



Mountain Rides Transportation Authority

PUBLIC NOTICE

Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 12:30pm

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Mountain Rides Board of Directors

Chair Kathleen Kristenson (Blaine County); Vice-Chair Melody Mattson (at-large); Secretary Grant Gager & Kristin Derrig (Ketchum); Juan Martinez (Hailey); Rick Webking & Peter Hendricks (Sun Valley); Tom Blanchard (Bellevue)

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Comments from the Chair, Members, and Staff**
3. **Public comment re: Items not on the Agenda (and questions from the press)**
4. **Action item: Consent Agenda (p.2)**
 - a. Approve: Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, Dec 16, 2020 (p.3-4)
 - b. Receive/file: Performance Dashboard, Dec 2020 (p.5-8)
 - c. Receive/file: Minutes of Planning & Marketing Committee Meeting, Jan 6, 2021 (p.9)
 - d. Receive/file: Minutes of Finance & Performance Committee Meeting, Jan 6, 2021 (p.10)
 - e. Receive/file: Reports from Director, Community Development; Director, Finance & Administration; Director, Assets & Infrastructure; Operations Manager; Mobility & Safe Routes Coordinator; Executive Director (p.11-16)
5. **Action item: Approve Revised Budget for Electric Bus Infrastructure Project (p.17-18)**
6. **Action item: Award Contract per IFB 2020-12-001, Installation of Electric Bus Chargers and Dispensers (p.19-31)**
7. **Action item: Approve Schedule of Regular Board of Directors' Meetings for 2021 (p.32-33)**
8. **Discussion item: Presentation: Management Report of Performance for 2020 (p.34-46)**
9. **Adjourn**

NOTE: Public information regarding agenda items is available from the Mountain Rides' office at 800 1st Ave. North, Ketchum, or 208-788-7433.

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Mountain Rides Consent Agenda Item Summary

Date:

January 20, 2021

From:

MRTA Staff

Action Item:

4. Consent Agenda

Committee Review:

☒ Yes ☐ No

Committee
Purview:

Finance & Performance; Planning & Marketing

Previously
discussed at board
level:

☐ Yes ☒ No

Recommended
Motion:

I move to approve, receive, file, and adopt the Consent Agenda.

Fiscal Impact:

NA

Related Policy or
Procedural Impact:

NA

Background:

- a. Approve: Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, December 16, 2020
- b. Receive/file: Performance Dashboard Report for December 2020
- c. Receive/file: Minutes of Planning & Marketing Committee Meeting, Jan 6, 2021
- d. Receive/file: Minutes of Finance & Performance Committee Meeting, Jan 6, 2021
- e. Receive/file: Report per:
 - 1) Director, Community Development (Kim MacPherson)
 - 2) Director, Finance & Administration (Tucker Van Law)
 - 3) Director, Assets & Infrastructure (Ben Varner)
 - 4) Operations Manager (Stuart Gray)
 - 5) Mobility & Safe Routes Coordinator (Cece Osborne)
 - 6) Executive Director (Wally Morgus)



RECORDED

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MOUNTAIN RIDES TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 12:30 p.m.
Conference Call**

The Mountain Rides Transportation Authority's Board of Directors met in a Regular Meeting on a conference call.

PRESENT: Chair Tom Blanchard (Bellevue), Vice-chair Kathleen Kristenson (Blaine County), Melody Mattson (at-large), Kristin Derrig (Ketchum), Juan Martinez (Hailey), Peter Hendricks (Sun Valley), and Rick Webking (Sun Valley)

NOT PRESENT: Secretary Grant Gager (Ketchum)

ALSO PRESENT: Mountain Rides Executive Director, Wally Morgus
Mountain Rides Director, Finance & Administration, Tucker Van Law
Mountain Rides Director, Assets & Infrastructure, Ben Varner
Mountain Rides Director, Community Development, Kim MacPherson
Mountain Rides Operations Manager, Stuart Gray
Emily Jones, *Idaho Mountain Express*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tom Blanchard called to order the meeting of Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 12:31pm via conference call, called roll and determined that a quorum was present.

2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR, BOARD MEMBERS and STAFF

Tom Blanchard said he was watching all the national political stuff and it looks like public transportation is going to get a good administration.

Wally Morgus said we haven't had any staff issues to report in the last month.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (incl. questions from Press)

There were none.

4. Consent Calendar items

- a. Approve: Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, Nov 18, 2020
- b. Receive/file: Performance Dashboard report for November 2020
- c. Receive/file: Financial Statements and Bills Paid Reports for Sept 2020
- d. Receive/file: Minutes of Planning & Marketing Committee Meeting, Dec 2, 2020
- e. Receive/file: Minutes of Finance & Performance Committee Meeting, Dec 2, 2020

- f. Approve: Purchase of \$100 Gift card from Atkinsons' Markets for each Mountain Rides employee; to be distributed to each employee as a Holiday Bonus
- g. Receive/file: Reports from Director, Community Development; Director, Finance & Administration; Director, Assets & Infrastructure; Operations Manager; Mobility & Safe Routes Coordinator; Executive Director

Kristin Derrig moved to approve, receive, file, and adopt the Consent Agenda. Juan Martinez seconded. The motion passed.

5. DISCUSSION ITEM:

Board Workshop in January

Wally Morgus said looking back to January of 2020 when we came out of our strategic session with a good framework for establishing a strategic plan, the strategic framework around which we can build action plans and work forward. Looking to this year, does the board want to have an annual update of the strategic framework?

The board members discussed the options for a workshop later in the year when we can meet in person. Due to the pandemic, it would be hard to measure and compare last year's ridership numbers, but Mountain Rides accomplished a lot of good things in the last year relative to the strategic framework in spite of the pandemic.

Wally Morgus said we have made a lot of progress on the electrification of the fleet.

The board decided that a review would be appropriate at the January meeting and then look to having a strategic workshop later in the spring.

6. ACTION ITEM:

Elect and Seat Board of Directors' Officers for Calendar Year 2021

Juan Martinez moved to elect and seat, effective January 1, 2021, for a term ending December 31, 2021, Kathleen Kristenson, Melody Mattson, Grant Gager, and Tucker Van Law, as Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively, of the Board of Directors of Mountain Rides Transportation Authority. Rick Webking seconded. The motion passed.

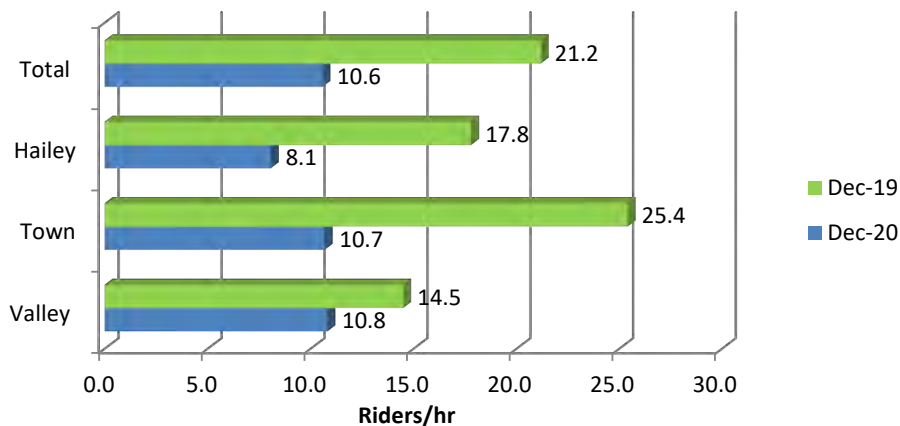
9. ADJOURNMENT

Juan Martinez moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:05pm. Rick Webking seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Tom Blanchard

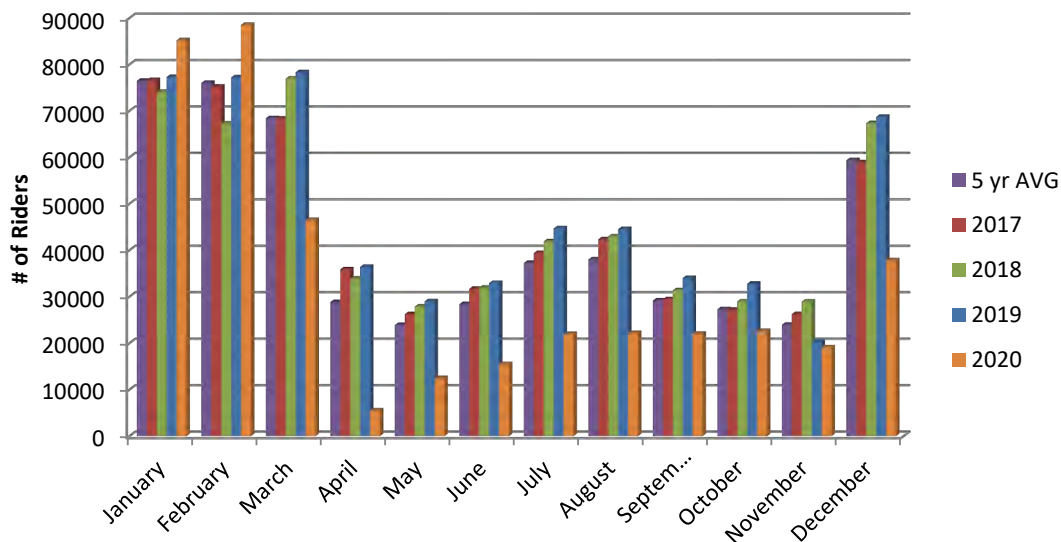
PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD - RIDERSHIP, DECEMBER 2020

Ridership per hour



Definition: One way rides for the month divided by the number of bus revenue service hours for the month (aka productivity) - being higher than goal is good. 15 is reasonable goal for a resort-rural fixed route system.

