

**MINUTES OF THE  
EAGLE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
July 12, 2023**

A meeting of the Eagle Valley Transportation Authority (“Authority”) Board of Directors (“Board”) was held on July 12, 2023, at 12:30 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 July 09, 2023, 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 July 09, 2023, and the certification of posting are attached hereto.

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**ATTENDANCE**

**Directors in Attendance:**

Director Amy Phillips, Mayor and Councilor, Town of Avon

Director Dave Eickholt, Beaver Creek Metro District

Director Kathy Chandler-Henry, Commissioner, Eagle County  
(Alternate)

Director Barry Davis, Councilor, Town of Vail

Director Earle Bidez, Mayor, Town of Minturn

Director Nick Sunday, Councilor, Town of Eagle.

Director Dana Veljacic, Member of the Board of Trustees of the  
Town of Red Cliff

**Directors Absent:**

All Directors were present for this meeting.

**Also in Attendance:**

Tanya Allen, Executive Director, EVTA

Ray Shei, EVTA Alternate Director, Beaver Creek Metro  
District

Sarish Kasat, Consultant, VIA Transit (Virtual)

Joanna Kerwin, Board Member, Edwards Metropolitan District

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Jeff Wetzel, Operations Manager, ECO Transit

Greg Barret, Safety and Training Supervisor, ECO Transit

Nany Jo King, Operations Supervisor, ECO Transit

Jessie Cooper, Fleet Asset Supervisor, ECO Transit

Sage Thornburgh, Planning Manager, ECO Transit (Virtual)

Dayana Herr, Administration Supervisor, ECO Transit

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**APPROVAL OF THE  
AGENDA**

Director Phillips presented the agenda. Director Davis motioned to approve the Agenda. Director Eickholt seconded this motion, which passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
AND FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS**

Director Phillips presented the Minutes dated June 14, 2023, for approval, and asked if there were any questions or requests for corrections from other Directors. Director Eickholt requested for Mr. Ray Shei to be added to the list of attendees. After this correction, Director Davis motioned to approve the minutes and financial statements. Director Eickholt seconded this motion, which passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No member of the public had a comment at the time of this meeting.

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**NDA ITEMS**

**5. Microtransit Pilot Discussion with Via Transportation**

Director Allen introduced a presentation by Via Transportation, a microtransit provider, exploring a possible microtransit pilot program for the EVTA. The two-part presentation would include information about Via and its business model and move into a specific pilot scenario using the Eagle-Gypsum circulator concept.

Director Allen said they focused on this specific scenario for several reasons. First, because it was part of the concept that had previously been explored as part of the ballot initiative, and second because there were potential efficiencies to be created by incorporating this model into the ECO Transit's current Valley route.

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Mr. Sarish Kasat from Via outlined the essential elements of microtransit service and various potential delivery models, which vary from providing software and support to full turn-key operation. He summarized some of the challenges he understood to be facing EVTA, including the need to improve first/last mile connections and service frequencies. He presented a turnkey microtransit scenario as a potential solution for EVTA. Mr. Kasat estimated a price range from \$1.17 to \$1.47 million depending on how many vehicles were needed for the service.

EVTA Board Directors Chandler-Henry and Bidez asked several questions related to Via's approach to staffing, labor management, and managing costs and demand. Mr. Kasat responded by outlining Via's strategy including hiring non-CDL drivers and additional driver perks.

Director Phillips asked for additional information regarding their experience with systems where the micro-transit is a last-mile neighborhood feeder to an existing fixed route. Mr. Kasat highlighted examples in Park City and Detroit. Director Phillips also asked how fare collection might impact this potential budget. Mr. Kasat explained there were options in this area and that the price did not reflect collection of a fare.

Director Veljacic asked how many jobs they anticipated to create for this project. Mr. Kasat said that this depends on the market and shift availability and will get back to her with the correct answer on how many drivers, dispatchers, and maintenance staff will be needed.

After reviewing the presentation, the Directors had differing opinions regarding whether this belonged among the EVTA's most urgent priorities. After some discussion Directors generally agreed that microtransit remained worthy of further exploration but that it was not an immediate priority and could be deferred until some of the more pressing issues were resolved.

## **6. Proposed Contract with Capitol CGS for On-Call Transit Management Consultant.**

Director Allen requested authorization to enter into a contract with Capitol GCS, a transit management consulting firm, to

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assist with immediate needs related to budgeting, organizational structure, and general transit operations management. The contract's not-to-exceed value was \$75,000.

Director Eickholt expressed support for the idea and asked Director Allen to clarify what her top three priorities were. She mentioned budget development, organizational structure development, and management of maintenance as possibilities.

**6.1 Approval of Resolution 2023-16, a resolution approving a sole source contract with Capitol CGS for on-call transportation consulting services.**

Director Davis motioned to approve Resolution 2023-16, A Resolution Approving a Sole Source Contract with Capitol CGS for On-Call Transportation Consulting Services. Director Eickholt seconded this motion, which passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

**7. Proposed Contract with Nexus for Interim insurance coverage**

Director Davis motioned to approve the proposed Contract with Nexus for Interim insurance coverage. Director Eickholt seconded this motion, which passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

**8. Authorization to Submit SIPA Micro Grant Application for \$6,500 to assist with initial website creation**

Director Davis motioned to approve the authorization to Submit SIPA Micro Grant Application for \$6,500 to assist with initial website creation. Director Bidez seconded this motion, which passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote

**9. Authorization to Submit FTA 5304 planning application for \$40,000 to assist with the cost of a long-term transportation plan.**

Director Davis motioned to approve the Authorization to Submit FTA 5304 planning application for \$40,000 to assist with the cost of a long-term transportation plan. Director Bidez seconded this motion, which passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote

**10. Executive Director's Updates/Future Topics**

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Director Allen highlighted ECO Transit’s recent receipt of a grant for \$1.5 Million to renovate the existing bus facility by upgrading it to geothermal heating. She added that she was working on job descriptions and other elements of the transition plan and previewed planned elements of the August meeting. Director Allen also said that Studio Six, the marketing firm working with EVTA, was planning to have a couple of Stakeholder sessions at the end of the month to discuss name and branding with community members.

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**NEXT MEETING**

July 12, 2022.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:04 PM, Director Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Bidez seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

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