

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS - In the heart of **Steamboat Springs**, a commitment to sustainable transit solutions has transformed the way residents and visitors move through the region. Steamboat Springs Transit (SST) is not just a transportation provider; it's a catalyst for innovation, accessibility, and a greener future.

SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

Electrifying Fleet: SST's local bus fleet boasts an impressive lineup of Hybrid/Electric buses, symbolizing their dedication to a cleaner future.

Energy-Efficient Heating: Innovative heating solutions, including the use of waste oil, contribute to energy efficiency and sustainability.

Eco-Aware Features throughout: From sky lighting and glass doors to harness natural light, to motion detection lighting in bus storage spaces, to reusing bus washing water, to capturing sunpower using solar panels, to recirculating fans -- all work to optimize energy.

ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSIVITY

Unwavering Accessibility: All SST vehicles adhere to ADA standards, and the **AcceSSTheboat** program offers paratransit service within ³/₄ of a mile of fixed route and micro-transit routes.

2022 STATS

- ♦ Total Miles 555,175
- ◆ Total Ridership 956,890
 - Fixed Route 892,962
 - Regional Bus 41,261
 - ♦ Micro Transit 21,953
 - ♦ Paratransit 715
- Operating Vehicles 23

 - 4 Over-the-road coaches
 - ♦ 1 Shuttle
 - ♦ 2 Paratransit
- Cost to ride FREE (Regional bus charges)
- Operations Income:
 - City of Steamboat Springs General Fund sales tax.
 - ♦ CDOT funding
 - Federal grants
 - Regional transport fee

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Open Dialogue: SST engages with the community through diverse channels, including City Council meetings, Farmer's market booths, and social media platforms like Facebook. Recent enhancements, such as expanded winter night service, are a direct result of community input and engagement.

MULTI-MODAL INTEGRATION

Future Integration: A potential Regional Transportation Authority involving Routt County, Steamboat Springs Resort Corporation, and nearby cities promises seamless multi-modal options. SST collaborates with Bustang Outrider system, sharing bus stops and park-n-ride facilities

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

Smart Travel: Passenger experiences are elevated through GPS tracking, next bus app, Google Transit integration, multilingual talking buses, and real-time system mapping.

Micro-Transit Revolution: An app-based micro-transit service provides innovative last-mile solutions.

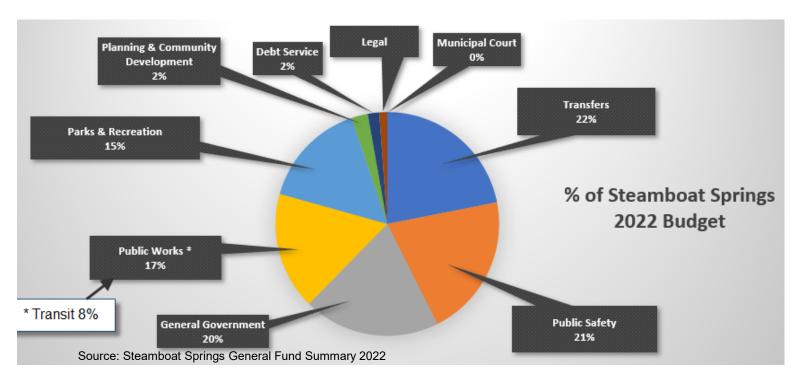
TRAINING AND EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT

Investment in Excellence: SST invests significantly in each new driver's training, ensuring top-tier performance. Annual training investments of over \$2,000 per driver sustain a skilled and confident team.

SAFETY, SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Guarding Lives: Ensuring passenger safety and security is paramount. Thorough training, including active shooter, hostage, and threat drills, is standard procedure. Upgraded bus camera systems, equipped with eight cameras per bus, enhance passenger security.

Prepared for Crisis: SST's comprehensive System Security and Emergency Preparedness Plan is readily accessible and outlines thorough procedures for threats and emergencies.



CHALLENGES AND FUTURE PLANS

Trials and Triumphs: The absence of a dedicated funding source poses a significant challenge. Attracting and retaining staff amidst housing and cost-of-living concerns remains a focal point.

Funding Balance: As the demand for service outpaces available funds, SST strategizes to balance and meet service requests efficiently.

Charting the Path: Presently, SST's long-term vision focuses on annual budget allocations and service delivery, keeping pace with dynamic community needs.

Conclusion

Steamboat Springs Transit isn't just a transit system; it's a shining example of sustainability, innovation, and community engagement. In a world striving for a greener tomorrow, SST's commitment to change is steering the course towards a brighter, more accessible, and technologically advanced future.

For additional information about <u>Transit click here</u>.

<u>Complete budget figures here.</u>

