

2013 Budget



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^{**} The column titled GFOA is for easy reference to the Government Finance Officer Association (GFOA) criteria. GFOA criteria are <u>underlined</u> though out the document.



Introduction

This Budget Document has been formatted to reflect the Governmental Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Awards Program structure and criteria of high quality budget documents. Annually the Program recognizes high quality budget documents. The high quality budget structure contains the following categories:

- Policy Document;
- Financial Plan:
- Operations Guide;
- Communications Device.

GFOA Categories and criteria are explicitly identified and cross referenced in the document.

<u>The State of Colorado Financial Management Manual – A Guide for Colorado Local Governments</u> also recommends that a budget document is formatted in the GFOA Budget structure (contains the four categories). Additional requirements by Colorado Local Budget Law are explicitly identified and cross referenced in the document.

The GFOA presented a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority for the Annual Budget beginning **January 1, 2012**. This award is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current budget continues to conform to program requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another award.

Management presents the 2013 Roaring Fork Transportation Authority Budget formatted in accordance with the GFOA Budget Award Program categories and criteria.

Michael Yang, CPA Budget Officer



Message

The Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (the Authority) has prepared the 2013 Annual Budget document as a means to communicate to the Public and the Authority Board (the Board) the issues considered in planning the use of limited resources to provide public transit and maintaining the Rio Grande Trail in the Roaring Fork Valley during the 2013 year.

Services to be delivered

- The Authority provides transit services in the Roaring Fork Valley (from Aspen to Glenwood Springs, Colorado) and in the I-70 Corridor (from Glenwood Springs to Rifle, Colorado). Additionally, RFTA owns a rail corridor in the Roaring Fork Valley and maintains the Rio Grande Trail for pedestrian, bike and equestrian use.
- In 2013, the Transit Program will provide public transit service to approximately 4 million passengers, covering approximately 3.7 million miles within a 70-mile region, operating and maintaining approximately 80 large transit vehicles with approximately 270 employees during peak winter season.
- The Trails Program maintains a 34-mile rail corridor and trail.

2013 Budget Initiatives and Priorities

- In the September 2012 Board meeting it was determined by the Board that the initial 2013 Budget should add to fund balance, if possible;
- There should be a reduction of transit services, if necessary, in order to avoid depletion of fund balance; and
- Authority staff should strive to add to operating and capital reserves annually.
- Consult with the Finance Departments of the Authority's member jurisdictions to obtain their sales tax estimates for 2013.
- There is no upward transit fare adjustment planned for 2013.
- Develop the transit service plan and include the new Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service anticipated to begin in September 2013.

Continuing Budget issues

- Sales tax revenues have continued to increase by 4.5% through August compared to the prior year while operating revenues have increased by 2.6%;
- o Management will continue to maintain a guarded approach regarding the growth rate and monitor activity on a monthly basis.
- The price of diesel fuel continues to fluctuate;
- o Management has obtained fixed price contracts to manage the volatility.
- Increase in employee health insurance and corporate insurance package costs;
- o Management is considering various scenarios to reduce costs and reviewing the insurance policies and coverage with its brokers to determine appropriate coverage at competitive prices.



- In the past, the high cost of living in the Roaring Fork Valley has negatively affected the Authority's ability to hire and retain qualified transit personnel. The recession has increased the pool of workers available in the region for the past few years;
- Management is reviewing its compensation package with respect to wage and benefit enhancements, along with providing employee housing, in order to remain competitive in the local job market.

New Budget issues

- BRT service is scheduled to start in September 2013;
- The Authority will take into consideration of the incremental operating costs as a result of the BRT transit service which includes bus operators, mechanics and facilities/buildings maintenance.

Dan Blankenship Chief Executive Officer



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Overview of Financial Policies

Financial Planning

- Balanced Budget: Current year expenditures/ expenses will be funded from current year
 forecasted sales tax, transit fares and other sources specifically identified to fund current
 operating expenditures/ expenses. Other sources of funds must be confirmed or reasonably
 anticipated to be used for operating expenditures/ expenses. Use of fund balance for current year
 expenditures/expenses will be explicitly approved by the Board;
- Long Range Planning: Management has committed to preparing a 5-year projection in 2013. The projection will include estimated revenues, operating costs and future capital purchases such as bus purchases/replacement, trails and facilities projects;
- Capital purchases: The useful life of a bus for operating purposes is 12 years and/or 500,000 miles. Refurbishing a bus can extend its operating life. Annually, Management will review the bus fleet based on the above criteria to determine required replacement. Trails capital expenditures/expenses will be incurred as funding is available. Capital assets are defined as assets with an initial cost of \$5,000 or more and a minimum useful life of 3 years.

Basis of Budgeting

- The Authority Budget and Financial Statements are reported in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles on a modified accrual basis of accounting; Authority transit and trails activity is recorded in the General Fund of the government wide financial statements; additionally, the Authority accounts for service contract, bus shelter and park n ride activity as well as certain trails activity in Eagle County in each of its own Special Revenue fund; the Series 2009A&B and 2012A Bond Issuance proceeds require three capital projects funds, three debt service funds and a reserve fund; capital expenditures using the Federal Transit Authority's Very Small Starts capital grant funds are recorded in its own capital projects fund; and finally, the Series 2010A Bond Issuance proceeds require a capital projects fund.
- The modified accrual basis of accounting recognizes increases and decreases in financial resources only to the extent that they reflect near-term inflows or outflows of cash. Amounts are recognized as revenue when earned and collectable to pay liabilities of the current period or soon after; certain expenditures are recognized when payment is due.

Revenue

• Revenue Diversification: Funding is received primarily through dedicated sales tax, service contract revenue and transit fares. Revenue diversification is achieved by actively pursuing other financing sources each year such as local, state and federal grants;



- Fees and Charges: Annual sales tax forecast will be based on estimates received from the participating governmental entities. Additionally, annual review of Transit fares is performed for possible adjustment;
- *Use of one time revenues/ unpredictable revenues*: Financing sources (sources other than sales tax, service contract revenue or transit fares) should not be used to pay for current year operating expenditures unless specifically identified to fund operating expenditures/ expenses by the contributor/ grantor of the resource and the amount to be received is certain.

Expenditure/ Expense Policies

- Debt capacity, issuance and management: By Colorado Law (the State constitution), the Authority cannot enter into any action creating a multiple fiscal year debt or other financial obligation unless first submitted to a vote of the registered electors residing within the boundaries of the Authority;
- However, the Law allows the Board to enter into installment or lease purchase contracts, subject to annual appropriation with the following limits:
 - for the purchase of property or capital equipment;
 - the term of any such contract may not extend over a period greater than the estimated useful life of the property or equipment;
- Additionally, Authority policy prohibits debt with the following exceptions:
 - use of a credit card for business-related purposes;
 - borrowing from unassigned fund balance in an amount greater than can be replenished by certain, otherwise unencumbered revenues within 90 days after borrowing without Board approval;
- Derivatives do not fit within the overall debt management program and are prohibited;
- The Authority does not have written policies concerning debt structuring, issuance or management practices. In 2009, the Authority issued debt for the first time as a stand-alone government. The Authority plans to prepare a debt policy in accordance with GFOA best practices and advisories;
- Reserve or stabilization accounts: the Operating reserve requirement is fifteen percent of the annual budgeted amount of operating revenues (consisting of sales tax and transit fare revenues) or a 2-month average of budgeted operating expenditures, whichever is larger. This reserve would allow the Authority to maintain service levels for a 12 month period when experiencing a fifteen percent reduction in sales tax and transit fare revenue. Additionally, capital reserves are committed based on Board requirements as to amount. Prior Board approval is required to use reserved funds, to not reserve funds in a given year or use fund balance when expenditures exceed revenues in a given year.
- Operating/capital expenditure accountability: Review of actual expenditures to budget by department will be performed on a monthly basis taking action to bring the department expenditures within budget when necessary.



Non-financial goals and objectives

Global ends statement:

The Roaring Fork Transportation Authority's (RFTA) purpose is that residents and visitors utilize an environmentally friendly, safe, efficient, convenient, and economical public transit and trails system.

Ends statements that support the Global ends statement have been identified as follows:

- The Rio Grande Corridor is appropriately protected and utilized;
- Trail and transit users move safely, quickly, and efficiently;
- There is a positive public perception of bus-riding;
- Transit experiences are enjoyable;
- Transit access is affordable to all in the valley;
- Ridership increases 1.75% per year;
- Trail and transit users enjoy environmentally friendly equipment and facilities.

Policy for a Greener, Less Petroleum-Dependent Transit Fleet

Additionally, in December 2002, RFTA adopted a phased approach to converting its fleet to alternative propulsion systems as a means of:

- Reducing the environmental impacts from transit operations on the community and
- Reducing RFTA's dependence on petroleum by moving towards sustainable and renewable forms of energy and
- Providing higher quality service to our customers and the communities we serve.

Furthermore, in July 2011, RFTA Board created the following vision statement and identified the following values statements:

VISION/MISSION

RFTA pursues excellence and innovation in providing preferred

transportation choices that connect and support vibrant communities.



VALUES

Safe

Safety is RFTA's highest priority.

Accountable

RFTA will be accountable to the public, and its users.

Affordable

RFTA will offer affordable and competitive transportation options.

Convenient

RFTA's programs and services will be convenient and easy to use.

Dependable

RFTA will meet the public's expectations for quality and reliability of services and facilities.

Efficient

RFTA will be efficient in management, operations, and use of resources.

Innovative

RFTA will be innovative in accomplishing goals.

Sustainable

RFTA will be financially, socially, and environmentally sustainable to ensure our services continue.



Organizational Objectives:

In 2012, the Authority's organizational long-term objectives and related strategies were updated:

Safety

RFTA will create a culture of 'safety first' to provide a safe experience for the public and staff.

Communication

RFTA will proactively strive to inform and educate our community and peers on its value.

Environmental

Sustainability Planning

RFTA will research and implement innovative, environmentally sustainable practices in all areas of transit and trails management.

OBJECTIVES

RFTA has targeted the following key performance areas.

Customer Service

By providing safe, highly reliable, comfortable, and cost efficient transportation to our residents and visitors, RFTA will strive to exceed community expectations.

Human Capital

RFTA will ensure organizational sustainability by enhancing its ability to continue to recruit and retain a happy, well-trained, professional workforce.

Sustainability/

Existence Planning

RFTA will maintain and monitor its short-term and five year long-term financial forecast in order to properly plan for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.