Total Ridership by Month



9th Full Month of COVID-19

2020 YTD Ridership 397718

2019 YTD Ridership 589643

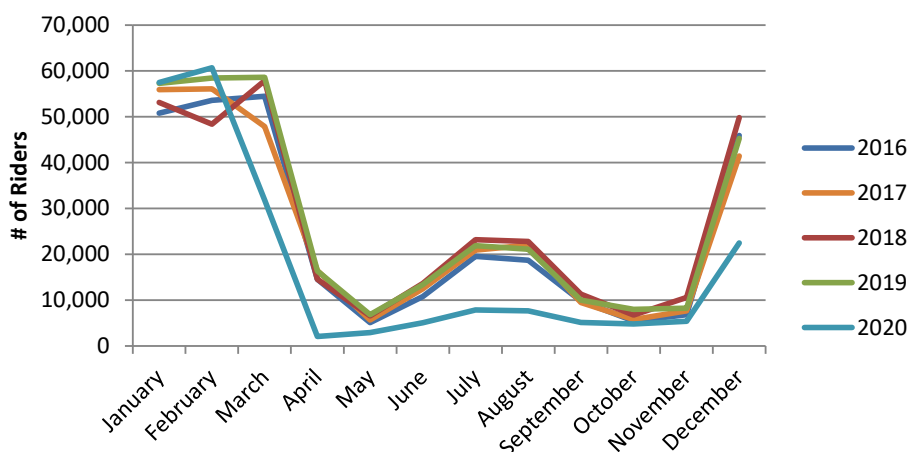
2018 YTD Ridership 561558

2017 YTD Ridership 540358

2016 YTD Ridership 522495

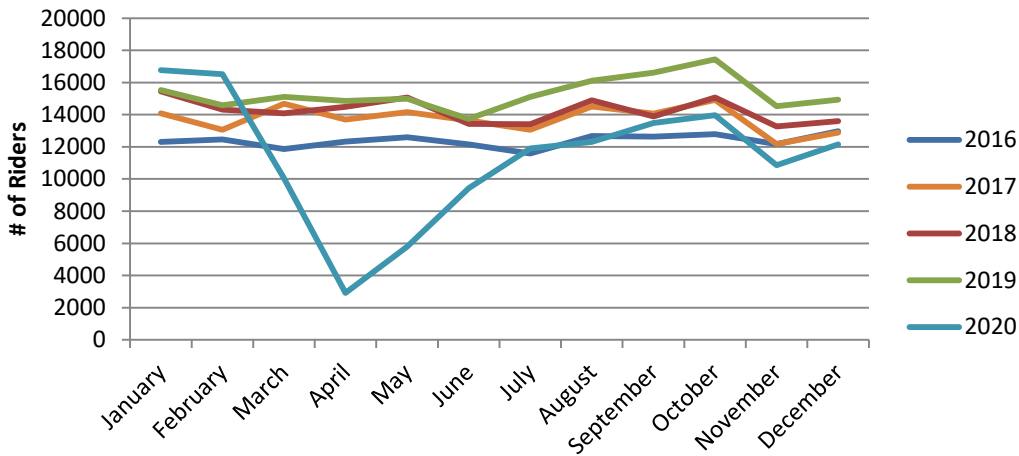
Definition: Monthly ridership compared with one year ago, two years ago and the 5 year average.

Town Routes

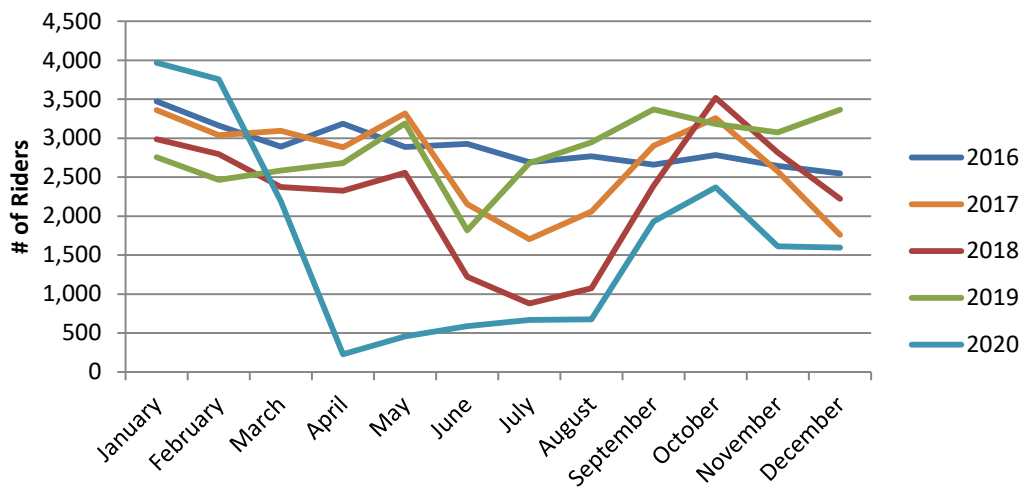


PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD - RIDERSHIP BY ROUTE, DECEMBER 2020

