



RECORDED

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MOUNTAIN RIDES TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 1:00 p.m.  
Conference Call and in person, Ketchum City Hall, Ketchum**

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

**PRESENT:** Chair Melody Mattson (at-large), Vice-chair Tom Blanchard (Bellevue), Secretary Rick Webking (Sun Valley), Kathleen Kristenson (Blaine County), Peter Hendricks (Sun Valley), Neil Bradshaw (Ketchum), Martha Burke (Hailey)

**NOT PRESENT:** Kristin Derrig (Ketchum)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mountain Rides Executive Director, Wally Morgus  
Mountain Rides Director, Finance & Administration, Tucker Van Law  
Mountain Rides Director, Assets & Planning, Ben Varner  
Mountain Rides Director, Transit Operations, Kim MacPherson  
Mountain Rides Admin Coordinator, Jerry Garcia  
Mountain Rides Manager, Mobility Programs and Resilience, Cece Osborn  
Juan Martinez, Ex-officio board Member, City of Hailey

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Melody Mattson called to order the meeting of Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 1:01 pm via conference call and in person at the Ketchum City Hall. Secretary Rick Webking called roll and determined that a quorum was present.

**2. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR, BOARD MEMBERS, and STAFF**

Rick Webking said that he had a conversation with a friend of his, a retired Doctor, about the red route, and they talked about what a fantastic experience it is to ride the red route, especially in the mornings.

Kathleen Kristenson said that she would like to give some credit to the drivers and operations for adapting and keeping moving during the road construction and snowstorm.

Tom Blanchard said it is incredible to see people riding the bus are still wearing a mask.

Neil Bradshaw asked if bus drivers are allowing more people in the buses now that the mask mandate is off or is it sitting only?

Wally Morgus said that drivers allow sitting only at the moment, and typically the valley route does not do standees. Wally also thanked operations and drivers for doing a great job.

Martha Burke agreed with what Wally said.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (incl. questions from Press)**  
There was none.

**4. Consent Calendar items**

- a. Approve: Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, March 16, 2022.
- b. Receive/file: Performance Dashboard report for March 2022.
- c. Receive/file: Minutes of Planning and Marketing Committee Meeting, April 6, 2022
- d. Receive/file: Minutes of Finance & Performance Committee Meeting, April 6, 2022
- e. Receive/file: February 2022 Operating Financial Statements and Bills Paid.
- f. Receive/file: Reports from Director, Assets & Planning; Director, Transit Operations; Director, Finance & Administration; Manager, Transit Operations; Manager, Mobility Programs & Resiliency; Executive Director

**Neil Bradshaw moved to approve, receive, file, and adopt the Consent Agenda. Tom Blanchard seconded. The motion passed.**

**5. DISCUSSION ITEM:**

*Items of Interest to the Board*

Rick Webking mentioned he noticed a new record of ridership for the valley route hitting the 18,000s in the chart.

Wally Morgus said that that is the highest monthly ridership ever for the valley route. The Valley route is back to 105 percent of ridership from pre-pandemic levels.

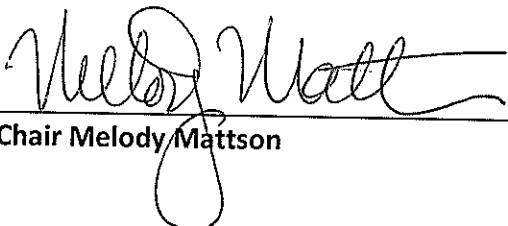
Kim MacPherson confirmed that is the highest ridership since 2011.

Rick Webking said he would like to look at the operating cost per hour between diesel and battery-electric buses.

Ben Varner said that it is too early to do a live cycle cost of ownership, but they are ahead on fuel by 7 or 11 cents per mile.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Kathleen Kristenson moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 pm. Peter Hendricks seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

  
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Chair Melody Mattson