Organizational Strategies:

Objective 1: Safety *Strategies:*

- 1. Develop a plan to systemically reinforce good safety habits throughout RFTA.
- 2. Develop a system to identify, evaluate, and implement innovative ideas to proactively implement safety throughout RFTA.
- 3. Develop a plan to more fully integrate the public in RFTA's safety culture.

Objective 2: Human Capital

Strategies:

- 1. Design and implement a 5-year development plan to train all staff to proficiency and that ensures every job function has multiple employees capable of performing the critical tasks associated with each function.
- 2. Develop a Succession Plan for all Directors/Managers with a three-year target for identification and development of potential successors.
- 3. Develop and implement formal Performance Evaluation tools and procedures that include objective performance measures that have associated rewards/incentives.
- 4. Review and revise all RFTA job descriptions for accuracy, clarity, and completeness. Align job descriptions with performance development, performance evaluation, and succession plans.
- 5. Develop formal and/or informal methods and programs for evaluating employee happiness and satisfaction, implementing the benefits, conditions and programs identified through evaluation methods, and continuously refining the benefits, conditions and programs based on regular feedback from employees.

Objective 3: Sustainability/Existence Planning

Strategies:

- 1. Create a baseline service plan based on new BRT data collection tools and use this to optimize service with existing resources.
- 2. Develop a long-term Capital Maintenance/Replacement program to properly maintain RFTA assets using new Asset Management software.
- 3. Develop a Capital Project Plan that identifies, prioritizes and primes capital projects to best use available funds.
- 4. Create a plan to reduce operating expenditures and/or recommend the use of fund balance in response to volatile financial conditions.

Objective 4: Customer Service

Strategies:

- 1. Conduct a survey to determine customer's perceptions and expectations of a safe, reliable, cost-efficient and comfortable transportation.
- Develop performance measures and service standards for safety, reliability, costefficiency, and comfort based on financial feasibility, customer expectations, industry
 standards and RFTA best practices; Develop procedures to meet or exceed these
 standards.
- 3. Continue to improve and/or expand our method(s) for getting regular feedback from our customers about our service.



Organizational Strategies continued...

4. Develop a Quality Assurance program that allows Maintenance personnel to look at the buses from a customer's perspective.

Objective 5: Environmental Sustainability Planning

Strategies:

- 1. Staff will continue to seek grants and various funding opportunities that align with sustainable facility and fleet projects.
- 2. RFTA will maintain partnerships with regional non-profit and private sector businesses that offer sustainability expertise beyond staff skills.
- 3. RFTA will continue to be a national pacesetter researching and using alternative fuel technologies that are proven and make sense for operational success.

Objective 5: Environmental Sustainability Planning (continued)

Strategies:

- 1. Staff will continue to seek grants and various funding opportunities that align with sustainable facility and fleet projects.
- 2. RFTA will maintain partnerships with regional non-profit and private sector businesses that offer sustainability expertise beyond staff skills.
- 3. RFTA will continue to be a national pacesetter researching and using alternative fuel technologies that are proven and make sense for operational success.

Objective 6: Communication

Strategies:

- 1. Define what community means to RFTA.
- 2. Improve a communication plan to better utilize technology and to continually educate and update our community.
- 3. Ensure communication plan encompasses all available media outlets.
- 4. Develop and implement a plan to improve implied communication at stops, on buses, at buildings and facilities.
- 5. Develop bilingual or universal symbol communication tools.
- 6. Create a branded SharePoint program.
- 7. Centralize all relevant existing information into SharePoint and make on-going communications consistent and unified.



Department Annual Goals:

Departments identify issues and opportunities for improvement and create related goals on a project basis that will address the identified areas for improvement. Goal status is periodically reported to the CEO and Board.

CEO/ COO/Procurement/Safety & Training

- Oversee successful completion of VelociRFTA BRT construction project and successful implementation of VelociRFTA BRT service in September 2013;
- Oversee successful start-up and operation of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) transition project;
- Oversee development of Long-Range Financial Forecast;
- Revision and adoption of RFTA Board Governing Policies;
- RFTA Board decision regarding long-term approach for Legal Services;
- Develop a Quality Assurance/Quality Control Program;
- Finalization of Procurement Policy Manual;
- Procurement of long-term natural gas vendor;
- Initiate implementation of 2011 organizational assessment recommendations for post-BRT;
- Internal Procurement Workshop for Directors and Managers;
- Update internal safety and training programs;
- Conduct evacuation drills and training.

Bus Rapid Transit/ Facilities Department

- Complete construction phase of BRT stations and park-and-rides;
- Complete the installation of all IT components at each BRT station, including signage and ticket vending machines;
- Finalize schedule and begin construction for AMF Re-commissioning Project;
- Update Comprehensive Plan for transit and rail corridor.

Finance Department

- Develop a 5-year long-range forecast;
- Develop a financial reporting tool for the Board;
- Enhance the collection and dissemination of financial data;
- Review current financial policies and update as needed;
- Continue to train Assistant Director as part of succession plan;
- Continue to monitor annual budget and update monthly projection.

Human Resources & Risk Management

- Implement in-house employee law, safety, and management trainings;
- Implement progressive discipline procedures and guidelines;
- Develop incentives for accident-free employees;
- Conduct an employee satisfaction survey;
- Develop administration performance evaluation form.



Department Goals continued...

Information Technology and Marketing Department

- Complete Intelligent Technology Software implementation for launch of BRT service;
- Continue to rollout SharePoint software to increase internal communications;
- Continuously improve electronic information, connectivity, and web security;
- Complete various software training programs;
- Installation of Ticket Vending Machines;
- Improve RFTA website and social media strategies;
- Develop and implement marketing plan regarding new BRT service and amenities.

Maintenance Department

- Increase budgetary monitoring and reporting within the department;
- Procure 22 CNG buses, assist with development and installation of required CNG infrastructure, and develop comprehensive CNG training program;
- Continue to develop "Ride Around" and "Walk Thru" programs;
- Implement Asset Management Software and an Automated Fluids Management System;
- Continue to improve training program.

Operations Department

- Integration of BRT service plan with existing transit service;
- Provide on-site supervisor trainings;
- Control overtime through appropriate staffing levels;
- Continue to provide a high level of customer service to the public;
- Continue to provide relevant in-service training to personnel.

Planning Department

- Develop and submit proposals for federal and state grants for critical transit assets;
- Monitor and report progress on Transit strategic planning;
- Continue to develop and monitor Transit service standards;
- Collaborate with the Facilities & Trails Department to conduct strategic planning for the Trail & Corridor;
- Promote transit-oriented development through regional planning and coordination efforts.



Financial Plan

Fund and fund structure

The Authority Budget and Financial Statement are reported in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles on a modified accrual basis of accounting. All Funds are appropriated.

General Fund reports operating activity for Valley Wide, Hogback and miscellaneous Transit, Trails and Administrative Support services. Additionally, most Capital and all Debt Service activity are reported in the General Fund.

Service Contract Special Revenue Fund reports revenue and operating activity for additional services based on contractual agreement. These services are extra services provided in certain areas within the overall Authority service area. For a more detailed description of the Transit Services provided see the service description narrative and service area map in the statistical and supplemental information section.

Bus Shelter/Park and Ride Special Revenue Fund reports vehicle fee revenue and bus stops and park n ride expenditure activity as required by State rural transit authority enabling legislation. Additionally, by resolution, Garfield County has dedicated certain development fees to construct bus shelter and park n ride improvements in unincorporated Garfield County.

Mid Valley Trails Special Revenue Fund reports activity for certain trails activities within Eagle County. As a condition of becoming a member of the Authority, Eagle County dedicated an existing ½ cent sales tax to the Authority. Part of the sales tax was dedicated to trails. In June of 2002 the Authority by resolution adopted the Eagle County Mid Valley Trails Committee. The Committee administers all aspects of appropriating the funds and the Authority provides accounting of the funds and other services as requested by the Committee.

Bus Rapid Transit Special Revenue Fund reports operating activity for planning the Bus Rapid Transit Project. Specifically, this includes all revenues from the November 2008, voter approved, 0.4% increase in sales tax for the Bus Rapid Transit Project and for the expenditures that can not be charged against the Series 2009A & B Capital Project Funds.

Series 2009A Capital Projects Fund reports all expenditure activity related to the Bus Rapid Transit Project for assets and infrastructure such as a portion of buses, intelligent transportation system components, and a portion of transit priority. These expenditures are certain and specific in accordance with Tax law as identified by Bond Counsel.



Series 2009B Capital Projects Fund reports all expenditure activity related to the Bus Rapid Transit Project for assets and infrastructure such as portion of buses, intelligent transportation system components, and a portion of transit priority. These expenditures are certain and specific in accordance with Tax law as identified by Bond Counsel.

Very Small Starts BRT Capital Projects Fund reports all expenditure activity related to the Bus Rapid Transit Project for assets and infrastructure primarily using federal awards from the Very Small Starts grant.

Series 2010A Capital Projects Fund reports all expenditure activity related to the Aspen Maintenance Facility Re-commissioning Project for assets and infrastructure

Series 2012A Capital Projects Fund reports all expenditure activity related to the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Project for assets and infrastructure such as CNG fueling station and safety modifications at the Glenwood Springs Maintenance Facility and the CNG portion of buses.

Series 2009A Debt Service Fund reports all principal and interest expenditures for the \$6.5 million bond issuance and interest earned as required by resolution. This is a tax exempt issuance.

Series 2009B Debt Service Fund reports all principal and interest expenditures for related to the \$21 million Build America Bond issuance and interest earned as required by resolution.

Series 2012A Debt Service Fund reports all principal and interest expenditures for the \$6.65 million Qualified Energy Conservation Bond (QECB) issuance and interest earned as required by resolution. As the QECB issuer, the Authority receives payment from the US Treasury for 70% of the Qualified Tax Credit Rate.

Reserve Fund reports all activity related to the required reserves for the Series 2009A&B and Series 2012A Bonds as required by resolution.