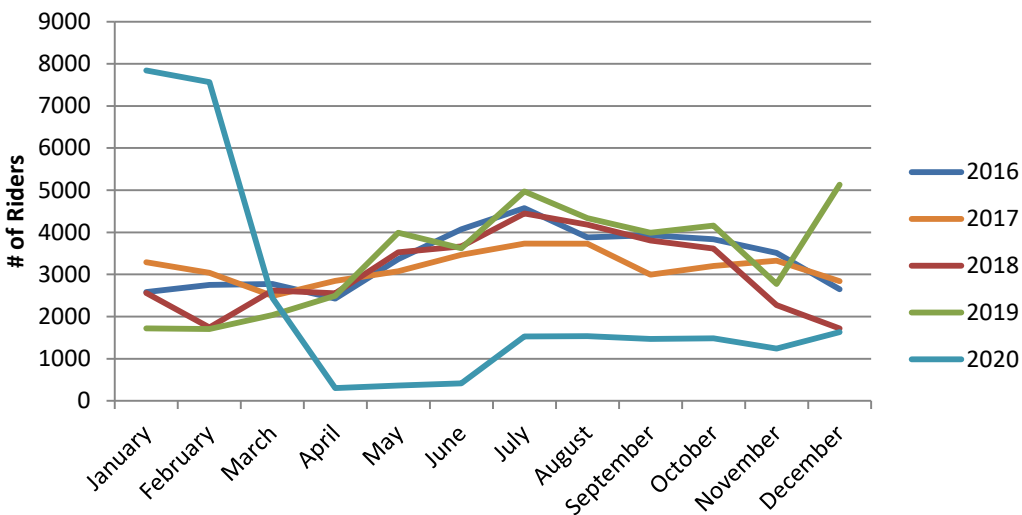
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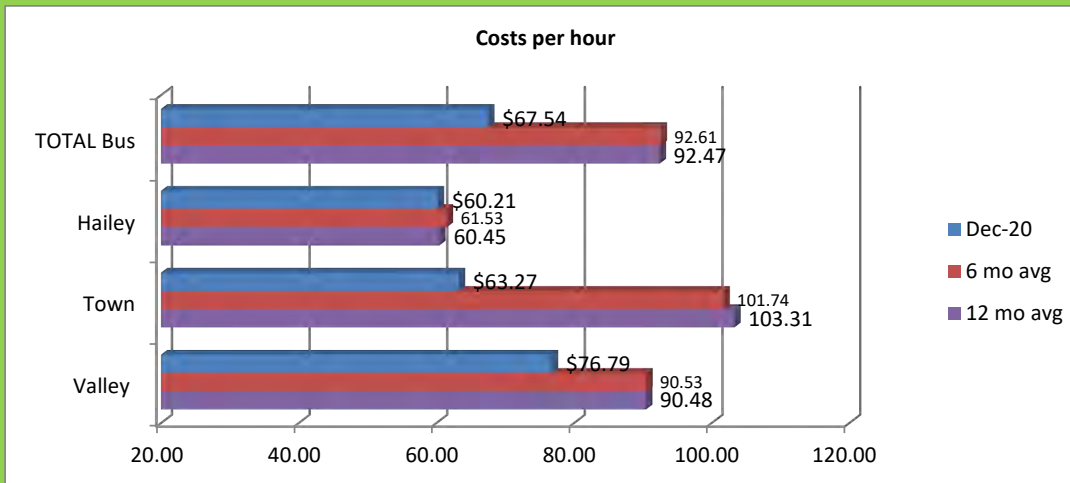
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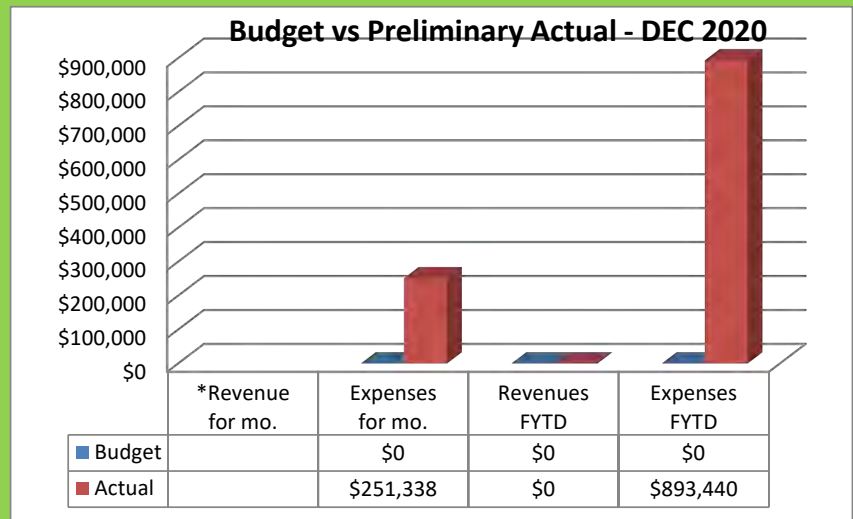
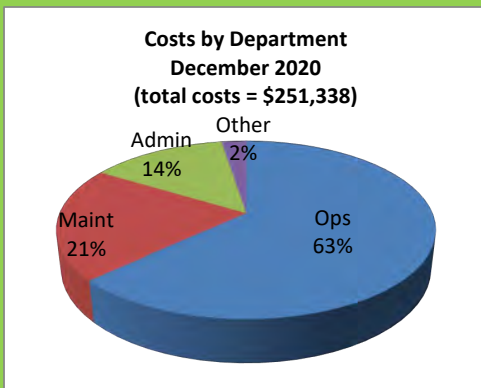
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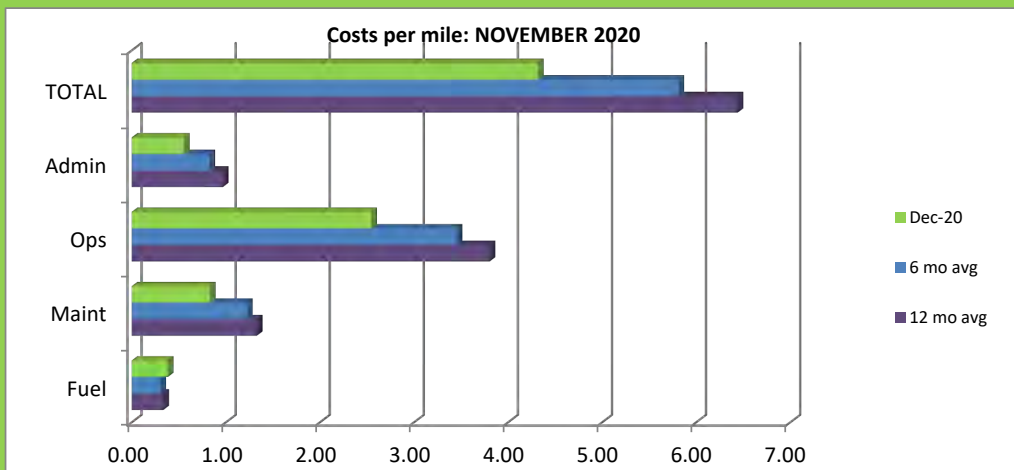
PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD - FINANCIAL, DECEMBER 2020



Definition: Monthly costs divided by the number of bus revenue service hours operated for the month. Being lower than goal is good. Monthly numbers are compared to 6 and 12 month averages in order to give a longer time period for reference (monthly fluctuations can be great).

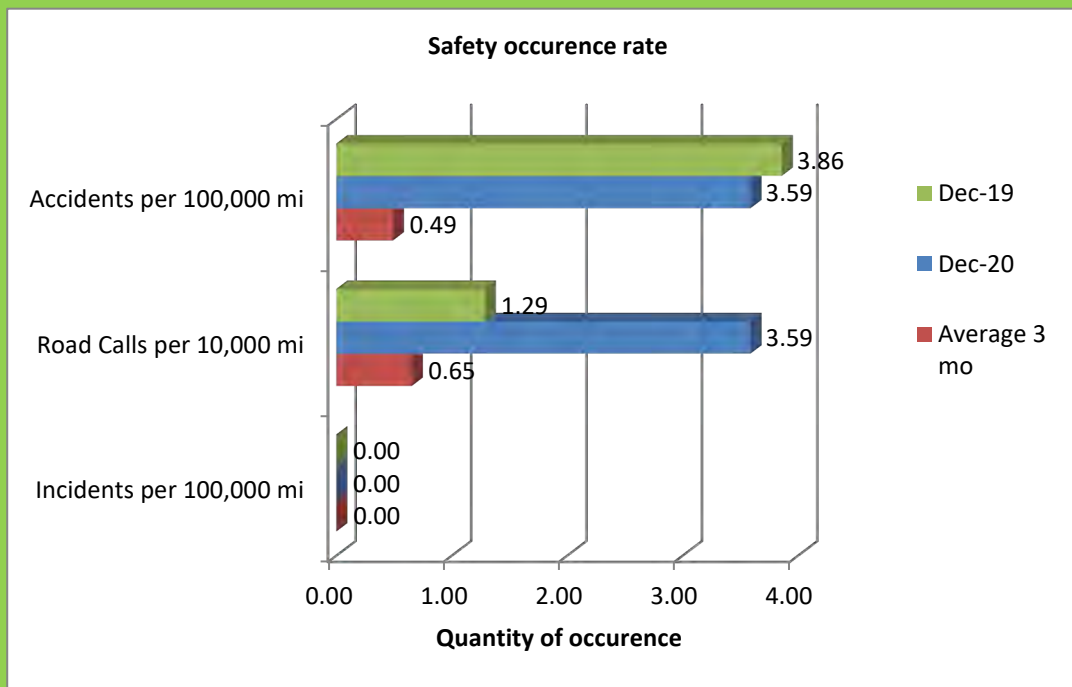


***Revenue and Monthly Budget numbers forthcoming**



Definition: Costs for services are taken in total for the month and then divided by the mileage operated for the month. Costs are also calculated for each department to show the contribution to costs per mile. The budget is established based on historical averages and what is reasonable on a statewide basis for a rural fixed route system.

PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD - SAFETY, DECEMBER 2020



Definition: This is the rate at which these safety related items are happening at a rate that is consistent with industry

Safety	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20
Incidents	0	0	0
Accidents	0	0	3
Road Calls	1	0	3

Incident is defined as an event that involved a minor collision, injury or altercation that may have caused physical damage or injury (less than \$200) to MRTA property or persons only. No outside parties involved.

Accident is defined as an event that caused damage to one or more MR vehicles or property in excess of \$200 OR damage to vehicles, property or persons unrelated to MRTA in any amount.

Road Call is defined as a vehicle that is taken out of revenue service because of a need for unscheduled maintenance.

