COUNTY TRANSIT BOARD MEETING**

### **Record of Proceedings**

*WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018*

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Members present: Kent Willis, Chair – Town of Frisco; Steve Swanson- Lower Blue Basin (At Large Member); Jeff Schramm – Snake River Basin (At Large Alternate); Jen Pullen – Town of Breckenridge (Alternate); Patrick O’Sullivan – Arapahoe Basin Ski Resort; Thad Noll – Summit County (Alternate); Mark Nickel – Town of Dillon; Bob Moore – Breckenridge Ski Resort; Kyle Hendricks – Keystone Ski Resort; Cindi Gillespie – Copper Mountain Ski Resort; Dan Gibbs – Summit County Commissioner; Tom Daugherty – Town of Silverthorne.

Members absent: Ted Pilling – Upper Blue Basin (At Large Member); Corrie Janocka – Ten Mile Basin (At Large Member).

Summit Stage Staff present: Geoff Guthrie – Operations Manager; Bruce Camping – Planner; Vivian Pershing – Support Staff.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The monthly meeting of the Summit County Transit Board members on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 was called to order by Chair Kent Willis at 8:15 a.m. in the Loveland Room of the Summit County Community Center, 0151 Peak One Boulevard, Frisco, Colorado.

#### **MEETING MINUTES & AGENDA**

The minutes from the February 28, 2018 Summit County Transit Board Meeting were reviewed. Dan moved to approve, Cindi seconded the motion. The March meeting agenda was reviewed. Cindi moved to approve, Steve seconded the motion. Both motions carried.

#### **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no guests present and no public comment.

#### **REGULAR MONTHLY UPDATE ITEMS**

- A. **Financial Report** – Geoff reported Curtis Garner was attending a CDOT local agency construction project management class. Geoff discussed the February Transit Budget Report handout generated from Summit County’s Munis financial software showing line items and breakdowns, noting the pace for current operating expenditures is \$743,967 and under budget. He mentioned it is about \$4,500 less than 2017 maybe since we are

running less service and incurred less maintenance costs than last year at this time. Cindi asked if the worker's compensation line item at 138% used for the year was for a payment up front. Geoff replied it was. Cindi inquired about maintenance contracts already being at 42.9% used. Geoff replied it covers snow plowing, bus drain and carpet cleaning.

- B. **Operations Report** –February fixed route ridership of 182,399 decreased 8% (15,837) from February of 2017 of 198,236. Commuter ridership on the Lake County Link decreased 1.7%. Blue River commuter route decreased 27.1%. Para transit ridership decreased 3% from the previous year. Swan Mountain Flyer route ridership decreased 21.8%. Boreas Pass Loop decreased 14%. Free Ride Purple Contract ridership decreased 15%. Geoff noted the silver lining of the news is the bulk of the riders on the Breckenridge to Frisco and Keystone/Dillon/Silverthorne routes show the smallest ridership changes. Dan asked if Free Ride Purple route ridership numbers include A or B? Bruce said they are for the 'A' route and noted riders may take A into town and B back. Tom said the split route has been in service for over a year now, so we're comparing apples to apples. Geoff said it may be tied to snowfall loss and increase in short term rentals. He mentioned the five-year Transit Plan would look at where riders are and what could work better reviewing community demographics and development making it more quick and convenient to ride the bus. Thad inquired if lower bus ridership is consistent with skier numbers. Kyle said parking lots are fuller than previous years. Tom said tax receipts are up. Dan mentioned traffic is higher and unemployment low. Geoff also said CDOT will soon make 2018 capital grant award announcements. January Summit County Mass Transit Sales Tax receipts were \$1,188,002 up 3.71% (\$42,537) over January 2017.
- C. **Maintenance Report** – Geoff reported maintenance costs in February 2018 were \$65,885 compared to \$176,602 in 2017. Maintenance and fuel costs are lower than last year. An old Neoplan bus recently became a parts bus after sixteen years of service. Geoff announced a head mechanic will go to the Gillig factory to conduct quality control on our four buses that are in different stages of being built. Fuel costs were \$46,953 compared to \$49,144 in February 2017. Bus spare availability was 82% in February (compared to 85% in January). The performance standard is 90-95%. Fleet Services had 166 work orders completed in February with ten road calls. 13 Preventative Maintenance orders were due and 11 completed. Staffing level remains at 13 technicians.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Park County Commuter Route** – Kent asked for a Park County update. Thad reported meeting with CDOT, Park County and Fairplay managers to see CDOT's four-bay garage,

sand shed and administrative building on 8<sup>th</sup> and Hathaway in Fairplay. The coach bus would be part of the Bustang Outrider program. When it's in maintenance, a Stage bus would be used. Discussions are continuing for the route timetable and financials, about six months out. Bob asked if there will be a fare per ride. Thad replied the partner's goal is that it will be free.