Consolidated Financial Overview (in thousands)

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Beginning fund balance (Budget).	\$ 6,477	\$	-	\$	118	\$	104	\$	6,597	\$	1,271	Ş	2,163	Ş	16,729	
Revenues:																
Sales and use tax	\$ 11,169	\$	-	\$	-	\$	33	\$	5,524	\$	-	\$	-	\$	16,726	35.2%
Service contracts	\$ -	\$	8,314	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	8,314	17.5%
Operating revenue	\$ 3,900	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	3,900	8.2%
Capital grant revenue	\$ 2,029	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$:	12,860	\$	-	\$	14,889	31.4%
Operating grant revenue	\$ 890	\$	30	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	920	1.9%
Local gov't contributions	\$ 1,261	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,261	2.7%
Otherincome	\$ 348	\$	-	\$	399	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	677	\$	1,424	3.0%
Investment income	\$ 8	\$	-	\$	1	\$	0	\$	10	\$	15	\$	-	\$	34	0.1%
Total revenue	\$ 19,605	\$	8,344	\$	400	\$	33	\$	5,534	\$:	12,875	\$	677	\$	47,468	100.0%
Program expenditures:																
Fuel	\$ 1,569	\$	857	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,426	5.0%
Transit	\$ 13,116	\$	7,607	\$	419	\$	-	\$	1,735	\$	-	\$	-	\$	22,877	47.0%
Trails & Corridor Mgmt	\$ 381	\$	-	\$	-	\$	104	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	486	1.0%
Subtotal operating exp.	\$ 15,066	\$	8,464	\$	419	\$	104	\$	1,735	\$	-	\$	-	\$	25,788	53.0%
Capital	\$ 3,409	\$	_	\$	-	\$	-	\$	149	\$:	14,744	\$	-	\$	18,302	37.6%
Debt Service	\$ 2,263	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,341	\$	4,604	9.5%
Total expenditures	\$ 20,738	\$	8,464	\$	419	\$	104	\$	1,884	\$:	14,744	\$	2,341	\$	48,695	100.0%
Other financing sources	\$ 1,405	\$	120	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,602	\$	1,665	\$	4,791	
Other financing (uses)	\$ (120)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(4,063)	\$	(365)	\$	-	\$	(4,549)	
Change in Fund Balance	\$ 151	\$	(0)	\$	(20)	\$	(71)	\$	(413)	\$	(632)	\$	(0)	\$	(984)	
Ending fund balance	\$ 6,628	\$	(0)	\$	98	\$	33	\$	6,184	\$	639	\$	2,163	\$	15,745	

*See Supplemental Schedule for Capital Project Funds:

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Beginning fund balance (Budget)	\$ -	\$	-	\$	(888)	\$ 1,209	\$	950	\$	1,271
Revenues:										
Capital grant revenue	\$ -	\$	-	\$	10,560	\$ 2,300	\$	-	\$	12,860
Investment income	\$ -	\$	-	\$	10	\$ 5	\$	-	\$	15
Total revenue	\$ -	\$	-	\$	10,570	\$ 2,305	\$	-	\$	12,875
Program expenditures:										
Capital	\$ -	\$	-	\$	10,919	\$ 2,875	\$	950	\$	14,744
Total expenditures	\$ -	\$	-	\$	10,919	\$ 2,875	\$	950	\$	14,744
Other financing sources	\$ -	\$	-	\$	1,602	\$ -	\$	-	\$	1,602
Other financing (uses)	\$ -	\$	-	\$	(365)	\$ -	\$	-	\$	(365)
Change in Fund Balance	\$ -	\$	-	\$	888	\$ (570)	\$	(950)	\$	(632)
Ending fund balance	\$ -	\$	-	\$	0	\$ 639	\$	-	\$	639

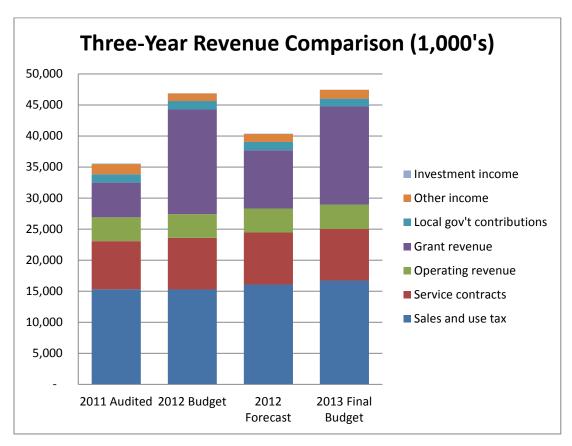


Three Year Financial Summary Information

Total revenues (in thousands)	201	1 Audited	012 Budget as of 9/13/12	012 Forecast as of 9/30/2012	2013 Final Budget	\$	Dif	% Dif
Sales and use tax	\$	15,308	\$ 15,278	\$ 16,085	\$ 16,726	\$:	1,448	9.5%
Service contracts	\$	7,751	\$ 8,320	\$ 8,361	\$ 8,314	\$	(6)	-0.1%
Operating revenue	\$	3,833	\$ 3,825	\$ 3,860	\$ 3,900	\$	75	2.0%
Grant revenue	\$	5,590	\$ 16,851	\$ 9,381	\$ 15,809	\$ (:	1,042)	-6.2%
Local gov't contributions	\$	1,355	\$ 1,349	\$ 1,355	\$ 1,261	\$	(88)	-6.5%
Other income	\$	1,653	\$ 1,212	\$ 1,291	\$ 1,424	\$	212	17.5%
Investment income	\$	65	\$ 30	\$ 49	\$ 34	\$	4	13.9%
Total	\$	35,556	\$ 46,865	\$ 40,382	\$ 47,468	\$	603	1.3%

2012/2013 budgetary revenue trends:

- Increase in sales tax revenue as estimated by certain member jurisdictions as a result of an improving economy;
- Decrease in capital grant revenue primarily due to the timing of capital outlay based on project completion; grants are recognized as awarded and collection is certain; and
- Increase in Other Income primarily due a combination of a rise in estimated vehicle registration fees and, as a result of the Series 2012 Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds issuance, the Authority receives payment from the US Treasury for 70% of the Qualified Tax Credit Rate.





Three Year Financial Summary Information continued...

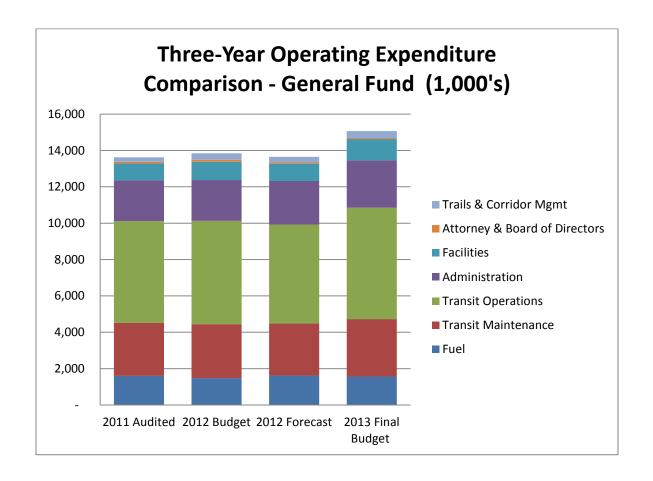
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Expenditures (1,000's)	4	2011 Audited	12 Budget of 9/13/12	012 Forecast of 9/30/2012)13 Final Budget		\$ Dif	% Dif
Fuel	\$	1,605	\$ 1,475	\$ 1,620	\$	1,569	\$	94	6.4%
Transit Maintenance	\$	2,913	\$ 2,968	\$ 2,862	\$	3,161	\$	192	6.5%
Transit Operations	\$	5,594	\$ 5,686	\$ 5,440	\$	6,124	\$	437	7.7%
Administration	\$	2,251	\$ 2,247	\$ 2,393	\$	2,601	\$	354	15.8%
Facilities	\$	916	\$ 999	\$ 958	\$	1,174	\$	175	17.6%
Attorney & Board of Directors	\$	96	\$ 116	\$ 71	\$	56	\$	(60)	-51.6%
Trails & Corridor Mgmt	\$	249	\$ 354	\$ 308	\$	381	\$	28	7.8%
Total GF Operating Expenditures	\$	13,623	\$ 13,845	\$ 13,653	\$	15,066	\$	1,221	8.8%
GF - Capital Outlay	\$	1,826	\$ 3,410	\$ 3,575	\$	3,409	\$	(1)	0.0%
GF - Debt Service	\$	2,347	\$ 2,234	\$ 2,234	\$	2,263	\$	28	1.3%
SRF - Service Contracts	\$	7,771	\$ 8,340	\$ 8,420	\$	8,464	\$	124	1.5%
SRF - Bus Shelter / PNR	\$	296	\$ 301	\$ 282	\$	419	\$	118	39.1%
SRF - Mid Valley Trails	\$	2	\$ 68	\$ 68	\$	104	\$	37	54.4%
SRF - Bus Rapid Transit	\$	3,181	\$ 1,905	\$ 1,685	\$	1,884	\$	(21)	-1.1%
Capital Projects Fund	\$	2,798	\$ 37,123	\$ 25,789	\$	14,744	\$	(22,379)	-60.3%
Debt Service Fund	\$	2,119	\$ 2,177	\$ 2,177	\$	2,341	\$	164	7.5%
Total expenditures - all funds	\$	33,963	\$ 69,403	\$ 57,884	\$	48,695	\$	(20,708)	

2012/2013 budgetary expenditure trends:

- Increase in Fuel primarily due to additional transit service miles related to the BRT transit service scheduled to start in the fall of 2013;
- Increase in Transit Maintenance primarily due to incremental costs related to the BRT transit service and maintenance of the 18 new CNG transit buses scheduled to arrive in the summer of 2013;
- Increase in Transit Operations due to the higher personnel costs related to benefits and merit as well as the incremental costs related to operate the BRT transit service;
- Increase in Administration due to the higher personnel costs related to benefits and merit increases, a rise in workers compensation and general liability insurance, and incremental support costs related to the BRT project;
- Increase in Facilities due to higher personnel costs related to benefits and merit increases and rising operating costs to run the various facilities;
- Decrease in Attorney & Board of Directors due to outsourcing legal services rather than having an in-house general counsel;
- Increase in Trails and Corridor Management Program due to higher personnel costs related to benefits and merit increases.



Three Year Financial Summary Information continued...