**MAINTENANCE DAYS WITHOUT
A LOSS TIME ACCIDENT OR
INJURY: Current**

597

Includes December
Previous record 1996 days



Planning & Marketing Committee

Regular Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, January 6, 2021, 11:00am

Minutes

In attendance: Kristin Derrig, Melody Mattson, Peter Hendricks, Wally Morgus, Kim MacPherson, Ben Varner, and Tucker Van Law

- 1) Call to Order at 11:05am
- 2) Comments from the Chair and Members
 - a. The group decided that Kristin Derrig will stay as committee chair.
- 3) Discuss: Electric Bus Infrastructure expenditures
 - a. Ben Varner gave an update about the latest expenditures for the electric buses. This item will go to the next board meeting for approval.
- 4) Discuss: Summer 2021 planning and updates
 - a. Kim MacPherson gave a ridership update for 2020. The group talked about the trends we are seeing locally with changing demographics.
- 5) Discuss: Other items that may come before the Committee
 - a. There were none.
- 6) Adjourn



Finance & Performance Committee

Regular Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, January 6, 2021, 12:30pm

Minutes

Present: Kathleen Kristenson, Tom Blanchard, Grant Gager, Rick Webking, Wally Morgus, Ben Varner, Kim MacPherson, and Tucker Van Law

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Comments from the Chair and Members
 - a) Discussion regarding chair of the Finance & Performance Committee ensued. Kathleen Kristenson will remain chair of the Finance & Performance Committee. All Members agreed.
- 3) Discuss: Electric Bus Infrastructure Expenditures
 - a) An update of the Electric Bus infrastructure expenditures was presented. An increase in the construction costs is expected and will be brought to the full board.
- 4) Discuss: Summer 2021 planning and updates
 - a) Kim MacPherson presented an update on ridership and emerging new trends.
- 5) Discuss: Other items that may come before the Committee
 - a) There were none
- 6) Adjourn

Mountain Rides Staff Report

Date:

1/20/2021

Staff Member:

Kim MacPherson

Department:

Community Development

Department Highlights from the Previous Month:

Working with Cece on the NEMT route. Jamie, Cece and I went for a ride in a bus to Twin Falls to scout out bus stops and the route to use. Had a good meeting with Jesse Barrus at ITD regarding using Timmerman Junction as a bus stop for the NEMT service.

Had a good meeting with the folks from the Western Transportation Institute at MSU in Bozeman, MT regarding Twin Falls service and connections with Mountain Rides possibilities.

Progress on projects/initiatives:

Working on developing a survey to get out to the community regarding bringing riders back to using the bus.

Continuing to analyze ridership as we go through the winter noticing ridership trends.

Continuing to be in touch with St. Luke's regarding the roll out of the vaccine in regards to Mountain Rides employees receiving the vaccine.

Staff hung up the signs to start using the new bus stop in front of the Fairfield Inn in Hailey.

Challenges/ Opportunities:

Mountain Rides Staff Report

Date:

1/20/2021

Staff Member:

Tucker Van Law

Department:

Finance and Administration

Department Highlights
from
the Previous Month:

Year end reporting and W-2s have been completed

Progress
on projects/initiatives:

1st draft of the FY2020 financial audit will be brought to the Finance and Performance Committees in February.

Financial Statements and Bills Paid have been delayed but will be brought to the Finance and Performance Committees in February.

Challenges/
Opportunities:

Managing all the new grants is and will continue to be a challenge to the finance department while maintaining the day to day workload. It's an exciting time to be a part of Mountain Rides.

Mountain Rides Staff Report

Date:

1/20/2021

Staff Member:

Ben Varner

Department:

Assets and Infrastructure

Department Highlights
from
the Previous Month:

Worked through Invitation for Bid process with electrical engineer and potential bidders, including pre-bid meeting and site tours at both facilities.

Ben completed Boise State's Leadership Development Program. Thank you to RTAP for funding the bulk of the cost of the program!

Progress
on projects/initiatives:

Weekly bus build meetings and daily updates continue with New Flyer on the EBus builds. Bus delivery remains on track to occur over a six-week period from late May - early July.

Several very important facilities projects were completed over the past 30 days. Most of the projects had to do with clean air in the facilities. A years-long push to get a fresh air system into the Maintenance Bays has been completed. We are happy to be providing a safer space for all of our team members.

Challenges/
Opportunities:

Ben and Tucker have started working closely together taking our fleet, facilities and infrastructure plans and adding cashflow/funding needs into the plans so that we have a more clear picture of what the next several years will look like.

The infrastructure project being awarded today (hopefully!) will be very busy and very exciting over the next 120 days as the project ramps up and hopefully comes to a conclusion. In the spirit of Sun Valley, the last electrician will likely be leaving the building finishing up the project as the first bus is being delivered to us.

Mountain Rides Staff Report

Date: 1/20/2021

Staff Member: Stuart Gray

Department: Ops.

Department Highlights from the Previous Month:

The "Holiday Fortnight" (Fourteen nights -2 week period) was appreciably less populated compared to what we are historically accustomed to. Drivers & passengers were nicely accommodated; passenger limits & mask wearing adhered to with nary a complaint. Lunch platters were provided on Christmas Day & New Year's to the delight of the Staff.

Progress on projects/initiatives:

The lovely wet snowfall on 13TH also doused our CDL Tester's ability to travel here from Jerome ! The 2 final candidates will be the most prepared we have ever offered. Their presence on the schedule will occur next week !

Of humerous note: we have begun wrapping "bands" on the seats of some of the buses (orange-"do not sit" logo) to increase awareness of distancing, staggered seating... People are sitting on them, sense of a clean seat !

Challenges/ Opportunities:

As always, unexpected driver outages (emergencies, mostly) makes the schedule a delightful challenge. We are implementing our total roster of routes, & have kept incidents to a bare minimum.
Info on vaccinations is being sent out as we receive it...

Mountain Rides Staff Report

Date: 1/20/2021

Staff Member: Cece Osborn

Department: Mobility & Safe Routes

Department Highlights from the Previous Month:

- did a run through of the NEMT pilot route to Twin with Kim and Jamie
- the Bellevue Bike Club is bicycling, in full winter mode

Progress on projects/initiatives:

NEMT Pilot Route

- in the thick of service planning for the NEMT pilot route-- finalizing schedule times, bus stop locations, regular communications with project partners and social workers at medical facilities
- honing in the marketing message with Kim and Wally, beginning on process to make promotional video
- recruiting advisory committee members to represent future riders, engage target ridership, and assess the service plan-- see the press release on social media, and send people our way!

SRTS

- Program development for spring/summer, e.g. storage solutions for incoming bike fleet, working to set up an intern program for more dedicated hands on deck, budgeting for traffic gardens, planning for an additional, Woodside-based bike club in the spring
- winterizing kids' bike set-ups upon request and riding with the Bellevue Bike Club each week

Challenges/ Opportunities:

So much effort is being put into establishing viable NEMT pilot service, yet we only have funding to operate the route for 8 weeks. A pilot needs at least 6 months to secure reliable data. The clock is ticking, can we secure funding to extend the pilot service through summer 2021?

Mountain Rides Staff Report

Date: Jan 20, 2021

Staff Member: Wally Morgus, Executive Director

Department: Executive Director / Administration

Department Highlights from the Previous Month:

- 1) ITD-PT One-time CARES Technology Grant application in-progress at ITD-PT.
- 2) Quarterly review of state of the fleet/assets/infrastructure with Ben Varner & Tucker Van Law, 12/17/20.
- 3) Holiday Gift Card (Bonus) for each employee distributed ~12/22/20.
- 4) Western Transportation Institute/Montana State U. and ITD-PT re: Twin Falls Transportation Study and MRTA's Spring 2021 NEMT Pilot.
- 5) Opened bids, made preliminary selection, pending Board approval, for electrical contractor for BEB infrastructure installation, 1/12/21.

Progress on projects/initiatives:

ITD-PT one-time grant application is in-process at ITD-PT. MRTA applying for grant funding to underwrite technology (CAD/AVL/ITS) upgrades. The funds being made available by ITD-PT are predominantly ITD-PT's share of CARES funds received Spring 2020. Announcement of awards expected ~March 2021.

Planning for roll out of NEMT pilot, as underwritten by grant funding from NADTC, between Wood River Valley and Twin Falls ongoing. Being led by Cece Osborn, Mobility & Safe Routes Coordinator. Pilot service scheduled for April-May 2021.

Preproduction meeting(s) (PPM) for BEBs from New Flyer ongoing.

Challenges/ Opportunities:

COVID-19 reaction, response & navigation.

FY21 merit raise pool (budget), if any, for senior management staff.

Fleet electrification.

Technology upgrades (CAD/AVL/ITS).

Sustainable, consistent long-term funding.

Mobility options for underserved neighborhoods (in the cities and county).

Mountain Rides Agenda Action Item Summary

Date:

1/20/2021

From:

Ben Varner

Action Item:

5. Approve Revised Budget for Electric Bus Infrastructure Project

Committee Review:

☒ Yes ☐ No

Committee
Purview:

Both Committees

Previously
discussed at board
level:

☒ Yes ☐ No

Recommended
Motion:

I move to adopt the updated budget for the EBus infrastructure project in an amount of \$282,398.

