

**MINUTES OF THE  
EAGLE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY d/b/a Core Transit  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
March 12, 2025**

A meeting of the Eagle Valley Transportation Authority (“Authority”) Board of Directors (“Board”) was held on March 12, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. The meeting was held in person at the Avon Council Chambers located at 100 Mikaela Way, Town of Avon, Colorado, 81620, and on Zoom. Notice of the meeting was posted on March 7, 2025, and included agenda items, location, and time, as well as the teleconference information needed to participate in the public portion of the meeting. The Notice of Board of Directors Meeting dated March 7, 2025, and the certification of posting are attached hereto.

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**ATTENDANCE**

**Directors in Attendance:**

Director Dave Eickholt, Beaver Creek Metro District

Director Jeanne McQueeney, Commissioner, Eagle County

Director Earle Bidez, Mayor, Town of Minturn

Director Barry Davis, Councilor, Town of Vail

Director Nick Sunday, Councilor, Town of Eagle

Director Rich Carroll, Councilor, Town of Avon

**Directors Absent:**

Director Garrett Alexander, Member of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Red Cliff

**Attendance:**

Scott Robinson, Deputy Director, Core Transit

Dayana Herr, Marketing, Communications & Customer Relations Manager, Core Transit

Bryan Woods, Alternate Board Member, Town of Eagle

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Aryn Schlichting, Director of People & Culture, Core Transit

Tanya Allen, Executive Director, Core Transit

Dave Snyder, Director of Transportation, Core Transit

Dave Levy, Planning Manager, Core Transit

Amy Burford, Executive Assistant & Special Projects Coordinator, Core Transit

Cisco Santaella, Operations Manager, Core Transit

Kelly Wamboldt, Safety and Training Supervisor, Core Transit

Vihren Georgiev, Road Supervisor, Core Transit

Juan Reyes, Road Supervisor, Core Transit

John Ung, Bus Operator, Core Transit

Mike Caldwell, Dispatcher, Core Transit

Zoe Goldstein, Vail Daily

Tim McMahon, Community Member

**Attendance on Zoom:**

Ray Shei, Alternate Board Member, Beaver Creek Metro District

Kim Alex, Community Resource Services of Colorado

Kathryn Winn, Core Transit Legal Counsel, Attorney, Collins Cole Flynn Winn & Ulmer, PLLC

Kevin Hyatt, Alternate Board Member, Town of Avon

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David Reid, Eagle County Regional Airport

Larry Pardee, Town of Eagle

Todd Williams, Community Member

Melissa Matthews, Town of Red Cliff

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**APPROVAL OF THE  
AGENDA**

Director Bidez presented the agenda for the meeting and inquired if there were any proposed changes. There were none.

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**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES AND  
FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS**

Director Bidez presented the February 12 meeting minutes for approval. Director Sunday motioned to approve the minutes. Director Eickholt seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 6-0 vote. Director Bidez presented the financial statements dated January 31 for approval. Director Eickholt motioned to approve the financial statements. Director Davis seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 6-0 vote. Director Bidez presented the payables list dated January 31 for approval. Director McQueeney motioned to approve the payables list. Director Eickholt seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 6-0 vote.

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**BOARD COMMENT**

Alternate Director Shei shared positive feedback from community members about their experiences with Core Transit and its bus operators.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tim McMahon from Avon suggested posting rider alerts on the website earlier and expressed reservations about the VTC remodel timing with the upcoming cashless transition.

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**AGENDA ITEMS**

**6. Presentations**

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## **6.1 Transit Employee Appreciation Proclamation**

Director Bidez read the Transit Employee Appreciation Proclamation in recognition of the upcoming National Transit Employee Appreciation Day on March 18<sup>th</sup> and recognized transit staff present in the audience for their contributions.

## **6.2 10 Year Plan Update**

Planning Manager Dave Levy presented an update on status of the 10-year Transit Development and Capital Plan, which is currently under development. He reviewed potential Valley, Highway 6, and Minturn route alternatives, outlining their benefits and drawbacks. Several directors asked whether public outreach indicated a preference for increased service frequency or faster rides. Planning Manager Levy noted that riders expressed a desire for both, so staff developed these alternatives as a starting point and will begin to narrow them down further by highlighting these types of tradeoffs and making decisions between them. He shared that the next phase of outreach was underway, including an online survey, comment boards, and upcoming focus groups in both English and Spanish.

## **6.3 Financial Reporting Update Presentation**

Deputy Director Scott Robinson discussed the transition from a cash basis to an accrual basis for financial reporting, explaining the differences between the two methods. He outlined the main reasons for the change, including audit alignment, more accurate financial reporting, and improved budgeting. He also addressed the sales tax deposits and which month they will be reflected in.

Director Davis left the meeting.

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## **6.4 Update on Cashless Transition and GFI Farebox Retirement**

Operations Manager Cisco Santaella gave the board an update on the upcoming GFI farebox retirement. He reviewed the operations team's planned approach to training operators and informing customers, reiterating that their goal was to be patient and continue to repeat the same message to ensure it was getting to all customers. He noted that they were distributing flyers to all cash paying riders, clearly communicating the date, and asking for extra support from Road Supervisors. He noted that operators were instructed to take a human-centric approach with riders as they adjusted, making sure they understood the new policy and working with them to make sure they can get where they need to go.

Marketing, Communications & Customer Relations Manager Dayana Herr reviewed the customer outreach steps taken in preparation for the March 17 transition. She highlighted the success of recent pop-up events held at busy stops, where staff engaged with riders to raise awareness about the upcoming change. She added that very few riders at these events were not aware the change was coming, and most had already downloaded the app or acquired a smart card.

## **7. Business**

### **7.1 Intergovernmental Agreement for a Regional Planning Commission for Transportation Planning IGA Adoption**

Executive Director Tanya Allen explained that the Intermountain Transportation Planning Region (IMTPR) is a collaboration of local jurisdictions from the region, working with CDOT to work on regional and state-wide planning. She noted that Core Transit has already been engaged in the IMTPR,

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and they are currently updating their membership and bylaws. Executive Director Allen has been serving as the primary representative, with Deputy Director as her backup. She suggested they continue in these roles as outlined in the adopting resolution.

Director Eickholt asked if there was a cost. Executive Director Allen confirmed there was no cost to Core Transit.

Director Eickholt motioned to approve the Resolution 2025-07, Resolution to Approve Intergovernmental Agreement for a Regional Planning Commission for Transportation Planning and Appointing Commission Representatives.

Director McQueeney seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous 5-0 vote.

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## **8. Staff Reports**

Deputy Director Robinson acknowledged the accomplishments of his staff in successfully managing payroll processing, technology transitions, and benefits administration.

Director of Transportation Dave Snyder congratulated newly promoted staff members and recognized those attending the meeting for their outstanding service. He also highlighted a new maintenance slide in the operations report, where he reviewed the fleet status, breakdowns impacting service, and upcoming vehicle arrivals.

Executive Director Allen thanked the board for attending the board retreat and reminded them that the April board meeting will be in the evening to provide the public with an alternative time. She also informed the board that staff will present Core Transit's successes from the past year at a Town of Gypsum meeting at the end of March.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Director Carroll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 pm. Director Eickholt seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous 5-0 vote.

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