Major Revenue

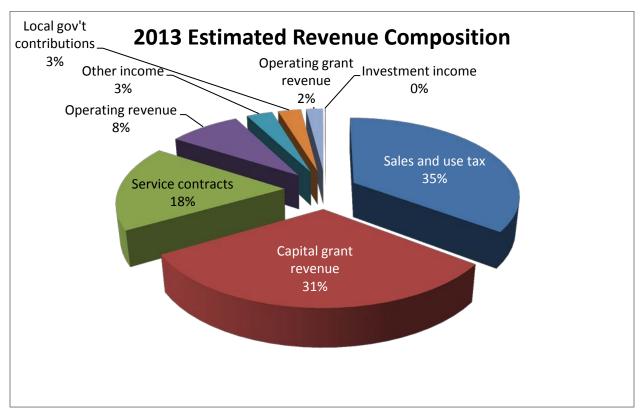
(1,000's)	General Fund	Service Contracts	Bus Stops/ PNR SRF	Mid Valley Trails SRF	Bus Rapid Transit SRF	Capital Projects Fund*	Debt Service Fund	2013 Total Budget	%
Revenues:									
Sales and use tax	\$11,169	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33	\$ 5,524	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,726	35.2%
Service contracts	\$ -	\$ 8,314	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,314	17.5%
Operating revenue	\$ 3,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,900	8.2%
Capital grant revenue	\$ 2,029	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$12,860	\$ -	\$ 14,889	31.4%
Operating grant revenue	\$ 890	\$ 30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 920	1.9%
Local gov't contributions	\$ 1,261	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,261	2.7%
Other income	\$ 348	\$ -	\$ 399	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 677	\$ 1,424	3.0%
Investment income	\$ 8	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ 0	\$ 10	\$ 15	\$ -	\$ 34	0.1%
Total revenue	\$ 19,605	\$ 8,344	\$ 400	\$ 33	\$ 5,534	\$ 12,875	\$ 677	\$ 47,468	100.0%

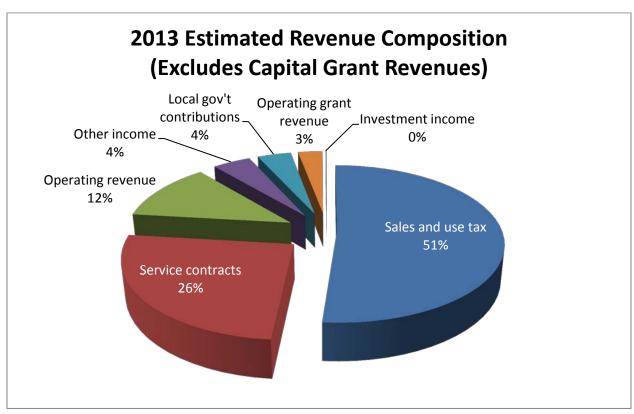
Revenue composition:

- Sales and Use tax and fees are dedicated taxes collected from member governments based on intergovernmental agreements, see the Authority history section, member governments;
- Service contracts are for contracted services, billed monthly based on miles and hours by route; see Transit Services section for description of services and Contract formula methodology section for billing (cost allocation) methodology. The Authority has service contracts with the Aspen Skiing Company, City of Aspen, City of Glenwood Springs and Garfield County;
- The Authority receives operating and capital grants from the Federal Transit Administration and the Colorado Department of Transportation;
- Operating revenues reflect transit fares collected on regional Valley service routes, see Transit Services section for description of services;
- Local governmental contributions are received to primarily help fund transit programs; for detail of these revenues see the line item budget;
- Other income primarily consists of employee housing rental revenue in the General Fund, vehicle registration fees in the Bus Stop/Park & Ride Special Revenue Fund, and credits from the Federal Government representing a reimbursement on a portion of the interest paid on the Series 2009B Build America Bonds and Series 2012A Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds in the Debt Service Fund.



Major revenue continued...







Revenue assumptions

Sales Tax and Fees

Dedicated taxes collected from member governments based on intergovernmental agreement.
The Authority relies on the increase or decrease of sales tax estimate prepared by each
jurisdiction (the Authority relies on the member jurisdictions assumptions and trend analysis for
estimate preparation); the Authority determines its sales tax revenue estimates based on the
information provided.

Member Jurisdictions	Members' 2013 estimated change in Sales Tax from 2012 Forecast	RFTA's 2013 estimated change in Sales Tax from 2012 Forecast
Aspen	4%	4%
Basalt	3%	3%
Carbondale	1%	1%
Glenwood Springs	2%	2%
Eagle County	2%	2%
New Castle	0%	0%
Pitkin County	3.5%	3.5%
Snowmass Village	4%	4%

Service contract revenues

• The Authority estimated hours and miles by route for each service contract agreement and calculated costs in accordance with each service contract agreement.

Grant revenues

- \$890,000 from the FTA Section 5311 Operating Grant (reflecting a 7% increase from 2012);
- \$200,000 FTA Section 5309 State of Good Repair Grant to fund a portion of the \$260,000 capital outlay for Transit Asset Maintenance Software;
- \$1.6 million FTA Section 5309 State of Good Repair Grant to help fund the 4 CNG Pilot buses;
- \$108,000 FTA Section 5311 Capital Grant to fund a portion of the \$135,000 capital outlay for an Automated Fuel Monitoring System at the Aspen Maintenance Facility;
- \$96,000 CDOT FASTER Capital Grant to fund a portion of the \$120,000 capital outlay for an Automated Fuel Monitoring System at the Glenwood Maintenance Facility; and
- \$25,000 CDOT Section 5304 Grant to fund a portion of the \$60,000 expenditure for Transit Oriented Development Assessment.

Operating revenues

• 2% increase in transit cash and pass fares collected – this does not reflect any potential BRT service plan impacts to ridership at this time. In 2012, regional ridership increased 1% through September. There is no upward fare adjustment planned for 2013.



Major revenue continued...

Below is a table of the change in ridership and fare collection comparison for an eight vear period:

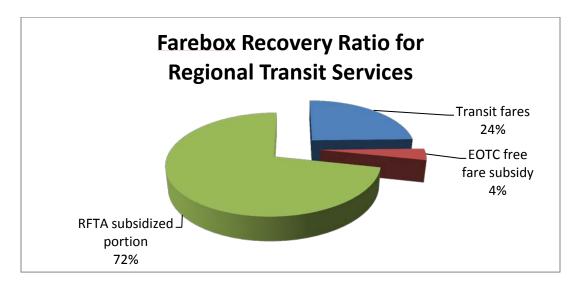
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Year	Change in Ridership	% change	Change	in Fare Collection	% change
2011/2012 YTD Sept	14,967	1.00%	\$	20,830	0.80%
2010/2011	137,952	7.70%	\$	147,737	4.30%
2009/2010	(229,951)	-11.30%	\$	18,452	0.50%
2008/2009	(316,973)	-13.50%	\$	(784,892)	-18.70%
2007/2008	259,865	12.40%	\$	410,196	10.80%
2006/2007	291,695	7.10%	\$	380,780	11.20%
2005/2006	133,147	9.40%	\$	427,388	14.50%
2004/2005	94,789	7.20%	\$	295,698	11.20%

Local governmental contributions

- Garfield County's support for the Grand Hogback bus service will remain the same at \$650,000.
- The Elected Official Transportation Committee (EOTC) will provide funding of approximately \$551,000 for the bus service between Aspen and Snowmass Village.

Other income

Assumes employee housing rental revenue will remain the same as challenges to fill the units
continue. It is anticipated that there may be more seasonal hires compared to one year ago which
may help increase revenue should they participate in our housing program.



Farebox Recovery Ratio is the percentage of total operating revenues that passengers pay through fares. The Authority's farebox recovery ratio for regional transit services is estimated to be 24% and takes into consideration the EOTC's fare subsidy for the transit service between Aspen and Snowmass Village. If this subsidy did not occur, then the Authority's farebox recovery ratio would increase due to additional fares collected on the transit service between Aspen and Snowmass Village. According to data on the American Public Transportation Association website, Urban transit systems in the U.S. had an average farebox recovery ratio of 20% in 2010.



Fund Balance – all Funds

					E	Bus		Mid		Bus	(Capital		Debt	
	G	eneral	S	ervice	St	ops/	٧	alley	ı	Rapid	P	rojects	S	ervice	
(1,000's)		Fund	Со	ntracts	P	NR	Т	rails	T	ransit		Fund*		Fund	Total
Revenues	\$	19,605	\$	8,344	\$	400	\$	33	\$	5,534	\$	12,875	\$	677	\$ 47,468
Expenditures	\$ (20,738)	\$	(8,464)	\$ (419)	\$	(104)	\$	(1,884)	\$	(14,744)	\$	(2,341)	\$ (48,695)
Other financing source/(use)	\$	1,285	\$	120	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(4,063)	\$	1,237	\$	1,665	\$ 243
Change in net assets	\$	151	\$	(0)	\$	(20)	\$	(71)	\$	(413)	\$	(632)	\$	-	\$ (984)
Beginning fund balance (Budgeted)	\$	6,477	\$	-	\$	118	\$	104	\$	6,597	\$	1,271	\$	2,163	\$ 16,729
Fund balance:															
Non-spendable fund balance	\$	734													\$ 734
Restricted fund balance	\$	519			\$	98	\$	33					\$	2,158	\$ 2,807
Committed fund balance:									\$	6,184	\$	639	\$	5	\$ 6,828
Operating reserves	\$	3,513													\$ 3,513
Facilities capital reserves	\$	375													\$ 375
Transit capital reserves	\$	135													\$ 135
Trails capital reserves	\$	375													\$ 375
Unassigned fund balance	\$	978													\$ 978
Ending fund balance	\$	6,628	\$	-	\$	98	\$	33	\$	6,184	\$	639	\$	2,163	\$ 15,745

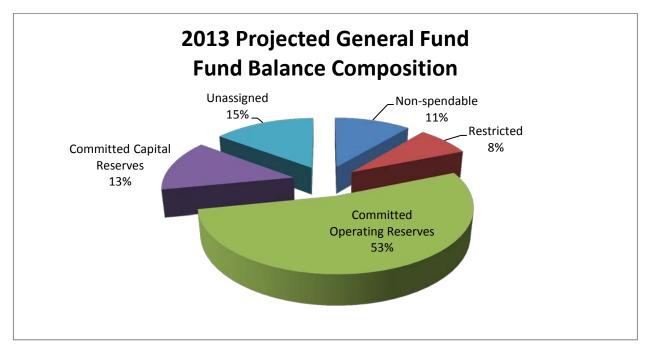
Fund balance definition

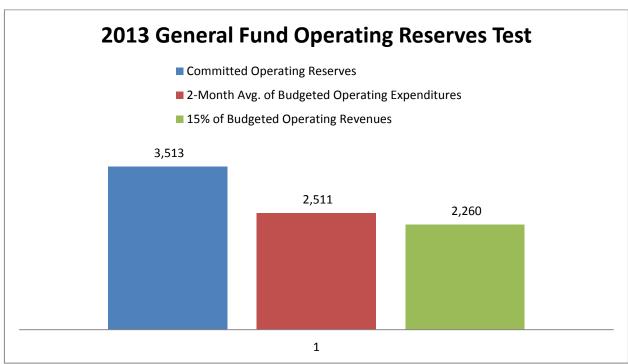
Fund balance is the difference between assets and liabilities and is divided between Non-spendable and Spendable. Non-spendable fund balance includes amounts that cannot be spent either because it is not in spendable form or because of legal or contractual constraints. Spendable fund balance is comprised of Restricted, Committed an Unassigned fund balance. Restricted fund balance includes amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are externally imposed by providers. Committed fund balance includes amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the Board. Unassigned fund balance includes residual amounts that have not been classified within the previously mentioned categories and is a measure of current available financial resources.