Fiscal Impact:

FY 21 Facilities Fund

Related Policy or
Procedural Impact:

MRTA Procurement Policy

Background:

Mountain Rides is in the process of implementing a fleet electrification pilot program.

As part of the pilot program, bus charging infrastructure work needs to be completed at both MRTA facilities.

Per MRTA Procurement Policy, the Board must adopt a construction budget and the Executive Director is then authorized to manage the project within said budget.

This budget includes the bid actuals for the construction portion of the project and a 10% contingency so that staff can manage any change orders under the Executive Director's authority.

Electric Bus Infrastructure Construction Project Budget - Phase One

Description		Notes	
Chargers			
	Presented March 2020	Actuals Jan 2021	
Siemens 150kWh	\$620,000	\$ 620,000	2 in Ketchum, 2 in Bellevue
Facilities			
Electrical Engineering	\$20,000	\$ 20,000	FY 20/21
Power Transformers	\$100,000	\$ 46,428	FY 2021, One at each facility
ID Power Engineering Fees	\$1,280	\$ -	FY 2020
Construction Costs	\$75,000	\$ 196,336	FY 2021 Actual per bid
Contingency	\$19,628	\$ 19,634	FY 2020, 21 as/if needed
Total Construction Costs	\$215,908	\$ 282,398	Total Construction Costs
		\$ 66,490	Construction increase

Mountain Rides Agenda Action Item Summary

Date:

1/20/21

From:

Ben Varner

Action Item:

6. Award Contract per IFB 2020-12-001, Installation of Electric Bus Chargers and Dispensers

Committee Review:

☒ Yes ☐ No

Committee
Purview:

Both committees

Previously
discussed at board
level:

☒ Yes ☐ No

Recommended
Motion:

I move to approve the award of IFB 2020-12-001 to Buffalo Electric for \$196,335.33 and authorize the Executive Director to execute the contract and project within the adopted project budget, upon ITD approval.

Fiscal Impact:

Adopted FY21 Facilities Budget

Related Policy or
Procedural Impact:

MRTA Procurement Policy, Idaho State Code re: Procurement and Public Works projects

Background:

Mountain Rides is in the process of implementing a fleet electrification pilot program.

As part of the pilot program, bus charging infrastructure work needs to be completed at both MRTA facilities.

In early December, 2020, staff released IFB 2020-12-001, which was prepared in conjunction with legal counsel and our electrical engineer.

Two bids were submitted on time, one was deemed responsive, and staff recommends awarding the bid to Buffalo Electric.

Staff is working with ITD/FTA on a Buy America issue with an electrical component that relates to this project, hence the "upon ITD approval" language in the recommended motion.

Buffalo Electric, Inc.
40 Aero Lane
Hailey, Idaho 8333
Contractor # ele-c-3999
pwc-c-14407-A-4

208-788-9659
Fax 208-788-0145



Date: 01/12/21

Project:

Mountain Rides Transportation

Attn:

Ben Varner

ben@mountainrides.org

Bid IFB#

2020-12-001

Proposal

Material and labor for the installation of the electric bus chargers and dispensers and all connections between the chargers, dispensers, and padmount transformer.

Ketchum

Electrical Permit	\$	1,165.44	
Excavation	\$	4,656.25	
Gear	\$	32,778.27	
Material	\$	32,287.50	
Labor	\$	20,640.00	
Commissioning	\$	1,200.00	
Lift Rental	\$	3,500.00	
Data/Fiber	\$	5,126.25	
Steel Brackets	\$	900.00	
Total Ketchum			\$ 102,253.71

Bellevue

Electrical Permi	\$	1,089.91	
Excavation	\$	9,966.25	
Gear	\$	32,778.27	
Material	\$	24,440.94	
Labor	\$	16,080.00	
Commissioning	\$	1,200.00	
Lift Rental	\$	2,500.00	
Data/Fiber	\$	5,126.25	
Steel Brackets	\$	900.00	
Total Bellevue			\$ 94,081.62

Total Bid **\$ 196,335.33**

All material are guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written orders and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon accident, weather, or delays beyond our control.

Acceptance of Proposal

The above prices, specifications and conditions are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

Accepted:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

ADDENDUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Proposer/Bidder acknowledges receipt of the following addenda which are

Addendum No. 1 Date 12/21/2020

Addendum No. _____ Date _____

Addendum No. _____ Date _____

Addendum No. _____ Date _____

Failure to acknowledge receipt of all addenda may cause the proposal to be considered non-responsive and omitted from consideration.

GRANITE RE, INC.

Bid Bond

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we

Buffalo Electric, Inc., 40 Aero Lane, Hailey, ID 83333

as principal, hereinafter called the Principal, and **Granite Re, Inc., 14001 Quailbrook Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73134**, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota as Surety, hereinafter called the Surety, are held and firmly bound unto

Mountain Rides Transportation Authority, P.O. Box 3091, Ketchum, ID 83340

as Oblige, hereinafter called the Oblige, in the sum of *** Five percent of the bid amount (5%) ***

for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made, the said Principal and the said Surety, bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the Principal has submitted a bid for

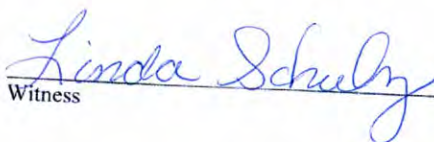
Project: Installation of Electric Bus Chargers and Dispensers

Bid Date: 01/12/2021

The conditions of this Bond are such that if the Oblige accepts the bid of the Principal within the time specified in the bid documents or within such time period as may be agreed to by the Oblige and Principal, and the Principal either (1) enters into a contract with the Oblige in accordance with the terms of such bid, and gives such bond or bonds as may be specified in the bidding or Contract Documents, with a surety admitted in the jurisdiction of the Project and otherwise acceptable to the Oblige, for the faithful performance of such Contract and for the prompt payment of labor and material furnished in the prosecution thereof; or (2) pays to the Oblige the difference, not to exceed the amount of this Bond, between the amount specified in said bid and such larger amount for which the Oblige may in good faith contract with another party to perform the work covered by said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect. The Surety hereby waives any notice of an agreement between the Oblige and Principal to extend the time in which the Oblige may accept the bid. Waiver of notice by the Surety shall not apply to any extension exceeding sixty (60) days in the aggregate beyond the time for acceptance of bids, and the Oblige and Principal shall obtain the Surety's consent for an extension beyond sixty (60) days.

When this Bond has been furnished to comply with a statutory or other legal requirement in the location of the Project, any provision in this Bond conflicting with said statutory or legal requirement shall be deemed deleted herefrom and provisions conforming to such statutory or other legal requirement shall be deemed incorporated herein. When so furnished, the intent is that this bond shall be construed as a statutory bond and not as a common law bond.

Signed and sealed this 01/12/2021.


Witness

Buffalo Electric, Inc.


Title (Seal)

Granite Re, Inc.


Kenneth D. Whittington, Attorney in Fact (Seal)

**GRANITE RE, INC.
GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Know all Men by these Presents:

That GRANITE RE, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of MINNESOTA and having its principal office at the City of OKLAHOMA CITY in the State of OKLAHOMA does hereby constitute and appoint:

KENNETH D. WHITTINGTON; KYLE MCDONALD its true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact(s) for the following purposes, to wit:

To sign its name as surety to, and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, and to respectively do and perform any and all acts and things set forth in the resolution of the Board of Directors of the said GRANITE RE, INC. a certified copy of which is hereto annexed and made a part of this Power of Attorney; and the said GRANITE RE, INC. through us, its Board of Directors, hereby ratifies and confirms all and whatsoever the said:

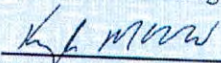
KENNETH D. WHITTINGTON; KYLE MCDONALD may lawfully do in the premises by virtue of these presents.

In Witness Whereof, the said GRANITE RE, INC. has caused this instrument to be sealed with its corporate seal, duly attested by the signatures of its President and Assistant Secretary, this 3rd day of January, 2020.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA)



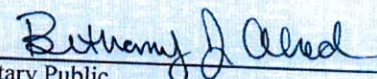

Kenneth D. Whittington, President


Kyle P. McDonald, Assistant Secretary

On this 3rd day of January, 2020, before me personally came Kenneth D. Whittington, President of the GRANITE RE, INC. Company and Kyle P. McDonald, Assistant Secretary of said Company, with both of whom I am personally acquainted, who being by me severally duly sworn, said, that they, the said Kenneth D. Whittington and Kyle P. McDonald were respectively the President and the Assistant Secretary of GRANITE RE, INC., the corporation described in and which executed the foregoing Power of Attorney; that they each knew the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said Power of Attorney was such corporate seal, that it was so fixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation, and that they signed their name thereto by like order as President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the Company.