- B. **Summer 2018 Bus Schedule Development** – Geoff announced the summer 2018 schedule and bid shift package was released to the drivers. Geoff noted it begins Sunday, April 22. Fleet considerations and service would be similar to summer of 2017. Blue River Commuter route will keep five trips per day. A Swan Mountain Express route covering Breckenridge Station to Summit Cove to Silverthorne and back four times per day would be tied in to Blue River trips. The Spring Swan Mountain Flyer will run through Memorial Day seven days a week instead of just on weekends. Tom asked if the changed interlined route connections from winter schedule worked. Geoff replied having Breckenridge to Frisco buses meet the Frisco to Keystone buses at the Frisco Transportation Center has worked without being interlined and will be continued. He noted a Spanish translator from FIRC helped with the Summer 2018 printed schedule which has less grammatical errors than last year. Jeff inquired if the para transit service will remain the same. Geoff replied service, parameters and eligibility requirements would continue. He added also working with rider's physician and/or care giver needs. Cancelled ride requests for long-time clientele have decreased. A point system has begun tightening up the rules and making expectations match the ADA guidelines. Thad agreed. Kent asked how a problem can be cured. Geoff said by good behavior like calling to cancel a ride request. Tom said it's similar to driver's license points. Cindi said it's just asking riders to be accountable. Geoff added we will train abled riders to assist with moving up to riding the fixed route system. Jen asked how it is being communicated. Geoff replied with letters, phone calls and emails. Tom asked if riders can be discontinued. Geoff said some clients may have conditional service, for a broken leg as an example.
- C. **Transit ballot measures** – Thad noted an upcoming election initiative for even number years concerning what the community needs due to changing Colorado constitutional laws and amendments. Summit County is losing 5.5 million dollars a year in tax collections and not reaping benefits to help with growth to provide services. A quarter percent of a cent mass transit sales tax is still available with many capital needs. Dan added there are four statewide transit initiatives submitted so far from stakeholders for the November ballot for projects around the state. One is for a .5 % increase in sales tax (currently at 2.9%), or .62% or 1.0% where CDOT could bond for highway funds, local city and county priorities and multi-modal projects. The last initiative would be a .5% sales

tax increase to include a general fund transfer so CDOT could bond and have new revenue. Other initiatives of .3% or .4% are considered for just local funding. Dan is part of the title review process to assure the language is consistent with state laws. Then there will be polling and collecting of signatures in late spring. The coalition wants to have a broad range of questions ready to go. Tom asked when it might be approved for the ballot. Dan replied in summer and that most indicators are that this is the year. Kent asked if the legislature might have an initiative. Dan replied last year the Senate couldn't get it passed and there is a strong feeling they may be unlikely to pass any meaningful legislation, so the coalition partners are planning ahead. Steve asked if the allowable quarter percent mass transit sales tax is a viable option. Thad replied the next two general elections may give an answer. Many groups, including fire and school districts will lose property tax collections with the Gallagher amendment. Thad said it might be a ten-year sales tax question instead of perpetuity. Kent encouraged an update be given at future meetings. He asked if electric buses are available to ride. Jen replied one is being leased for a month on the yellow route. Geoff added Vail gets it for a week also and the Stage will then be able to drive it over Fremont Pass and later this summer lease it for a demo also. Cindy said they cost twice as much as diesel buses. Geoff replied there are additional energy grant opportunities for purchasing buses for the incremental upgrade and more importantly, for the infrastructure which costs more than the buses.

- D. **April 1 event update** – Patrick commented April fool's Day falls on Sunday so Arapahoe Basin has moved their Easter egg events to Saturday. He noted other partners need to be aware of possible heavy, troublesome, rowdy traffic where service may need to be refused to some. Plan for a heavy exodus at the end of the day. The Sheriff's department and State Patrol has planned for additional patrolling in the area.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15am.