*Supplemental Schedule for Capital Project Funds:

	Series 2009A		Se	Series		VSS BRT		Series 2010A	Series 2012A			
(1,000's)	CPF		200	9B CPF		CPF		CPF	CPF		T	otal CPF
Revenues	\$	-	\$	-	\$	10,570	\$	2,305	\$	-	\$	12,875
Expenditures	\$	-	\$	-	\$(10,919)	\$	(2,875)	\$	(950)	\$	(14,744)
Other financing source/(use)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,237	\$	-			\$	1,237
Change in net assets	\$	-	\$	-	\$	888	\$	(570)	\$	(950)	\$	(632)
Beginning fund balance (Budgeted)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(888)	\$	1,209	\$	950	\$	1,271
Fund balance:												
Committed fund balance:	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	639	\$	-	\$	639
Ending fund balance	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	639	\$	-	\$	639









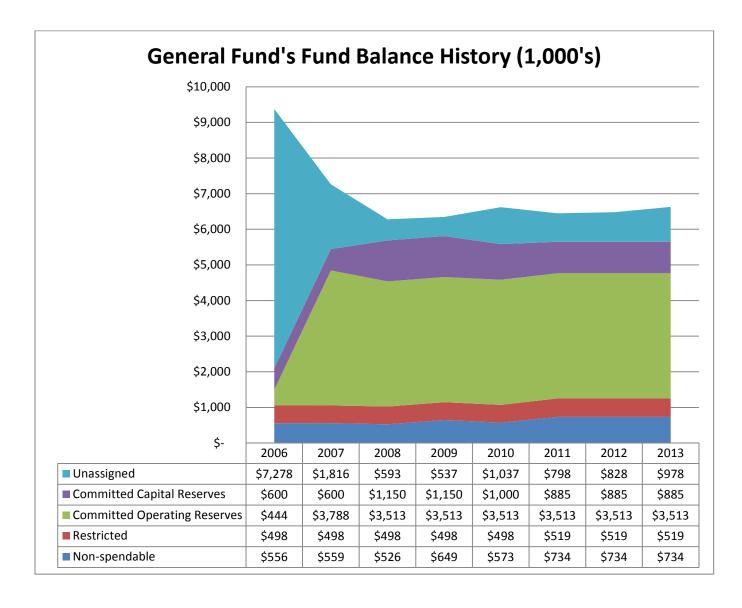
General Fund comparative Fund Balance

		All funds			Ge	neral fund or	nly	
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Final	Budget	Budget
Beginning fund	7,558,447	9,376,422	7,421,437	6,279,944	6,345,832	6,620,459	\$ 6,449,000	\$ 6,478,000
Revenues	28,746,917	35,869,033	29,011,232	21,055,550	15,981,687	17,288,043	18,077,000	19,605,000
Operating	(17,171,613)	(22,427,520)	(22,858,795)	(13,176,755)	(12,877,487)	(13,622,680)	(13,845,000)	(15,066,000)
Capital outlay	(7,659,663)	(13,580,554)	(8,064,764)	(5,426,102)	(453,898)	(1,825,657)	(3,410,000)	(3,409,000)
Debt service	(1,667,294)	(1,540,944)	(2,622,144)	(2,657,380)	(2,730,002)	(2,347,339)	(2,234,000)	(2,263,000)
Other financing								
sources/(uses)			3,586,389	270,575	354,327	335,705	1,441,000	1,285,000
Reserves contribution	(430,370)	(275,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change in net assets	1,817,977	(1,954,985)	(948,082)	65,888	274,627	(171,928)	29,000	152,000
Fund Balance:								
SRF - designated		161,024	193,411					
Non-spendable	555,894	558,654	526,304	648,524	572,860	733,722	733,722	733,722
Restricted	497,741	497,741	497,741	497,741	497,741	518,641	518,641	518,641
Committed for:								
Operating reserves	444,338	3,788,000	3,513,000	3,513,000	3,513,000	3,513,000	3,513,000	3,513,000
Facilities capital	225,000	225,000	425,000	425,000	275,000	375,000	375,000	375,000
Transit capital	150,000	150,000	425,000	425,000	425,000	135,000	135,000	135,000
Trails capital	225,000	225,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	375,000	375,000	375,000
Unassigned	7,278,449	1,816,018	592,899	536,567	1,036,858	798,168	827,637	979,637
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 9,376,422	\$ 7,421,437	\$ 6,473,355	\$ 6,345,832	\$ 6,620,459	\$ 6,448,531	\$ 6,478,000	\$ 6,630,000

Significant changes in Fund balance are as follows:

- 2006/2007 use of \$1.9 million timing difference between purchasing and financing of an employee housing property and change in operating reserve policy, \$3.2 million;
- 2007/2008 timing difference between purchasing and grant reimbursement of buses, \$1.2 million;
- 2008/2009 due to economic down turn, operating expenditures were approximately \$240,000 more than revenue;
- 2009/2010 Staff requested use of capital reserves of \$275,000 to continue multi-year capital projects that are in progress;
- 2010/2011 Staff requested use of capital reserves of \$735,000 to upgrade transit bus radios, repair trail damage, and improve facilities at the GMF and Parker House housing complex; currently, \$50,000 of unexpended trail repairs may replenish capital reserves;
- 2011/2012 no significant changes noted; and
- 2012/2013 increase in unassigned as a result of increase in sales tax revenues; incremental operating costs associated with the BRT transit service are funded by a transfer from the BRT Special Revenue Fund.







Expenditures

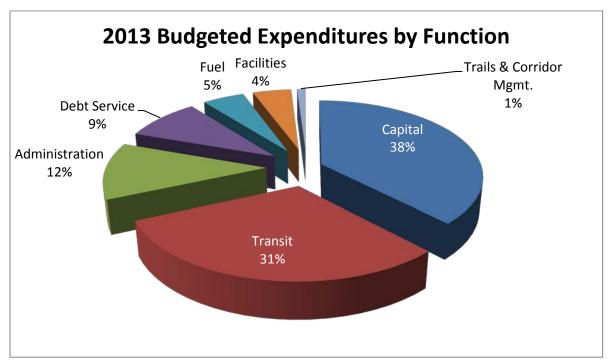
Operating expenditure summary by Department with Fuel

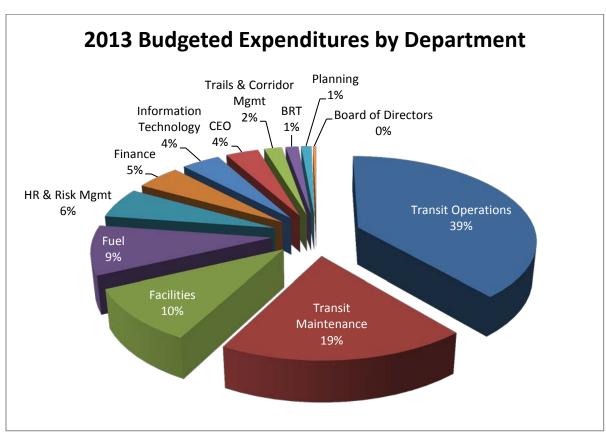
Department (1,000's)	G	ieneral Fund	Service Contracts		Stops/ IR SRF	Valley	ıs Rapid ınsit SRF	2013 Total Department Budget		
Fuel	\$	1,569	\$	840	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	2,409	
Transit Maintenance	\$	3,161	\$	1,712	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14	\$	4,886	
Transit Operations	\$	6,124	\$	3,861	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27	\$	10,011	
CEO	\$	343	\$	184	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 367	\$	894	
Finance	\$	766	\$	410	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35	\$	1,210	
Planning	\$	130	\$	70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76	\$	276	
HR & Risk Mgmt	\$	973	\$	521	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	1,493	
Information Technology	\$	390	\$	209	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 453	\$	1,051	
Facilities	\$	1,174	\$	629	\$ 419	\$ -	\$ 416	\$	2,638	
Board of Directors	\$	56	\$	30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	86	
Trails & Corridor Mgmt	\$	381	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 104	\$ -	\$	486	
BRT	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 348	\$	348	
Total	\$	15,066	\$	8,464	\$ 419	\$ 104	\$ 1,735	\$	25,788	

Assumptions used in preparing the budget are as follows:

- BRT incremental operating costs of approximately \$680,000:
 - o The BRT service is anticipated to begin in September 2013 and the preliminary service plan estimates a net increase to overall transit service hours and mileage by approximately 5,600 and 227,000, respectively;
 - o \$303,000 for increased costs projected by the Maintenance and Operations Departments;
 - o \$157,000 for estimated fuel needed to operate the new Compressed Natural Gas buses for the BRT transit service;
 - \$142,000 relates to incremental administrative costs associated with scheduling software support, the servicing and maintenance of ticket vending machines, and additional insurance required for the new CNG transit buses;
 - o \$78,000 for a projected increase in operating and maintenance costs for the various facilities and bus stops and park and rides.
- Non-BRT service levels are assumed to slightly decrease from the prior year mainly because 2012 is a leap year and had one extra day of service.
- Diesel fuel expenditures are budgeted at 9%, or \$220,000, lower than the 2012 forecast, based on locking into fixed forward pricing for the budget year.
- Healthcare premiums will increase by 9% in 2013. The Authority will maintain current employee contribution amounts while eliminating employer contributions to Flexible Spending Accounts and increasing employer contributions to Health Savings Accounts.
- Merit increase of up to 3% effective at each employee's next performance review date.
- Approximately \$3.4 million of capital outlay has been included in the General Fund that relates to engine and transmission rebuilds, various transit equipment and some minor facility and trail improvements. Of this amount, \$2 million will be funded by capital grants.
- Certain expenditures will be added into the budget through supplemental budget appropriation resolutions during the budget year when funding is available.