My Commission Expires:
April 21, 2023
Commission #: 11003620




Notary Public


**GRANITE RE, INC.
Certificate**

THE UNDERSIGNED, being the duly elected and acting Assistant Secretary of Granite Re, Inc., a Minnesota Corporation, HEREBY CERTIFIES that the following resolution is a true and correct excerpt from the July 15, 1987, minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of Granite Re, Inc. and that said Power of Attorney has not been revoked and is now in full force and effect.

“RESOLVED, that the President, any Vice President, the Assistant Secretary, and any Assistant Vice President shall each have authority to appoint individuals as attorneys-in-fact or under other appropriate titles with authority to execute on behalf of the company fidelity and surety bonds and other documents of similar character issued by the Company in the course of its business. On any instrument making or evidencing such appointment, the signatures may be affixed by facsimile. On any instrument conferring such authority or on any bond or undertaking of the Company, the seal, or a facsimile thereof, may be impressed or affixed or in any other manner reproduced; provided, however, that the seal shall not be necessary to the validity of any such instrument or undertaking.”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has subscribed this Certificate and affixed the corporate seal of the Corporation this January 12, 2021.




Kyle P. McDonald, Assistant Secretary



Mountain Rides Transportation Authority
PO Box 3091
Ketchum, ID 83340
Phone: 208-788-7433

Invitation for Bid

FOR

INSTALLATION OF
ELECTRIC BUS CHARGERS AND DISPENSERS

IFB # 2020-12-001

December 2, 2020

SECTION 1: SOLICITATION NOTICE

1.1 Notice

Notice is hereby given that Mountain Rides Transportation Authority (MRTA) releases this Invitation for Bid **IFB# 2020-12-001** for installing two electric bus chargers and two electric bus charger dispensers at each of its Bellevue, Idaho and Ketchum, Idaho bus operations and maintenance locations.

1.2 Communications with MRTA

Upon release of this IFB, all communications concerning this procurement should be directed to:

Ben Varner
Director, Assets and Infrastructure
Mountain Rides Transportation Authority
PO Box 3091, Ketchum, ID 83340
ben@mountainrides.org
208-788-7433, ext. 105

1.3 Submittal of Proposals

Submittals shall be sent via email, as an attachment in PDF format, to Ben Varner, Director, Assets and Infrastructure, at ben@mountainrides.org.

1.4 Nonresponsive Submittals

MRTA reserves the right to reject as non-responsive any Submittal that is incomplete, obscure, or irregular, or from Bidders who have previously failed to perform properly, or to complete on time, contracts of any nature.

1.5 Submittal Process & Requirements

- a) This Invitation is open to licensed public works contractors. Except as set forth below, MRTA will consider the amount bid, Bidder compliance with administrative requirements of the bidding process, and whether the Bidder holds the requisite license, and shall award the bid to the qualified Bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid.
- b) Written objections to specifications or bidding procedures must be received by MRTA at least three (3) business days before the date and time upon which bids are scheduled to be opened. MRTA shall respond to any such objection in writing, adjusting bidding timeframes if necessary.

- c) MRTA requires Bidders to provide Bid Security in an amount equal to at least five percent (5%) of the amount bid. A bid will not be considered unless it includes Bid Security in one (1) of the following forms:
- 1) Cash;
 - 2) A cashier's check made payable to MRTA;
 - 3) A certified check made payable to MRTA; or
 - 4) A Bidder's bond executed by a qualified surety company, made payable MRTA.
- d) Any bid received by MRTA may not be withdrawn after the date and time set in the Notice for opening of bids. If the successful Bidder fails to execute the contract, the amount of its Bidder's security may be forfeited to MRTA at the sole discretion of MRTA and the proceeds shall be deposited in a designated fund out of which the expenses of procuring substitute performance will be paid.
- e) MRTA may, on the refusal or failure of the successful Bidder to execute the contract, award the contract to the qualified Bidder submitting the next lowest responsive bid. If MRTA awards the contract to the next lowest qualified Bidder, the amount of the lowest qualified Bidder's security may be applied by MRTA to the difference between the lowest responsive bid and the next lowest responsive bid, and the surplus, if any, shall be returned to the lowest Bidder if cash or check is used, or to the surety on the Bidder's bond if a bond is used, unless reasonable administrative costs not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of the Bidder's security to the owner.
- f) The successful Bidder, upon execution of the contract, shall provide MRTA a Performance Bond for 100 percent of the contract price. This "performance bond" is obtained to ensure completion of the obligations. This successful Bidder will also be required to submit a Payment Bond in the amount of 50 percent of the contract price. Performance and Payment Bonds may be in the form of: (A) cash; (B) a cashier's check made payable to MRTA; (C) a certified check made payable to MRTA; or (D) a Bidder's bond executed by a qualified surety company, made payable MRTA.
- g) If any participating Bidder objects to the bid award, such Bidder shall respond in writing to the notice from MRTA within seven (7) calendar days of the date of transmittal of the notice, setting forth in such response the express reason or reasons that the award decision of MRTA is in error. Thereafter, MRTA shall review its decision and determine whether to affirm its prior award, modify the award, or choose to re-bid. After completion of the review process, MRTA may proceed as it deems to be in the public interest.
- h) Protests at the FTA Level (for Federally-funded projects only): Protests made to the FTA will be limited to MRTA's failure to have or follow its protest procedures, MRTA's failure to review a complaint or protest, or violations of Federal law or regulation. Any protest to

the FTA must be made in accordance with the following guidelines:

- 1) A protest must be filed with the FTA no later than five (5) working days after the protester learns or should have learned of an adverse decision by MRTA or other basis of appeal to the FTA.
- 2) A protest to the FTA must be filed in accordance with FTA Circular 4220.1F, as amended.

1.6 Pre-contractual Expenses

MRTA will not be responsible for any expenses incurred in preparing, submitting, or negotiating this proposal, and such costs should not be included in the proposal.

1.7 Requests for Clarification or Approved Equals

All requests for clarifications, explanations, changes, substitutions, or approval of items equal to items with specified brand names must be submitted via email to the contact person listed in Section 1.2 using the form in Exhibit A, no later than Dec. 17, 2020 at 5:00PM MST.

MRTA will provide a single written response to all properly submitted requests for clarification or approved equals as an Addendum on or before Dec. 22, 2020 at 5:00PM MST. All Addenda will be posted on the MRTA website at mountainrides.org

1.8 Intent to Bid and Acknowledgement of Addenda

Please send an email to ben@mountainrides.org to state your interest in submitting a proposal and to receiving any issued Addenda.

While MRTA will make efforts to provide Addenda to all interested parties, it is each Bidder's responsibility to ensure that they have received and understand all Addenda issued.

A completed 'Addendum Acknowledgement' form (Exhibit A) shall be included with all proposals.

1.9 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 applies to this contract. The requirements of this contract are to encourage DBE participation and to report race neutral accomplishments semi-annually. No preference will be included in the evaluation of proposals, no minimum level of DBE participation shall be required as condition for receiving an award, and proposals will not be rejected or considered non-responsive on that basis.

1.10 Public Disclosure of Information

All the information contained in the submittal is subject to the State of Idaho public disclosure laws. If a Bidder feels that any information is confidential or proprietary in nature, the Bidder must submit all such information in a separate sealed envelope prominently marked with the Bidder's name and "Exempt from Public Disclosure." MRTA shall not release or divulge such information to third parties without the consent of the Bidder unless required to do so by applicable law or order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

MRTA assumes no responsibility or liability for any losses or damages which may result from the information contained in the submittal. Furthermore, it will be the responsibility of the Bidder to protect the confidentiality of any information submitted in the submittal, and the Bidder will assume all liability and responsibility for any information declared confidential and shall defend and hold MRTA harmless for any cost, penalties, and/or fees (including attorney fees) incurred in any action regarding the disclosure of said information.

1.11 Federal Clauses and Requirements

MRTA receives funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to assist with transit operations and capital expenses. As such, third party contracts involving the use of federal funds are subject to applicable federal rules, including Exhibit B, Supplemental Conditions for FTA-Funded Projects, which are incorporated herein by reference and are a material part of this Invitation for Bid and any awarded Contract.

SECTION 2: SCOPE OF WORK & SCHEDULE

Project Description

Mountain Rides requires the installation of two electric bus chargers and four electric bus charger dispensers at each of its Bellevue and Ketchum bus operations and maintenance facilities located at: i) MRTA, South Valley Maintenance Facility, 121 Clover St., Bellevue, ID 83313; and ii) MRTA, Ketchum Maintenance Facility, 800 1st Ave North, Ketchum, ID 83340.

