

REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 26, 2008

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Routt County Commissioners Hearing Room
Downtown Historic Courthouse

1. Introductions

Nancy Stahoviak, Steve Callahan, Karl Gills, Tracey Rogalski, Bruce Spicks

Staff: Meagan Coates

2. Steve Callahan – presentation of the Twenty-mile Mine employee bus service

Originally, a safety concern from tired drivers brought on the need for a shuttle; on average, 50-60 employees ride the bus through Hayden and Craig. The buses are leased; temporary employees are hired as drivers through a screening company. Maintenance costs have been a challenge. Buses will be running Friday-Sundays for those working 12-hour shifts. There are 5 buses total.

\$700k per year is the amount it costs to have the service; the bus program began last year. Employees would like to extend the hours and add capacity. Carpooling is encouraged but the bus system is the most effective. Employees currently have access to the bus free of charge.

Issues include workers not being available for working additional hours to finish tasks, liability issues while employees are riding the bus, costs, and management of the system. Positive factors are ease of movement for people, environmental impact reduction and safety.

Approximately 50-60 employees are South Routt commuters. The bus may be available to mobilize others from that area in a vanpool system.

3. John Eastman and Kathleen Titus – presentation of information from other entities about developing and marketing a local rideshare program

This agenda item was not discussed and will be part of the next month's agenda.

4. Karl Gills and John Eastman – discussion of questions for potential survey of large employers

This agenda item will be part of next month's agenda.

5. Further discussion of possible survey of Hayden community for transit needs

Nancy will touch base with Russ Martin to investigate needs of Hayden community and whether the Craig bus is working for those commuters.

The South Routt transit report is available for review on the County Commissioners website.

Next Meeting: Friday, October 24th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.