Capital Expenditures

Capital Expenditure by project													
Description (1,000's)		General Fund		Rapid ansit RF	Series 2009A CPF		VSS BRT CPF	Series 2010A CPF		Series 2012A CPF		Capital Projects Total	
Rolling stock	\$	1,965										\$	1,965
Bus engine/transmission rebuilds	\$	300										\$	300
Automated Fuel Monitoring System	\$	255										\$	255
Transit Asset Maintenance Software	\$	260										\$	260
Transit Support Vehicles (4)	\$	132										\$	132
Other Transit	\$	372										\$	372
Total Transit	\$	3,284	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	3,284
Total Trails	\$	125										\$	125
BRT Project			\$	149			\$10,919					\$	11,068
CNG Project										\$	950	\$	950
AMF Re-commissioning Project								\$ 2,8	375			\$	2,875
Total	\$	3,409	\$	149	\$ -	\$ -	\$10,919	\$ 2,8	375	\$	950	\$	18,302

Capital assets are defined as assets with an initial cost of \$5,000, a useful life of in excess of 3 years; funding for capital expenditures is obtained primarily through sales tax, fares and grants.

The major Authority fixed assets are as follows:

Transit Program

- Aspen Maintenance Facility; two Carbondale Administrative Offices; Glenwood Springs Maintenance Facility and Administrative Offices and two employee housing complexes;
- Rolling stock or buses carrying approximately 40 passengers are used to provide the majority of the public commuter transit services;
- The Authority fleet primarily consists of diesel and hybrid buses that each cost approximately \$350,000 and \$500,000, respectively;
- The Authority considers the average life of a bus to be 12 years and 500,000 miles;
- Most bus replacements are funded through various Federal, State and local grants;
- Maintenance for the fleet is provided primarily through the Authority's Bus Maintenance Department within the Transit Program;
- Various bus stop and park n ride properties.

Trails Program

• Carbondale Trails Shop and Administrative Offices; the Rio Grande Trail and Corridor.



Capital Expenditures – General Fund

Capital Maintenance Program

- The Authority has engaged a consulting firm to prepare a re-commissioning plan for the Aspen Maintenance Facility. The report will identify a capital maintenance program for the Aspen Maintenance Facility for several years into the future;
- Additionally, the Glenwood Springs Maintenance Facility is a relatively new building; in the near future Staff will prepare a capital maintenance program for the facility;
- Finally, all other capital maintenance projects are identified on a case by case basis.

Impact of capital improvement on the Operating Budget

- Management reviewed the capital projects and determined that there will be minimal impact on the operating budget for 2013;
- Engine and transmission rebuilds are planned reoccurring projects requiring no extra maintenance resources; all transmission rebuilds are performed by third party vendors.

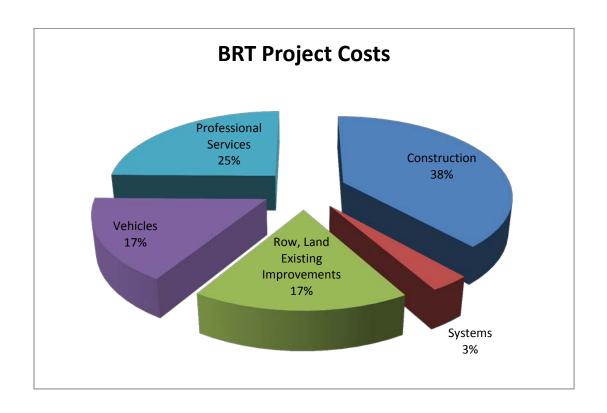
Significant Non-routine Capital Expenditures

The Authority considers building and park n ride repairs and maintenance routine.



<u>Capital Expenditures – Bus Rapid Transit Project</u>

	Prior Years			2	2012	Budge	t	2013	3 Budget			
	Series 2009A&B,				Series		VSS BRT					
											Total BRT	
Description of Cost		VSS BRT		CPF		2009B CPF		CPF	VSS BRT CPF		Project Costs	
Construction	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	14,442	\$	3,317	\$	17,759
Systems	\$	-	\$	1,498	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,498
Row, Land Existing Improvements	\$	342	\$	-	\$	7,554	\$	-	\$	-	\$	7,896
Vehicles	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	7,602	\$	7,602
Professional Services	\$	8,486	\$	1,634	\$	100	\$	1,225	\$	_	\$	11,444
Total BRT Project Cost	\$	8,828	\$	3,132	\$	7,654	\$	15,667	\$	10,919	\$	46,199





Capital Expenditures – Series 2009A, Series 2009B and VSS BRT Capital Project Funds

The Bus Rapid Transit Project has been funded through a 2008 increase in sales tax, a Series 2009A & B bond issuance, and an FTA Very Small Starts grant. Resolution required separate accounting of the capital expenditures of the bond proceeds through capital projects, debt service and debt reserve funds.

The goal of the Bud Rapid Transit project is to improve RFTA's operations to be faster, more convenient, and more comfortable. BRT combines advanced technologies, infrastructure, and operational investments to provide a significant improvement over traditional bus service. Typical elements include:

- An operations plan to accommodate a variety of passengers with a variety of needs during peak and off-peak traffic periods with 10 to 15 minute headways between Aspen and Glenwood Springs. BRT service is in addition to existing services.
- Exclusive travel lanes and roadway enhancements BRT will operate in mixed traffic on CO Highway 82 as well as along designated bus travel lanes. Exclusive lanes speed travel, especially during peak traffic hours. Enhancements include transit signal priority and queue bypass at congested intersections.
- Stations, park & rides and passenger amenities designed to be comfortable for waiting
 passengers to make it convenient for them to purchase tickets quickly and to easily see when the
 next bus is coming.
- Specialized vehicles with low-floor design to speed boarding, annunciators to announce stops and a paint scheme to distinguish BRT buses from other RFTA services.
- Intelligent transportation systems with satellite technology that provides automatic vehicle location and computer-aided dispatch. GPS information from the satellite provides real-time next bus information at passenger stops and online.

Impact of capital improvement on the Operating Budget

- Included in the BRT project is the implementation of Intelligent Transportation Software which will significantly reduce the resources needed to build and adjust seasonal shifts and is anticipated to provide scheduling scenarios to increase operating efficiency. Such activities were previously performed manually and were very time consuming.
- Utility and maintenance costs are anticipated to increase as a result of the new BRT stations with ticket vending machines and expanded park and rides.

Significant Non-routine Capital Expenditures

Staff has identified no significant non-routine capital expenditures related to this project.



Capital Expenditures – Series 2010A Capital Project Fund

The Aspen Maintenance Facility (AMF) Re-commissioning Project has been funded through a Series 2010A bond issuance by Pitkin County on behalf of RFTA and a FTA Section 5309 State-of-Good-Repair grant.

The goal of this project is to rehabilitate and renovate the 27-year old Aspen Maintenance Facility. Upon completion of the project, the AMF will:

- Meet the current and future demand for transit by RFTA;
- Replace infrastructure at the AMF that is at the end of its useful life, unsafe, and/or functionally obsolete:
- Make the AMF more functional and energy efficient; and
- Improve safety and working conditions at the AMF.

This project will include these rehabilitation and renovations:

- Replacement of existing fire alarm and fire suppression systems, which are outdate and obsolete. The fire alarm and fire suppression systems will be completed replaced with new systems that will be linked directly to the local Fire District office;
- Upgrade original HVAC, mechanical, plumbing and electrical (both primary and back-up) systems, including installation of a geo-thermal power system and waste oil burner, to make them more reliable and energy efficient;
- Increase outdoor bus storage and employee and visitor parking capacity. The AMF was designed to maintain 42 buses, but it currently houses approximately 69 buses. Civil redesign will create sage, efficient and proper staging and circulation for vehicle maintenance, storage and deployment of approximately 72 buses.

Impact of capital improvement on the Operating Budget

- The costs to operate the AMF are anticipated to decrease as a result of the installation of more functional and energy efficient systems in Phases I and II of this project.
- Improved bus storage and circulation design, drainage, snowmelt will help reduce accidents on the premises.
- Covered outdoor bus storage in Phase III is anticipated to decrease idling time by transit buses resulting in less fuel consumption and further reduce maintenance costs for the transit buses due to less exposure to freezing temperatures.

Significant Non-routine Capital Expenditures

Staff has identified no significant non-routine capital expenditures related to this project.



Capital Expenditures – Series 2012A Capital Project Fund

The Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Project has been funded through a Series 2012A Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds issuance by RFTA.

The goal of this project is to diversify RFTA's primary fuel source, which currently is diesel. Upon completion of the project, the RFTA will:

- Construct a CNG fueling station at the Glenwood Maintenance Facility (GMF);
- Retrofit the GMF with maintenance facility modifications to safely fuel and maintain CNG vehicles; and
- Assist with the incremental cost of the CNG technology on the 18 new transit vehicles and 4 additional replacement buses scheduled for delivery in 2013.

Impact of capital improvement on the Operating Budget

- With the implementation of the CNG program, the transit vehicles that utilize the CNG technology will cost significantly less to fuel if they operated using diesel fuel. The diesel gallon equivalent of CNG is less than the cost of a diesel gallon. The 18 CNG transit vehicles will be dedicated for the BRT service scheduled to start in 2013.
- It's reasonable to anticipate increased utility costs at the GMF as a result of the facility modifications and fueling station. These amounts are not estimated to be significant and will become known after the CNG program has been operating.

Significant Non-routine Capital Expenditures

Staff has identified no significant non-routine capital expenditures related to this project.



Operating Line Item Expenditures greater than \$50,000 (excluding personnel compensation)

Description	2013 Budget
Medical Insurance(CHP)	2,513,800
Transit Diesel Fuel	2,152,000
Health Insurance	1,280,287
Fringe Benefits	990,454
Bus Parts	705,000
Health Insurance	417,440
Fringe Benefits	372,065
TOSV Regional Service Contract	343,000
Corporate Insurance Package	260,400
Pinnacol Premiums	251,000
CCMSI Gen Liability Claims	240,000
Alt Fica (Life Insurance, AD&D, LTD)	180,000
Rent Expense	134,000
Bus Tire & Tubes	119,000
Oil, Lubricants, Antifreeze	102,000
Transit Unleaded Fuel	100,000
Janitorial Service	95,000
Janitorial Service	95,000
Materials & Supplies	92,500
Bus Third Party Repairs	92,000
Health Insurance	78,076
Building Repair and Maintenance	77,250
Electric	74,800
Building Repair and Maintenance	69,300
Accident Third Party Repairs	65,000
Security / Loss Prevention	65,000
Natural Gas	63,800
Fringe Benefits	63,063
Fringe Benefits	61,908
Dues, Memberships, & Subscriptions	60,000
TOD Assessment - CDOT 5304 Grant	60,000
CCMSI Workers' Comp Claims	60,000
HAZMAT Disposal	60,000
Professional / Legal Services	60,000
Health Insurance	58,759
Natural Gas	56,000
H S A Employer Match (HDHP)	55,500



Debt, Long term Commitments and Obligations

The Authority is not subject to legal debt limits.