The selected contractor's scope comprises: i) the procurement and installation of all equipment necessary between the medium voltage padmount transformer installed by Idaho Power and the bus chargers and dispensers which will be procured by Mountain Rides separately; and ii) the installation of the electric bus chargers and dispensers and all connections between the chargers, dispensers, and padmount transformer.

The installation shall be in accordance with the supplied drawings included as Exhibit C and all applicable local and national codes. Exhibit D, ABB installation Guide, is provided for reference.

Bid Submittals

Each bid response should include itemized cost for equipment and labor with major equipment, including electrical panels, step-down transformers, and charger/dispenser installation shown on a separate line item. Major equipment should include manufacturer and generic part number/family.

The proposed schedule for the project is shown below and bid response should include a milestone schedule for the procurement and installation. Included in the milestone schedule should be the contractor's contingency plan/considerations related to potential weather and other issues that would affect the project.

- IFB Release Date: December 2, 2020
- Optional Pre-Bid Virtual Meeting: Friday, Dec. 11, 2020 10:00AM MST (details below)
- Optional Bellevue Pre-Bid Site Walk: December 14, 2020, 1:00PM MST
- Optional Ketchum Pre-Bid Site Walk: December 15, 2020, 1:00PM MST
- Bids Due Date: January 12, 2021, 2:00PM MST
- Bid Opening: January 12, 2021, 2:15PM MST, 121 Clover Street, Bellevue, Idaho
- Bid Award Date: January 20, 2021
- Project complete and ready for testing: April 15, 2021, 4:00PM MDT

Pre-Bid Virtual Meeting Login and Call-In Information:

Mountain Rides - IFB#2020-12-001 Informational Call
Fri, Dec 11, 2020 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MST)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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Access Code: 413-115-405

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Owner's Representative

As part of this project, MRTA has contracted POWER Engineers, Inc. (POWER) to act as Owner's Representative. POWER has assisted with preparation of the bid and design documents provided. All communication regarding the project should be directed to both POWER and MRTA representatives. POWER representative is Jason Marendia, jason.marendia@powereng.com and MRTA representative is Ben Varner, ben@mountainrides.org.

Project Submittals and Installation

As part of the project, the selected contractor is expected to install in accordance with drawings provided in Exhibit B. Except for conduit routing paths and where specified, any change from the drawings should be discussed with MRTA and POWER and the deviation approved prior to proceeding. Any changes to the design should be documented on the provided drawings and a red-lined version of the drawings provided upon project completion.

One hard copy and an electronic version of the Bill of Materials for each location should be provided, including data sheets, where applicable. Included with the data sheets should be routine maintenance requirements for switchboards and components to include in emergency, operation, and maintenance manuals.

The project installation will be done in an operational facility. Ongoing operations could prevent installation if not coordinated ahead of time and contractor should not assume that installation schedule changes can be made without prior notice and planning. The contractor shall coordinate all installation activities with the MRTA facilities team.

Final Inspection and Testing.

Contractor shall perform and document manufacturer recommended field testing for all equipment. At a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours prior to energization of switchboards, contractor must notify POWER and MRTA of such. Contractor must perform tests and inspections per NEMA PB.2.1 and the following:

- Phase rotation of main feeder feeding the 480V switchboard and match to existing building switchboards.
- Applicable visual and mechanical inspections per NETA, MRTA, or industry standard.
- Adjustment of breaker settings according to provided documentation.

Prior to project completion, MRTA and POWER will walk through the project with the contractor to verify completion. Following completion, when the buses arrive on site, the bus manufacturer will be on site to perform acceptance testing of the buses. The contractor must provide a representative for one day of testing. This contractor's representative must be licensed and able to make any changes required to the installation that are discovered during the testing.

Equipment

For major equipment, the accepted manufacturers are:

- Square D
- General Electric
- Eaton/Cooper

- ABB
- Schneider Electric

All equipment, conduit, and cable must be identified using industry standards and as required by the NEC. Each overcurrent protective device must be labeled with an engraved plastic nameplate according to its load served. Each main switchboard must be labeled with an engraved plastic nameplate detailing its name, phase, and source of feed.

Mountain Rides Agenda Action Item Summary

Date:

1/20/21

From:

Staff

Action Item:

7. Approve Schedule of Regular Board of Directors' Meetings for 2021

Committee Review:

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Yes

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No

Committee
Purview:

Previously
discussed at board
level:

☐

Yes

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No

Recommended
Motion:

I move to approve the schedule of Regular Board of Directors' Meetings for 2021

Fiscal Impact:

Related Policy or
Procedural Impact:

Background:

The board meetings will continue to be held by conference call.



**PUBLIC NOTICE –
NOTICE OF MEETING DATES
Mountain Rides Transportation Authority
Board Meetings & Committee Meetings for Calendar Year 2021**

All board meetings and committee meetings are always open to the public

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

WHEN: The 3rd Wednesday of every month at 12:30 pm
WHERE: Conference Call until further notice

DATES for 2021

January 20th, February 17th, March 17th, April 21st, May 19th, June 16th, July 21st,
August 18th, September 15th, October 20th, November 17th, December 15th

PLANNING & MARKETING COMMITTEE

WHEN: The 1st Wednesday of every month at 11:00 am
WHERE: Conference Call until further notice

DATES for 2021

January 6th, February 3rd, March 3rd, April 7th, May 5th, June 2nd, July 7th, August
4th, September 1st, October 6th, November 3rd, December 1st

FINANCE & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

WHEN: The 1st Wednesday of every month at 12:30 pm
WHERE: Conference Call until further notice

DATES for 2021

January 6th, February 3rd, March 3rd, April 7th, May 5th, June 2nd, July 7th, August
4th, September 1st, October 6th, November 3rd, December 1st

NOTE: Agendas will be produced for each meeting at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Public information on agenda items is available from the Mountain Rides office at 800 1st Ave N. or 208-788-7433. Any person needing special accommodation to attend the above noticed meeting should contact Mountain Rides three days prior to the meeting at 208-788-7433.

Mountain Rides Agenda Discussion Item Summary

Date:	<div>1/20/2021</div>	From:	<div>MRTA Staff</div>
Discussion Item:	<div>8. Presentation: Management Report of Performance for 2020</div>		
Committee Review:	<div><input type="radio"/> yes</div> <div><input checked="" type="radio"/> no</div>	Committee Purview:	<div></div>
Fiscal Impact:	<div></div>		
Related Policy or Procedural Impact:	<div></div>		
Background:	<div>See accompanying presentation re: recap of MRTA's 2020 performance.</div>		



Mountain Rides Transportation Authority 2020 Hindsight

**Performance
Pandemic
Projects
People
Purpose**

Jan 20, 2021

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Mountain Rides Transportation Authority

2020 Hindsight

Organizational Integrity

- ★ Maintain highest standards for ethical actions and transparency
- ★ Recruit, train, reward, and retain high-quality, diverse workforce

Service Excellence

- ★ Serve broad demographics
- ★ Increase frequency
- ★ Optimize fare structure
- ★ Encourage drivers as ambassadors
- ★ Upgrade fleet & infrastructure

Environmental Commitment

- ★ 100% battery electric fleet
- ★ Sustainably generated electricity
- ★ Minimize GHG emissions: Zero-emissions vehicles
- ★ Drive low-environmental-impact mobility...walk, bike, vanpool, bus

Community Engagement

- ★ Inspire *all* people to be *riders*
- ★ Engender healthy, fruitful relationships with Joint Powers and other community partners
- ★ Boost Mountain Rides' brand
- ★ Earn "safe for kids" status

Economic Sustainability

- ★ Diversify funding sources
- ★ Establish Regional Public Transportation District
- ★ Optimize Joint Powers' funding
- ★ Maintain the integrity of budgets and financial results/outcomes

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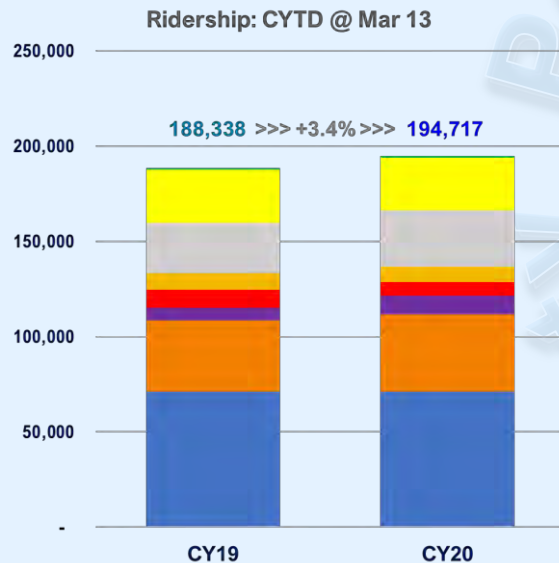


