



Memorandum

To: Town Council

From: Greg Hall, Department of Public Works, Stan Zemler Interim Town Manager

Date: May 3, 2021

Subject: Regional Transportation Authority Public Hearing on Draft Intergovernmental Agreement

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is to conduct the first of two public hearings regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement to form a Regional Transportation Authority.

The actions of the council agenda include:

- A brief presentation of the draft Intergovernmental Agreement
- Conduct a public hearing to receive input on the draft Intergovernmental Agreement
- Provide Town Council input on the draft Intergovernmental Agreement, a second public hearing will be held by the Town Council May 17, regarding a resolution approving the IGA.

II. BACKGROUND

On 9/7/21, the Vail Town Council approved Resolution Number 40 of 2021 authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding, establishing a Regional Transit Authority Formation Committee the ("MOU") was the culmination of efforts over the last year at the Mayors and Managers meetings and the efforts of an Ad Hoc Regional Transit Optimization Committee that was formed out of a Mayors and Managers Meeting. The MOU provided an overview and background regarding the efforts needed to pursue a potential regional transit authority ("RTA") to serve the Eagle River Valley.

The RTA Formation Committee as outlined in the MOU is composed of one representative of Eagle County and each municipality in Eagle County (not including Basalt) as well as the addition of Beaver Creek Metro District. Barry Davis has been the Town of Vail's representative on the formation committee.

The government entities involved as well as the business community and nonprofit partners have joined together to consider the formation of a Regional Transportation Authority to enhance and expand transit and transportation services for our residents, businesses and visitors. An RTA is a public entity that allows local governments—including counties, cities, towns and metro districts—to work together to address regional

transportation issues. RTAs are governed by a board of appointed elected officials representing the partner governments and must follow open meeting and fiscal accountability and transparency laws. RTAs must seek voter approval to collect tax revenue to provide transportation services, which may include transit, air, roadway and other services.

Meetings have taken place to review information, identify details and questions to address, provide input on the community stakeholder process, and ultimately provide direction on an RTA to be referred to voters.

As part of the formal process of setting up an RTA as defined by state statutes, the local governments involved in establishing the RTA must work together to create an IGA. The IGA is a legal document that sets forth the governance, service goals, and other key operating provisions of the RTA. The IGA must be agreed upon by the elected Councils and Boards in each community. Ultimately, voters must agree to the formation of the RTA and any taxing or bonding requests made to provide funding for the RTA's services and operations. The IGA approval process requires two separate public hearings to be held in each jurisdiction considering adopting the IGA. The public hearings will provide details about the proposed RTA and the draft IGA for the creation of the Eagle Valley Transportation Authority, and feedback from the Council and the public will be shared with the RTA formation committee to help address local community needs and concerns.

III. ACTION REQUESTED BY COUNCIL

- Open the public hearing and begin with a brief presentation regarding the draft Intergovernmental Agreement to form a Regional Transportation Authority
- Seek public comment on the draft IGA during the public hearing
- Provide Town Council input on the draft IGA

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Conduct the public hearing allowing public comment on the draft IGA as well as provide Town Council input on the draft IGA.

V. ATTACHMENTS

- a. Draft Intergovernmental Agreement to form a Regional Transportation Authority
- b. RTA IGA presentation