The following represents the Authority's list of debt, long term commitments and obligations reported in the General Fund:

- 2007 Capital lease, 4.28%, purpose bus purchase;
- 2008 Capital leases include: 4.39%, purpose employee housing purchase; 3.18%, purpose bus purchase; 4.8-5.4%, purpose automobile purchases;
- 2009 Capital lease, 5.85%, purpose automobile purchase;
- Series 2010A Build America Bonds, 6.689-6.939%, purpose Aspen Maintenance Facility Re-commissioning capital assets;
- Series 2010B Tax Exempt Bonds, 2.0-4.25%, purpose Aspen Maintenance Facility, Carbondale Maintenance Facility, Carbondale Main Street Employee Housing, Glenwood Maintenance Facility and buses (refunding of 1998 & 2001 Bonds)
- 2011 Capital lease, 4.5%, purpose office;
- 2012 Vehicles, 6.1-6.45%, purpose automobile purchases;
- 2012 Equipment, 4.57-5.78%, purpose equipment

Principal and interest amounts by issuance to be paid during the Budget year are as follows:

			Issuance
Issuance	Principal	Interest	Total
2005 Certificates of Participation	350,000	64,613	414,613
2007 Capital lease	544,579	104,902	649,481
2008 Employee housing	89,816	83,161	172,977
2008 Buses	144,368	15,584	159,952
2008 Automobile	15,801	231	16,032
2009 Automobile	989	5	994
Series 2010A Taxable Build America Bonds	-	173,032	173,032
Series 2010B Tax Exempt Bonds	315,000	170,131	485,131
2011 Office	33,209	43,167	76,376
2012 Automobiles	16,417	3,191	19,608
2012 Equipment	17,305	3,283	20,588
2013 Automobiles	15,000	15,000	30,000
2013 Equipment	22,000	22,000	44,000
Total General Fund	1,564,484	698,300	2,262,784



Debt, Long term Commitments and Obligations continued...

The following represents the Authority's list of debt, long term commitments and obligations reported in the Debt Service Fund:

- Series 2009A Tax-Exempt Bonds, 3.6%, purpose BRT Project capital assets;
- Series 2009B Build America Bonds, 6.7%, purpose BRT Project capital assets;
- Series 2012A Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds, 3.8%, purpose CNG Project capital assets

Principal and interest amounts by issuance to be paid during the Budget year are as follows:

Issuance	Principal	Interest	Issuance Total
Series 2009A Tax Exempt Bonds	525,000	167,475	692,475
Series 2009B Taxable Build America Bonds	-	1,429,186	1,429,186
Series 20012A Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds	-	219,694	219,694
Total Debt Service Funds	525,000	1,816,355	2,341,355
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Description of Programs

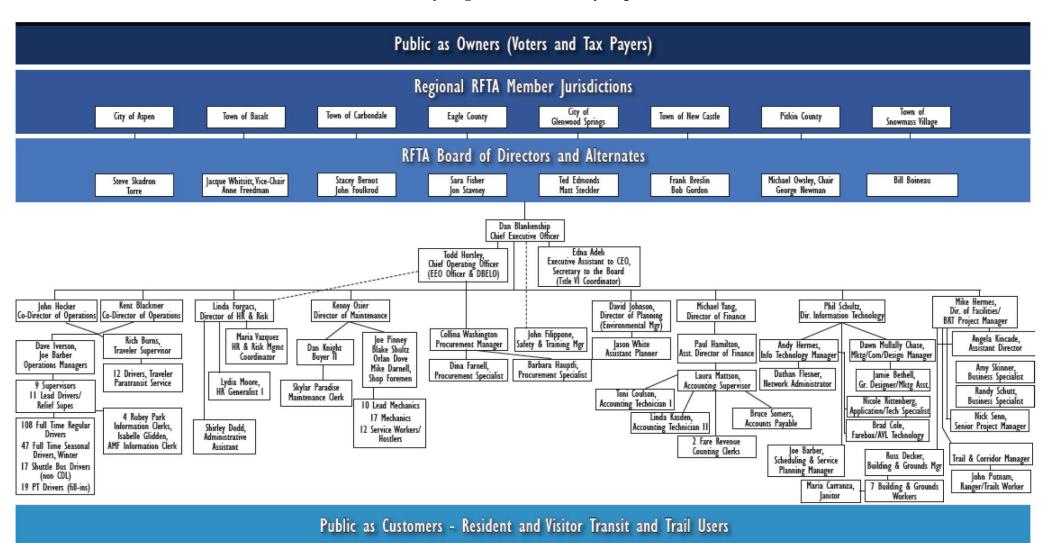
- *Transit Program* provides commuter bus service throughout the Roaring Fork Valley and into the I-70 Corridor in Colorado.
- *Trails Program* maintains a multi-purpose pedestrian, bike and equestrian trail on the Authority owned, Rio Grande Rail Corridor.

Description of Functions and Departments

- *Transit Function* provides commuter transit services, maintains the fleet of transit commuter vehicles (buses):
 - Maintenance Activities include maintenance, repair and cleaning of commuter buses and administrative vehicles, purchases bus parts and transit fuel, personnel recruitment and bus procurement.
 - Operations Activities include personnel recruitment, management of the commuter bus service and customer service center for the Transit Program.
- *Trails & Corridor Function* is responsible for maintaining the multi-purpose pedestrian, bike and equestrian trail and managing the Rio Grande Rail Corridor:
 - o The Trails and Corridor Activities include maintenance and repair of the Authority owned trail, trails grant application and management.
- Administrative Function is responsible for all administrative activities:
 - General Counsel Activities include Board governance policy support, contract, personnel and rail corridor legal support.
 - CEO Activities include the overall management of the Authority, maintaining the
 official records of the Authority, procurement and maintenance of contracts, and
 safety and training.
 - o Facilities Activities include the maintenance and repairs of the buildings, grounds, bus stops and park n rides used by the Programs and management of capital projects.
 - o Finance Activities include maintaining the financial records of the Authority, budget, all accounting functions, debt service, cash management, and financial and grant reporting. Also, responsible for management of the Authority employee social security replacement 401(a) Plan.
 - o Human Resources/ Risk Management Activities include hiring of administrative personnel, procuring and maintaining employee benefits, procuring and management of all aspects of insurance.
 - Information Technology
 Activities include maintaining the facilities and bus security systems, administrative computer hardware and software, printers, voice over internet protocol telephone system, the electronic fare box system and Intelligent Transportation Software. Also responsible for the marketing and communication of Authority transit and trails programs.
 - Planning Activities include developing and submitting proposals for federal and state grants, managing strategic planning efforts, and collaborating with regional planners on transit-oriented developments.



Authority Organization Chart by Department (unit)





Performance Measurement

Organization-wide

In 2012, organization-wide objectives were identified and related strategies and measures of success were developed:

Objective 1: Safety

Measures of Success:

- 1. Maintain or lower current accident and workers compensation levels.
- 2. Accident and workers compensation levels compare favorably with internal and industry standards.
- 3. Develop and implement an annual safety training and awareness program for each department.
- 4. All internal and external safety complaints are reviewed and tracked in a timely manner.

Objective 2: Human Capital

Measures of Success:

- 1. Annual voluntary permanent (year-round) staff turnover rates remain less than 5%.
- 2. Annual return rates for preferred seasonal employees increase each year.
- 3. By January 2013, a formal employee performance evaluation program in place.
- 4. By January 2013, all employees receive a formal annual performance evaluation within 30 days of their employment anniversary date.
- 5. By January 2013, all job descriptions have been updated and approved.
- 6. By July 2013, every job function has at least two employees who are sufficiently trained and capable of performing the duties and critical tasks associated with the function.
- 7. By July 2013, there is a formal development and training plan for all employees.
- 8. By July 2013, all Directors/Managers have a succession plan.

Objective 3: Sustainability/Existence Planning

Measures of Success:

- 1. The long-term financial forecast has been updated annually and reviewed with the CEO and RFTA Board of Directors and/or subcommittee.
- 2. The monthly forecast has been updated and reviewed with the CEO.
- 3. The rate of increase of the General Fund's budgeted operating expenditures does not exceed the estimated rate of growth for operating revenues on an annual basis (post-BRT implementation).

Objective 4: Customer Service

Measures of Success:

- 1. Bi-annual customer service survey results show a steady improvement.
- 2. Quarterly analysis of complaint database results in a decline in the number of complaints.
- 3. Performance for safety, reliability, cost and comfort meets or exceeds customer expectations, RFTA standards and transportation industry standards.
- 4. Perception of RFTA performance as reported in the media is positive.



Performance Measurement continued...

Objective 5: Environmental Sustainability Planning

Measures of Success:

- 1. Monitor existing resources to verify optimum operational efficiency.
- 2. Create baseline measurements for comprehensive fleet and facility energy usage.
- 3. By 2017, renewable energy production projects will offset at least 50% of total annual energy usage at facilities contingent upon the cost effectiveness of secured capital and long-term financing that warrants infrastructure or operational improvements superior to existing resources.
- 4. By 2020, transit fleet will be powered with at least 30% alternative fuels and/or innovative renewable technologies that continue to decrease dependence on foreign, non-renewable resources contingent upon the cost effectiveness of secured capital and long-term financing that warrants infrastructure or operational improvements superior to existing resources.
- 5. VelociRFTA BRT will contribute to the reduction of regional greenhouse gas emissions by offering a travel time of less than one hour from Glenwood Springs to Aspen, competitive to personal automobile travel.
- 6. Implement a strategy to procure ecologically-friendly goods and services within federal, state and local guidelines.
- 7. Staff will continue to market RFTA as a viable alternative transportation choice and educate the public about transit benefits.

Objective 6: Communication

Measures of Success:

- 1. Monthly increase in social media hits.
- 2. Monthly increase in visitors to website.
- 3. Positive SharePoint user feedback.
- 4. Internal and external issues are clearly and completely resolved.
- 5. Bi-lingual communication tools.
- 6. Public and internal surveys result in an accurate awareness of RFTA information.

Department

In late 2009, the Authority Board identified a need to revise the current performance review process. The Board would like to implement objective performance measurement to be included in future budget documents.