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2020 Hindsight

Performance

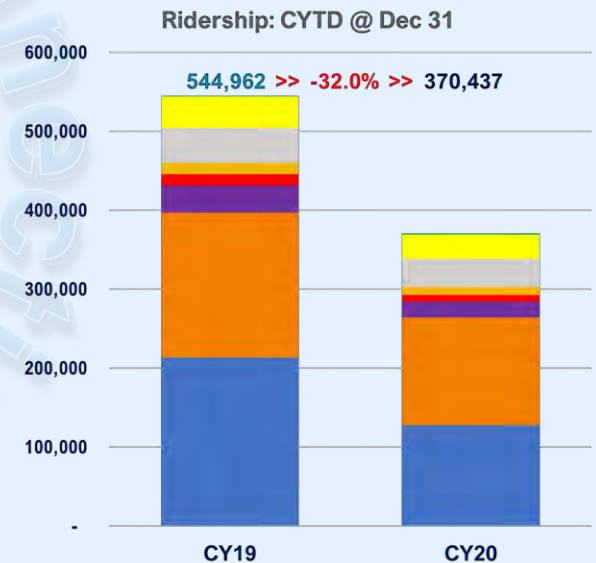
With **CARES funds**, we met our budget, implemented **Covid-19 mitigation**, and operated **zero-fare service**. We passed CARES funds to our local partners and **reduced our year-over-year FY21 local funding by 25%**.



Ridership: Mar 14 - Dec 31

<u>CY19</u>	<u>CY20</u>
356,624	175,720

Down 51% Y-o-Y



Ridership has been trending up. For **Q4-2020: System-wide @ 63% of Prior Year; Valley @ 78%; Blue @ 52%; Hailey @ 55% of Prior Year.**

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2020 Hindsight

Pandemic

Safe workplace for drivers...Safe space for passengers.

RIDER UPDATE!

15 riders maximum on the bus at a time
A lo máximo 15 pasajeros en el autobús a la vez

ESTAMOS COMPROMETIDOS CON SU SEGURIDAD Y APRECIAMOS SU COOPERACIÓN Y COMPRENSIÓN
WE ARE COMMITTED TO YOUR SAFETY AND APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING

Masks are required on the bus.
Please protect yourself and others.

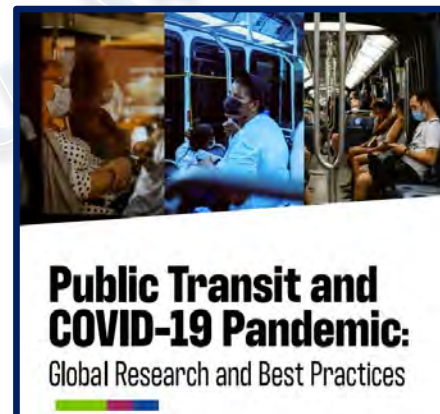


Mascara facial requerida.
Por favor, protéjase a sí mismo y a los demás

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Covid-19 mitigation measures:

- ◆ Day-time, night-time sanitation of buses.
- ◆ Barrier between driver and passengers.
- ◆ Zero-fare, enabling rear-door boarding.
- ◆ Complimentary masks for all.
- ◆ Passenger limit: 15 at any time.
- ◆ Extra runs and buses.



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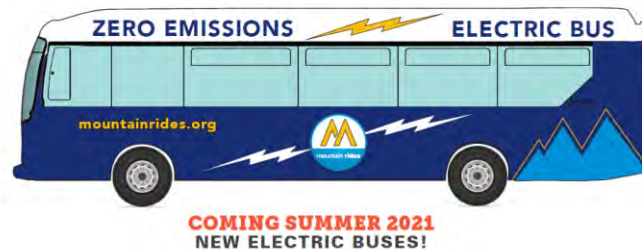
2020 Hindsight

Projects

Safe Routes/Mobility Coordinator projects/programs:



- ◆ Safe Routes to School.
- ◆ Blaine County Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan.
- ◆ Connectivity solutions for community neighborhoods.



4 electric buses on Valley Route, Summer 2021.



\$30K grant from NADTC for non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) pilot between Wood River Valley and Twin Falls, Spring 2021.

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2020 Hindsight

People

Hiring for Winter Season Job Fair/Open House

Set up your winter job now!

Mountain Rides is hiring for the upcoming winter season.
Come hear all about working for Mountain Rides on

**Saturday, August 29 at 9am
at our Bellevue Facility,**

located at 121 Clover Street (Clover and Gannett Rd.)

Mountain Rides is hiring several
bus drivers and a **nighttime
bus cleaner** in September.

Bus Driver positions will start
work around October 19.
The bus cleaner will start work
around Nov. 9.



MOUNTAIN RIDES OFFERS:

- Great pay
- Fun, safe environment
- 32 – 40 hours per week during the winter season
- No split shifts
- Flexible schedules where possible
- Work a morning, afternoon, or nighttime shift



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Morale is very good. We remain **healthy**.

Teamwork is our watchword.

Safety continues to be our number one priority.

Staff and riders have adapted and continue to adapt well to **pandemic-related health-and-safety protocols. 99%+ compliance!**

Continuing education/training opportunities abound. Cost-effective, time-efficient virtual/remote nature of the new learning environment. Building the **organization's collective knowledge-base!**

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2020 Hindsight

Service Excellence

Devised and implemented Covid-19 safeguards/protocols on our buses and at our facilities, stressing optimal safety and comfort for our passengers and staff.

Replaced/upgraded our fleet, including three (3) new vans and six (6) new buses, with four (4) new BEBs ordered and scheduled for delivery in Spring 2021.

Increased Valley Route frequency on weekends, mirroring weekday service – validating the route as a “commuter service supporting our seven-day-resort-oriented economy.”

Enhanced bus services for school children, a transit-dependent group, e.g., increased start- and end-of-school-day capacities.

Via RFP process, selected an Intelligent Transportation System to replace/upgrade our incumbent system and improve the experience of riders, drivers, and administrative staff.

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2020 Hindsight

Environmental Commitment

Placed initial order with New Flyer of America for four (4) battery electric buses (BEBs), to be in-service Summer 2021.

Commenced project to install electric bus charging infrastructure at Bellevue and Ketchum depots, to be completed Spring 2021.

Replaced three (3) end-of-useful-life diesel buses with three (3) new, state-of-the-art clean diesel buses.

Awarded ~\$7.5M in federal capital grants that, when matched with local funds, will underwrite the purchase(s) of up to thirteen (13) BEBs and related charging infrastructure.

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2020 Hindsight

Community Engagement

Timely, effective communication with MRTA's riders re: pandemic protocols. Gained 99%+ compliance with protocols – distancing, masks, passenger load limits.

Reinforced and extended Mountain Rides' brand reach via NEMT Pilot & Blaine County Bike/Ped Master Plan Update participation/leadership.

Supported/strengthened relationships with joint powers via ad hoc dialogue and regular status/performance updates (city council(s), county commissioners).

Via Safe Routes to School program, developed strong, fruitful relationships with children and families, portending ever-growing trust, reliance, and appreciation of Mountain Rides.

Promoted "Children Are Riders, Too!"; counseled families on how to use our services.

Via the "NEMT to Twin Falls," expanded our network of regional partners & collaborators.

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2020 Hindsight

Economic Sustainability

Strengthened MRTA's relationship and collaborated with ITD-PT re: distributing and administering ITD-PT's apportionment of CARES funds.

Awarded \$3.2M CARES funds by ITD-PT.

Awarded 5311 (+29%), 5339b, 5339c, and DEQ grants – total grant awards: ~\$16.2M. Awarded more funding from diverse sources in a single year than ever before.

Awarded \$60K ITD & \$10K Spur Foundation grants supporting Safe Routes.

Optimized JPA contribution, while decreasing it by 25% Y-o-Y. Filled JPA funding gap with CARES funds. Managed JPA funds (local match) to ensure full draw down of 5311 funds.

Maintained financial integrity: i) FY20 expenses < FY20 budget; ii) FY20 audit = A+.

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2020 Hindsight

Organizational Integrity

Maintained a high standard of ethical performance, manifest in efforts to mitigate the spread of Covid-19 and acknowledged by the community's positive reception of those efforts and cooperation in observing and adhering to the associated protocols.

Who We Are	LatinX	Anglo
Female	1	7
Male	7	27
All	8	34

Improved internal communications, collaboration. (Pandemic-induced remote work.)

Recruited, assimilated, trained, and retained high-quality, diverse workers – critical during pandemic – including diverse group of five (5) drivers and two (2) maintenance techs.

Enhanced our knowledge-base, completing wide scope of online training & continuing education, e.g., BEBs & Infrastructure, Leadership Development, ITD-PT training...

Completed 2020 with zero injuries to riders, employees, and all others.

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