



VAIL - Nestled in the breathtaking Vail Valley, Vail Transit stands as a testament to the seamless integration of community and sustainable transit solutions. This TOV amenity was designed to serve both residents and visitors alike and is emblematic of Vail's commitment to accessible, eco-conscious mobility.

INNOVATIONS AND INITIATIVES

Fleet Electrification: Vail is making strides in sustainability. Presently, they boast four battery electric buses, with eight more on order. Their ambition is to fully electrify the entire bus fleet by 2032. To support this transition, substantial investments have been made at its "Bus Barn", upgrading the electrical infrastructure to accommodate the charging needs of our expanding electric bus fleet.

INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (ITS)

Enhancing Rider Experience: In 2021, Vail upgraded its Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) to enhance rider communications. Notable improvements include: audible announcements, information screens, and real-time information on third-party apps.



TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD)

Future Integration: Collaborations with Eagle Valley Regional Transportation Authority (EVTA) and Eagle County Transport (ECO Transit) is currently underway to enhance regional transport options and will further promote sustainable development region-wide.

MULTI-MODAL INTEGRATION

E-Bike-share Revolution: In 2020, Vail embarked on a pilot project, Shift Bike, introducing an e-bikeshare system. This initiative has grown over the years, becoming a regional system through collaboration with neighboring jurisdictions in eastern Eagle County. Shift Bike complements the transit operations by offering alternative transportation modes, especially in areas where fixed-route services face challenges or don't align with individual schedules.

Enhancing Trail Access: This summer, Vail is piloting the East Vail Hiker Express route, aimed at providing increased transit access to our four popular East Vail trailheads. We're making it easier for outdoor enthusiasts to explore Vail's breathtaking trails via public transit.

2022 STATS

- ◆ Total Revenue Miles: 760,836
- ◆ Total Hours: 66,678
- ◆ Total ridership: nearly 2.8M
- ◆ Total No. of Buses - 33
 - ◇ Electric - 4
 - ◇ Full-size - 33
 - ◇ Para-Transit Vans - 1
- ◆ Cost to ride : FREE
- ◆ Funding Sources:
 - ◇ TOV General Fund
 - ◇ Grants
 - ◇ FTA 5311 Funding

SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

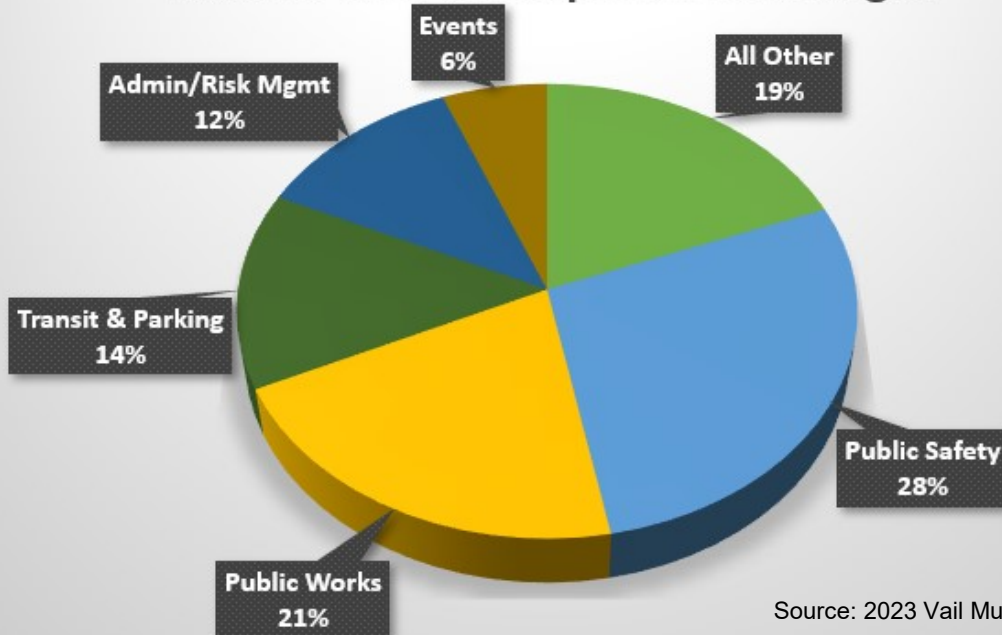
Connecting Vail: The Town of Vail Transit Department proudly offers free year-round bus service throughout Vail. Our transit system is recognized as one of the largest and most comprehensive free transportation networks in the nation, connecting residents and visitors seamlessly.

Car-Free Travel: Numerous transportation options enable guests to visit Vail without a personal vehicle. Transportation options include Bustang or Pegasus, which conveniently connect from Denver Union Station or the Federal Center directly to the Vail Transportation Center.

CHALLENGES

Sustainability Commitment: Like many in the region replacing their current fleet with electric is a goal. Perhaps the bigger challenge will be funding the Vail Transportation Center expansion (estimated at about \$15M), that is needed to right size the facility for both current service as well as increase service that we will see as a result of the formation of the EVRTA.

Town of Vail 2023 Operational Budget



Source: 2023 Vail Municipal Budget

FUTURE PLANS

The Eagle Valley Regional Transportation Authority (EVTA) was approved November 2022 by voters in Eagle County, the towns of Avon, Eagle, Minturn, Red Cliff and Vail, and Beaver Creek Metro District. This new organization will support regional transit services, defined as services that connect one or more local jurisdictions. ECO Transit, as the county's current regional transportation provider, will form the backbone of the EVTA. For the immediate future, current ECO Transit services and routes will be maintained using existing funding. For additional information see the [article in the Vail Daily](#).

CONCLUSION

With its environmentally friendly initiatives, inclusive approach, and strategic partnerships, Vail Transit epitomizes dedication to preserving the pristine surroundings while enhancing the quality of life for all. As transportation in the Valley evolves it will undoubtedly remain at the forefront of sustainable, community-centric

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