



GLENWOOD SPRINGS - In the picturesque city of Glenwood Springs, public transportation isn't just about getting from point A to B; it's about creating connections, fostering sustainability, and embracing inclusivity. RGS provides local transport and connects to regional RFTA, intrastate Bustang Service, interstate Greyhound Bus Lines, and cross-country Amtrak Rail.

SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

Green Aspirations: While sustainability initiatives like electric buses and renewable energy sources are not yet in place, RGS is committed to adopting such technologies as they become feasible in the future. RGS is exploring the acquisition of electric buses, paving the way for cleaner and greener operations.

ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSIVITY

Universal Access: RGS ensures universal access with lifts on all buses, ADA ramps, and compliant facilities at select locations.

Inclusivity Pledge: Every upcoming project and facility will prioritize accessibility, with future plans to enhance trail connections to transit facilities for broader inclusivity.

2022 STATS

- ◆ Miles Covered: 113,962
- ◆ Total Ridership: 191,118
- ◆ Total number of buses: 3
 - ◇ Full size - 1 40' Diesel Gillig
 - ◇ Electric: - 2 30' CNG Gillig
- ◆ Cost to Ride: FREE
- ◆ Funding sources:
 - ◇ City bus tax
 - ◇ CDOT Grants
 - ◇ Federal Grants
 - ◇ Operating subsidies from the general fund



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Listening to Voices: RGS actively engages with the local community, gathering feedback through surveys, media, social media, and direct communication with the managing transit organization, RFTA.

Community-Driven Transformation: Major route revisions and potential new routes or on-demand/micro-transit services are being considered, with extensive public outreach efforts for user input and to attract new riders.

TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD)

Future Integration: Collaborations with RFTA support employee housing in the downtown area, aligning with TOD principles. Recent apartment developments near Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) stations further promote sustainable development.

MULTI-MODAL INTEGRATION

Harmonious Mobility: RGS is actively developing a bike-share program and exploring other Transportation Demand Management measures with local businesses to foster ridesharing options to reduce traffic congestion.

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

Tech for Travel: RFTA, RGS's managing organization, employs contactless payment systems, a mobile app, and text services for bus tracking, although the service is currently fare-free.

Tomorrow's Tech: RGS is exploring investments in new bus stations with real-time information displays and on-demand services optimized through technology.

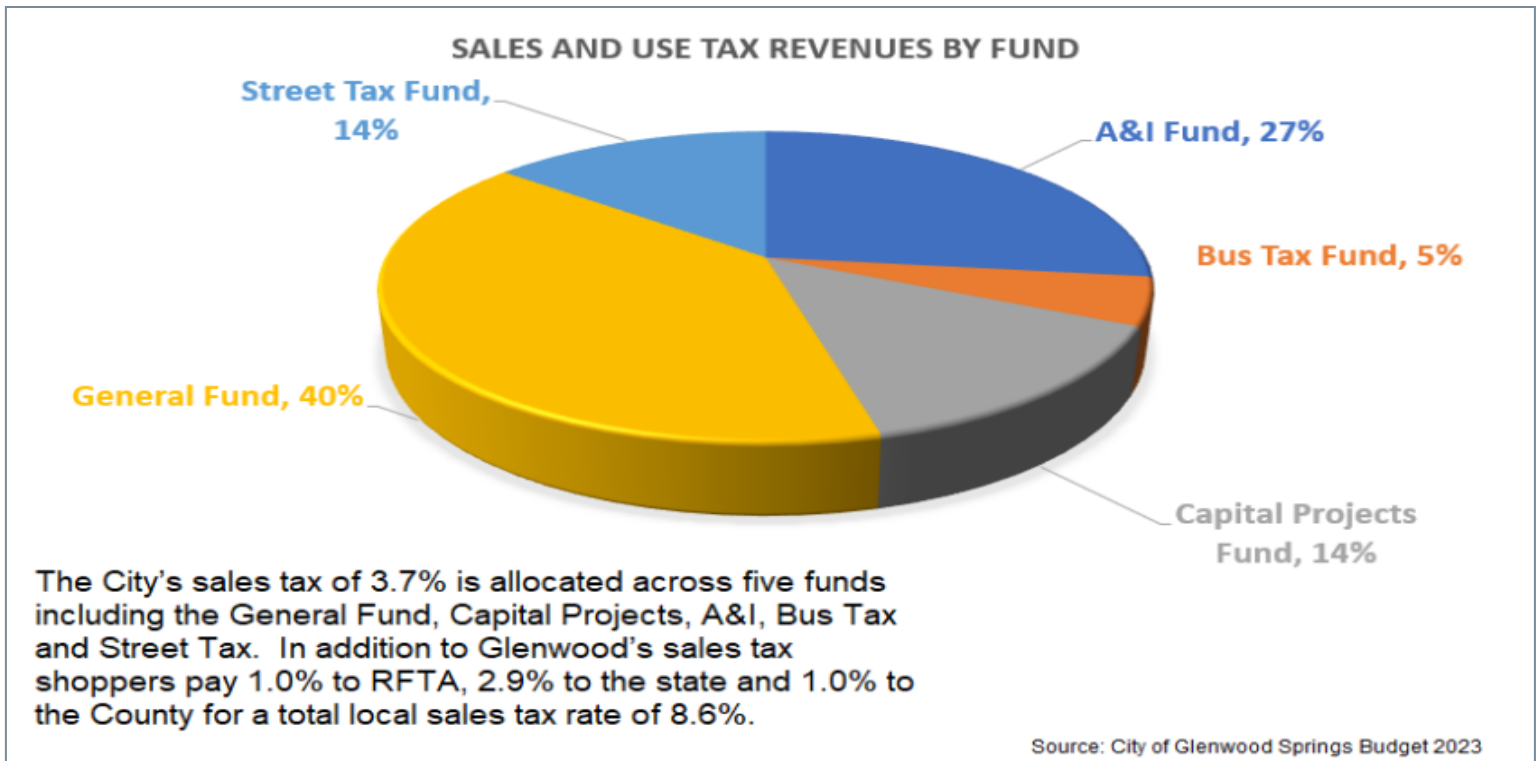
SAFETY AND SECURITY

Passenger's Safety First: Prioritizing passenger safety and security, RGS is planning improvements to bus stops with better ADA access, enhanced lighting, and overall safety enhancements.

Illuminating the Way: Upgrades to station and trail lighting, along with a new underpass project, are set to further enhance rider safety at the 27th Street Station.

TRAINING AND EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT

Investing in Excellence: RFTA invests in comprehensive training and development programs for drivers and support staff, ensuring a skilled and motivated team.



CHALLENGES AND FUTURE PLANS

Tackling Challenges: Staffing shortages for drivers, fueled by the high cost of living, remain a significant challenge. Housing shortages near employment centers also impact transit operations.

Long-Term Vision: RGS envisions closer integration with regional transit systems, including Amtrak and CDOT's Bustang service. The goal is to expand service to underserved areas.

CONCLUSION

Ride Glenwood Springs (RGS) is more than a transit system; it's a community connector, a proponent of sustainability, and a champion of inclusivity. We keep the city's heart pulsing, fostering connections, and moving towards a more sustainable and accessible future.



For more information about RGS [check the website](#).

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