

ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA COMMUNICATION FORM

ITEM DATE: 4/19/2022	ITEM TIME: 10:25 am
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FROM:	ROAD & BRIDGE
TODAY'S DATE:	4/8/2022
AGENDA TITLE:	Consideration to approve and authorization to accept an IGA between Routt County and the Colorado Department of Transportation for the exploration and planning of a Regional Transit Authority via a 5304 grant.

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<input type="checkbox"/> DIRECTION	
<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION	

I. DESCRIBE THE REQUEST OR ISSUE:

The County was awarded a grant by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) for transportation planning and the possible formation of a Regional Transportation Authority. The County must enter into an IGA with CDOT for these funds.

II. RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to approve and authorization to accept and sign an IGA between Routt County and the Colorado Department of Transportation for the 5304 Transportation Planning grant to explore a Regional Transit Authority in the amount of \$50,000 with a local match of \$10,000.

III. DESCRIBE FISCAL IMPACTS (VARIATION TO BUDGET):

PROPOSED REVENUE: \$50,000
PROPOSED EXPENDITURE: \$10,000 county match + \$40,000 grant = \$50,000 total
FUNDING SOURCE: 2022 budgeted R & B funds

IV. IMPACTS OF A REGIONAL NATURE OR ON OTHER JURISDICTIONS (IDENTIFY ANY COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS ITEM):

The ability to research and identify RTA options benefits the entire Yampa Valley

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V. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In July 2021, an application was submitted to CDOT to conduct a feasibility study for a Regional Transportation Authority serving the Yampa Valley. This application was submitted in partnership with the Cities of Craig and Steamboat Springs to apply for funds needed to complete a combined study with separate scopes of work. Each application requested \$40k with a local match of \$10k for a total budget of \$150k between the 3 entities.

In November 2021, each application received an award letter for the full amount. The performance period is: January 1 – December 31 2022. Each project has its own manager (Johnathan Flint, City of Steamboat; Mike Mordi Routt County, City of Craig, TBD) and the 3 entities will coordinate their separate scopes of works and convene with a conclusive study surrounding the RTA's feasibility, later this year.

The expected outcome of this project will include extensive advertising, public outreach and community engagement process within Routt and Moffat Counties in Northwest Colorado to gage transportation challenges, needs, desires and limitations of our community members, local businesses and other organizations.

This project ideally will work in conjunction with the two other grant awarded from the City of Craig and the City of Steamboat Springs. Their projects will include (City of Craig) research on existing transportation conditions, a needs assessment, and a report of transportation mode options for the region which could include roadway expansion, bike/ped, trails, microtransit, vanpool, shared rides, bus, bus rapid transit, elevated guideway, dedicated roadway over tracks, gondola, rail, flight guarantees and commuter air, and (City of Steamboat Springs) detailed RTA Strategies and priorities moving forward including legal details, ballot language and funding mechanisms. The three projects once completed, will result in a detailed Regional Transportation Authority Plan with a roadmap into the future.

VI. LEGAL ISSUES:

None identified

VII. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

None identified

VIII. SUMMARY AND OTHER OPTIONS:

None.

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