

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION FORM

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ITEM: Fiscal Sustainability – Regional Transit Authority.

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I. REQUEST/ISSUE & BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

City Council has requested the opportunity to discuss the exploration of a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA).

Colorado law established the ability of municipalities, counties and special districts to join together to develop and administer a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). The purpose of the RTA is to address transportation needs within a defined, specific geographic region within clearly defined boundaries. The State of Colorado may also join in contract with the development of an RTA. This must be done through the State Transportation Commission and with the approval of the Governor.

The specifics for the establishment, governance, funding mechanisms and purpose are outlined in Attachment 1 (Exploration of the creation of an RTA in the Yampa Valley). This attachment also outlines examples of other RTAs in the State of Colorado, options for the continuation of local transit in Steamboat Springs, along with current conditions and ridership projections.

II. SUMMARY AND ALTERNATIVES:

Information only.

III. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Information only.

IV. FISCAL IMPACT:

Information only.

V. LEGAL ISSUES:

Information only.

VI. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

None noted.

VII. CONSISTENCY WITH COUNCIL GOALS AND POLICIES:

Develop a long-term fiscal sustainability plan for the city, which incorporates revenue diversification, cost recovery, asset performance for facilities, and community education and outreach.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Regional Transportation Authority – Exploration of the creation of an RTA in the Yampa Valley

Attachment 2: RTA slide presentation