



WINTER PARK - In November 2015, **Winter Park** and Fraser took a bold step by approving a dedicated tax initiative that would revolutionize their public transit landscape. This visionary move gave rise to "The Lift," the Town of Winter Park's transit service. By fostering connectivity and embracing sustainability, The Lift has reshaped how residents and visitors experience mobility in the region.

INNOVATIONS AND INITIATIVES

Electric Future: In June 2023, Winter Park completed construction of the Winter Park Transit Maintenance Facility. This facility, purpose-built for housing and charging electric vehicles, signals a commitment to sustainability.

Electrifying Grants: The Town was granted a 5339c Bus and Bus Facilities Grant from the Federal Transit Agency in June 2023. This grant is set to pave the way for the Town's first electric vehicle and the corresponding charging infrastructure.

Toward Zero Emissions: A comprehensive Zero Electric Bus plan is in motion, aimed at phasing out diesel combustion vehicles in favor of environmentally friendly battery electric alternatives.

Strategic Planning: The recently released Five-Year Transit Development Plan presents a blueprint not only for future sustainability projects but also for innovative funding avenues.



SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Electric Evolution: The Winter Park Transit Maintenance Facility stands as a testament to the commitment to sustainable public transit. Its construction in June 2023 underscores the importance of housing and charging electric vehicles.

Environmental Stewardship: The Town's Zero Electric Bus plan is a resolute stride towards a cleaner future, addressing both local air quality and overall environmental impact.

Inclusive Travel: Wheelchair access lift systems onboard The Lift's buses guarantee a seamless experience for passengers with disabilities.

Paratransit Promise: The Lift's complementary paratransit service is a testament to its commitment to ensuring transportation is accessible to all.

Shared Decision-Making: The monthly Transit Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings create a public forum for open discussion and collaboration.

2022 STATS

- ◆ *Total Miles* – 418,176 up 66,350 from 2021
- ◆ *Total Passengers* – 371,748 up 18,000 from 2021
- ◆ *Operating Vehicles* - 27:
 - ◇ 24 Transit buses
 - ◇ 3 Cutaway busses (primarily used for paratransit and Night Lift Services)
- ◆ *Cost to ride* – **FREE**
- ◆ *Operations income:*
 - ◇ Dedicated 2% Transit and Trails Sales Tax
 - ◇ Administration (FTA)
 - ◇ Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)
 - ◇ Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA's) with the towns of Fraser and Granby
 - ◇ Various service agreements – HOA's and other

MULTI-MODAL INTEGRATION

Seamless Synergy: Collaborations with Amtrak and Bustang have created a smooth interconnection with train services, enhancing the overall travel experience.

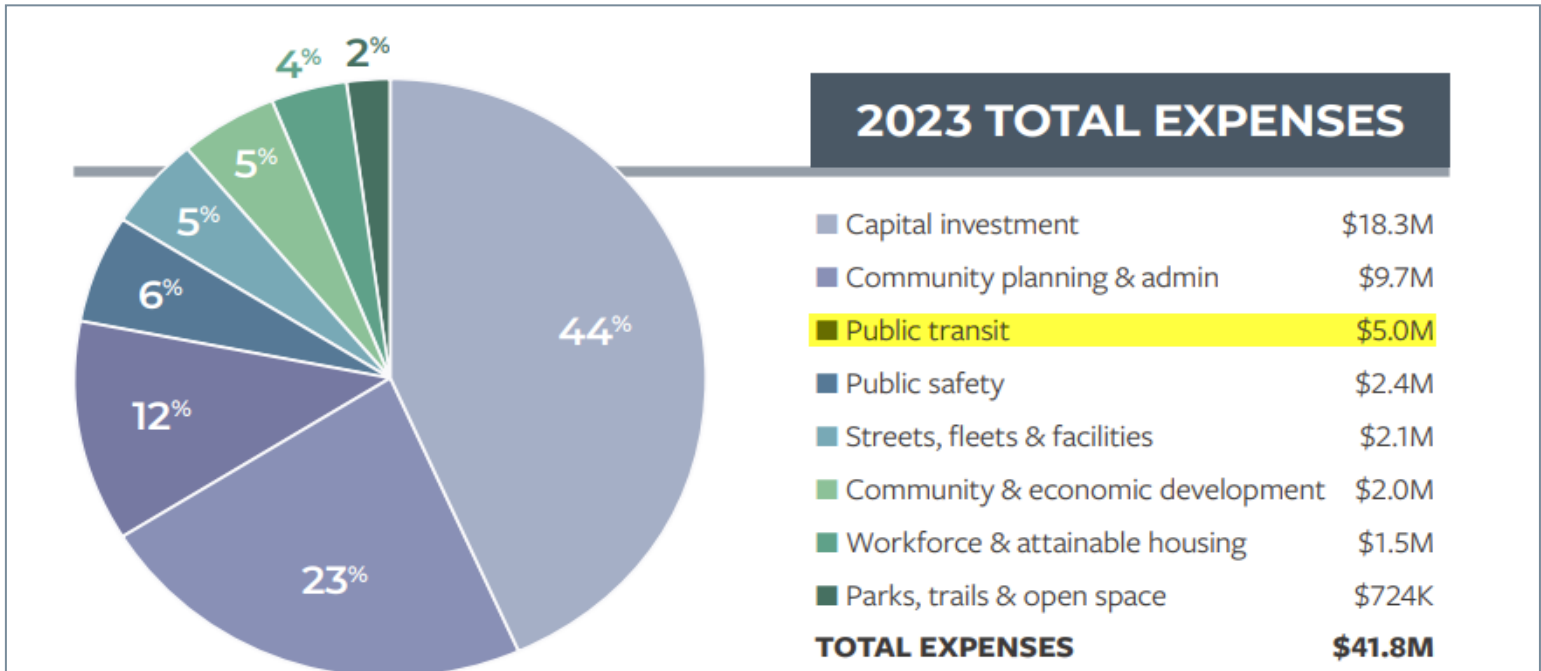
Future-Forward: The recently unveiled Five-Year Transit Development Plan emphasizes the augmentation of multi-modal connections, exploring the potential for both bus and rail interconnections.

Innovative Mobility: The prospect of a gondola system linking Downtown Winter Park with a train platform at Winter Park Resort opens exciting possibilities for the future.

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

Smart Rider Solutions: The Lift Rider App provides real-time information on stops, schedules, and lines, enhancing passengers' travel experiences.

Audible Assistance: The ongoing expansion of the Audio Voice Announcement system ensures improved communication and accessibility for passengers.



Source: Winter Park 2023 Budget Overview

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Resilience at Heart: In times of crisis, Winter Park coordinates seamlessly with local fire and law enforcement agencies, facilitated through the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Enhanced Safety Measures: The Winter Park Transit Maintenance Facility's inclusion of firefighting emergency cistern tanks underscores the focus on passenger safety.

CHALLENGES AND FUTURE PLANS

Overcoming Obstacles: The transit agency addresses challenges such as driver and housing shortages with innovative strategies. Temporary, seasonal driver programs are one such solution.

Green Horizons: The future shines brightly with the opening of the Winter Park Transit Maintenance Facility and the FTA 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Grant. These developments set the stage for greener, more efficient mobility options as the community expands.



For in-depth insights, explore [The Lift's official website](#)

For information about the [Budget click here](#).