



**SUMMIT COUNTY** - In the heart of Colorado's picturesque Summit County, **Summit Stage Transit** plays a pivotal role in the region's transportation landscape. More than just a transit system, it's a community lifeline, connecting residents and visitors while pioneering sustainability initiatives and advocating for inclusivity.

**SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES**

**Electric Evolution:** Summit Stage Transit proudly operates three Proterra Electric buses, and anticipates the arrival of four Gillig electric buses in the spring of 2024. These electric additions underscore our commitment to Summit County's goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) by 50 percent by 2030 and 80 percent by 2050.

**Charging Forward:** In 2026, we'll break ground on a state-of-the-art 100% Electrification Fleet Charging Facility, driving our sustainability goals even further.

**ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSIVITY**

**Universal Access:** All our buses feature wheelchair ramps, and our drivers are extensively trained to assist passengers with disabilities, ensuring inclusive access.

**Paratransit Support:** Our Mountain Mobility service provides free paratransit transportation with a fleet of 11-passenger vans, a minivan, and a car, serving over 4,500 passengers in 2022 and continuing to provide accessible

**2022 STATS**

- ◆ *Total Hours* – 61,539
- ◆ *Total Riders*– 1,443,600
- ◆ *Operating Vehicles:*
  - ◇ 30 Transit buses
  - ◇ 2 Cutaway busses
  - ◇ 2 11 passenger vans for paratransit
  - ◇ 1 minivan & 1 car Mountain Mobility
- ◆ *Cost to ride* – **FREE**
- ◆ *Municipalities served:* 8
- ◆ *Counties Served:* Summit, Park, Lake
- ◆ *Operations income:*
  - ◇ Mass Transit Tax
  - ◇ Grants



**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**Listening to Our Community:** Our commitment to community engagement includes regular surveys, media outreach, and a multilingual approach. We've launched surveys in English and Spanish, reaching out through multiple channels and partners

**Informed Evolution:** Insights from studies and community outreach efforts, shape our service improvements based on valuable feedback from riders and the community.

**TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD)**

**Forward-Thinking Integration:** Collaborations in Summit County support transit-oriented development (TOD). Our Park County commuter service has witnessed remarkable growth, with riders finding affordable housing in Park County while working in Summit County,

aligning with TOD principles.

**MULTI-MODAL INTEGRATION**

**Diverse Mobility Options:** We're committed to reducing traffic congestion by connecting local trails and transit systems, and all of our busses are equipped with 3 bike racks which is the maximum number for safety.

**Micro-transit Innovation:** We're optimistic about the Microtransit Feasibility Study for Summit County, aiming to provide more accessible and flexible transportation options to underserved neighborhoods, particularly benefiting people with disabilities who fall outside our current paratransit range.

## TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

**Riding the Tech Wave:** We're investing in technology to enhance passenger experiences. Our future plans include replacing the expiring CAD/AVL system, adopting Transloc for improved dispatch and real-time passenger information, and installing automatic people counters to enhance ridership data collection.

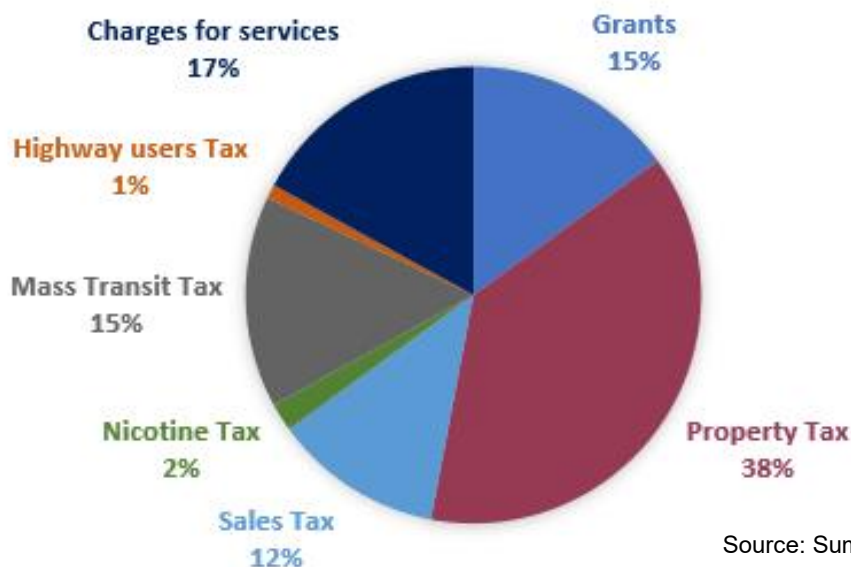
## SAFETY AND SECURITY

**Safety First:** Summit Stage Transit prioritizes passenger safety and security. We've introduced safety risk management with our Safety Risk Manager, Kyle Hendricks, spearheading initiatives like "Do Not Start or Move Vehicle" covers and enhanced driver training, ensuring a secure travel environment.

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

**Ready for the Unexpected:** Summit Stage Transit collaborates with partners to develop an Emergency Management Plan, ensuring swift response and service continuity in crisis situations.

## GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES 2022 REVENUE



## PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

**Strengthening Community Bonds:** We've partnered with AllTrails, COTREX, and local organizations to launch the "Transit to Trails" initiative, promoting sustainable travel options to trailheads. We maintain an ongoing dialogue with the I-70 coalition to enhance regional transportation efforts.

## CHALLENGES AND FUTURE PLANS

**Riding the Wave of Change:** Addressing challenges such as staffing shortages due to the high cost of living and housing shortages, we've taken proactive steps. We've significantly increased wages, invested in driver housing, and plan to build a new bus barn/office complex with driver apartments.

**Future Mobility:** Our long-term vision includes ½ hourly service, additional express routes, and expansion into currently underserved areas, like Kremmling in Grand County.

## CONCLUSION

Summit Stage Transit isn't just a transit system; it's a driving force behind Summit County's sustainable and inclusive future. As we look ahead, we remain dedicated to fostering community connections, enhancing accessibility, and contributing to the region's growth while pioneering innovative transit solutions.

For more information about transit services visit  
[Summit County website.](#)  
[Detailed budget information here.](#)