Summary Position Information

Department FTE	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
Attorney	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	
CEO	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	4.2	5.0	7.0	7.0	
Facilities	9.8	9.8	9.8	8.5	10.1	11.5	14.4	15.4	*
Finance	6.0	7.0	7.0	6.8	5.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	
Human Resources	3.0	4.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	
Information Technology	3.0	2.5	3.5	4.0	4.0	6.0	9.0	9.0	
Maintenance	33.0	42.0	48.0	47.0	44.8	46.0	47.0	47.0	
Operations	108.0	139.0	140.0	144.8	142.8	138.0	152.9	150.3	**
Planning	3.0	3.5	3.5	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	
Trails	1.7	1.7	2.7	2.0	2.7	1.5	1.6	1.6	
Grand Total	171.0	213.0	222.0	223.6	221.4	222.8	246.7	243.1	

^{*}New position for Assistant Project Manager

Other Planning processes

• During the first half of each year the Authority Board conducts a retreat to review goals and objectives on an entity wide basis; currently, the Authority's primary strategic, long term and capital financial planning project is known as the Bus Rapid Transit Vision Project.

Bus Rapid Transit Vision Project

In 2008 the Authority submitted an application for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Very Small Starts (VSS) grant assistance for the VelociRFTA BRT project. The \$46 million capital project contained a package of transit improvements, including: A fleet of 18 low-floor buses, 11 new BRT stations, an array of Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) components, and a variety of transit priority measures. In November 2008, the Public within the Authority's member jurisdictions voted to fund the VelociRFTA BRT project by approving a 0.4% sales and use tax increase and \$44.55 million in bonding authority. In December 2008, the FTA notified the Authority that it had been approved into the Project Development phase of the VSS grant program. In 2009, 2010, and 2011, the Authority worked to obtain environmental clearances for the project and to satisfy other FTA requirements connected with the VSS grant program, including the development of detailed design and engineering plans. In 2010, the FTA awarded the Authority \$810,000 in VSS funding and in August 2011 the FTA awarded the Authority \$24.163 million for the project. In total, the Authority has been awarded \$24.973 million in FTA VSS funding. The Authority will derive its \$21.227 million local match from bond proceeds and sales tax revenue. Currently the Authority has acquired ITS equipment and real estate needed for the project. The Authority is constructing station improvements and plans to have the project completed and operational by the fall of 2013.

^{**}Based on service plan hours includes show-ups an extra-board operators



Other Planning processes continued...

Capital Financial Planning

• The Authority has engaged consultants to review all major facilities and determine the needed capital maintenance and provide a capital maintenance program to ensure that these facilities will continue to function in an efficient and effective capacity.

Budget process

The Authority is a Special District Governmental Entity for State Budget reporting purposes and is subject to Colorado Local Government Budget Law, Section 29-1-101. The budgetary level of control is on a fund basis. Starting in July of each year the appointed Budget Officer and CEO prepare the budget in the following steps:

• Month of July

- o Revenue projections based on information obtained from participating governments;
- Total personnel costs based on position compensation, taxes and benefit costs and additional service levels;
- o Fuel costs;
- Obtain operating and capital appropriation requests from each department on a line item basis;
- Obtain capital purchase requirements to maintain required service levels bus purchases, etc;

Month of August

- o Service contract revenue based on operating costs and capital costs obtained in July;
- o Review condition of budget;
- o Incorporate estimated operating changes, such as increased transit services;
- o Review condition of budget;
- o Request prioritization of previously received departmental capital appropriation requests if budget adjustment is necessary;

• Month of September

- o Review budget priorities with the Board;
- Adjust budget as necessary based on Board approved priority revisions to prepare a balanced budget;

Month of October

- o Present draft budget to Board for comment revising budget as necessary;
- o Final review of estimates such as benefits, insurance, etc. adjusting budget as necessary;

• Month of November

O Presentation and Adoption of the Budget – the governing body must publish public notice of a public hearing on the budget indicating the date and time of the meeting, information about the availability for inspection of the proposed resolution, and a statement that electors may file objections to the proposed budget at any time prior to the adoption of the budget.



Budget process continued, a flowchart

2011	2012	2012	2013
2011	2012	2012	2015
		Current	
Prior	Current	Year	Succeeding
Year	Year	Actual	year
<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Projected</u>	Budget
2010			\\
<u>Audit</u>	Current	2011	Service
	Revised	Projected	Contract
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Revenue
			Compensation (payroll budgeter)
			Department
			Operating
			Budget
			Service Hours and Miles Estimate



Amending the budget

Local governments must follow statutory procedures to authorize any spending in excess of the "appropriation" or spending authority of the budget. The appropriation must be made by fund within the budget and may be made by spending agency (a department, unit, commission, etc.) and the amounts appropriated shall not exceed the expenditures specified in the budget. The appropriation determines whether the budget must be amended in the statutory manner.

Transfer Appropriated Money: If the appropriation is by fund, that is, for the total amount of all the listed expenditures as originally budgeted... moneys may be transferred from one line item to another.. to one spending agency to another... within the fund without having to do a statutory budgetary amendment. However, if moneys are to be transferred between appropriated funds or between appropriated spending agencies within a fund, the budget must be amended in the statutory manner.

Supplemental Budget and Appropriation: If the local government receives revenues unanticipated or not assured at the time of the adoption of the budget from any source other than its property tax mill levy, the expenditure of such revenues requires the adoption of a supplemental budget and appropriation to authorize spending the "new" money above the initially appropriated amount.

Revised Appropriation: If revenues are lower than anticipated in the adopted budget, the governing board may adopt a revised (downward) appropriation resolution and so reduce spending to less than what was originally budgeted.

Steps to Amend the Budget: The steps to amend the budget for a budgetary transfer or a supplemental budget and appropriation are: publish, or if permitted post, the notice of meeting to amend the budget; conduct the hearing; adopt the budget amendment by formal action; and file a copy of the adopted resolution amending the budget with the Division of Local Government. The notice of budget amendment must indicate the same information contained in the notice of budget for the adoption of the budget.

Timing: Spending in excess of the appropriation is not permitted. Therefore, the statutory amendment of the budget must occur before spending in excess of the original appropriation. Local governments may wish to consult with legal counsel and their auditor on this matter.



Summary of Colorado Local Government Budget Calendar

The following are excerpts from the calendar, prepared by the (Colorado) Department of Local Affairs and is a listing of the applicable deadlines for the budget process.

DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
October 15	Budget officer must submit proposed budget to the governing body. (C.R.S.
	29-1-105) Governing body must publish "Notice of Budget" upon receiving proposed budget. (C.R.S. 29-1-106(1))
December 31	Local governments not levying a property tax must adopt the budget on or
	before this date; governing body must enact a resolution or ordinance to
	appropriate funds for the ensuing fiscal year. If the budget is not adopted by
	certification deadline, then 90 percent of the amounts appropriated in the
	current year for operations and maintenance expenses shall be deemed re-
	appropriated for the budget year. (C.R.S 29-1-108(4))
January 31	A certified copy of the adopted budget must be filed with the Division. (C.R.S
(plus one year)	29-1-113(1)).

Relationship between functional units (departments) and Financial Structure

Program Type	Department Department	Fund
Transit	Service	
	All Departments	General
Transit	Service contracts	
	All Departments	Special Revenue
Transit	Bus shelter & Park in Ride	
	Facilities	Special Revenue
Transit	Bus Rapid Transit Project	
	All Departments	Special Revenue
	Finance, Facilities	Cap. Projects 2009A, 2009B, VSS BRT
	Finance	Debt Service 2009A, 2009B, Reserve
Transit	AMF Re-commissioning Project	
	Finance, Facilities	Cap. Projects 2010A
Transit	CNG Transition Project	
	Finance, Facilities	Cap. Projects 2012A
	Finance	Debt Service 2012A, Reserve
Trails	Trails and Corridor Management	
	Trails	General
	Trails/ Mid Valley Trails Committee	Special Revenue
Administration		
	Attorney, CEO, Finance	General
	Human Resources/ Risk Management	General
	Information Technology, Planning	General



Statistical and Supplemental Information

History

The Roaring Fork Transit Agency (RFTA) was formed by an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Aspen and Pitkin County in 1983. At that time, the City and Pitkin County services were merged to achieve economies of scale. The purpose of RFTA was to:

- Own, operate, and administer a public transportation system, both within and without the corporate limits of the City and County;
- Provide a level of service that was based on funding, ridership, convenience, and a mass transit incentive;
- Establish an organization framework through which public transportation could be provided to citizens and visitors as an alternative to the private automobile, and to assist in carrying out environmental and conservation policies.

Originally there was a 5-member board appointed by the City and County. Pitkin County was responsible for issuing the debt for RFTA and handled all the accounting functions. In addition, RFTA employees were considered employees of Pitkin County and both the City of Aspen and Pitkin County had to adopt RFTA's budget. Prior to the formation of RFTA, the City of Aspen operated city routes and skier shuttles and Pitkin County provided commuter services between Aspen and El Jebel.

In 2000, it became apparent the demand for transit services was growing much faster than could be met with the current organizational structure. At that time, approximately 50% of all trips that started down valley stayed down valley and down valley was the area of most rapid and consistent ridership growth.

In November of 2000, the voters of the Roaring Fork Valley approved the establishment of the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA). At that time, the authority encompassed five towns and two counties that include the City of Glenwood Springs, Town of Carbondale, Town of Basalt, Town of Snowmass, City of Aspen, Pitkin County, and Eagle County. The purpose of the new RFTA was to maintain and improve the regional transit services; provide funding to build and maintain the regional trail; conduct regional transportation planning; leverage grant monies from federal, state, and local sources; provide funds to maintain the Corridor right of way; contract with local governments and private companies to provide transit services.

As part of the formation of RFTA, the existing Roaring Fork Transit Agency and the Roaring Fork Holding Authority were merged into one entity, the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority.

In November 2004, the Town of New Castle joined the Authority.

In November 2008, Authority Electorate passed a 0.4% sales tax increase for the implementation of a Bus Rapid Transit Project. Implementation is estimated to be in the fall of 2013.



Economic and Demographic Information

The following information is provided to provide general information concerning selected economic and demographic conditions existing in the area within which RFTA serves. The statistics presented below have been obtained from the referenced sources.

Population. The following table sets forth permanent population statistics for the City of Glenwood Springs, the Towns of Basalt and Carbondale, and Eagle, Garfield and Pitkin Counties.

	Population						
Year	Glenwood Springs	Carbondale	Basalt	Garfield County	Eagle County	Pitkin County	
1970	4,106	726	416	14,821	7,498	6,185	
1980	4,637	2,084	529	22,514	13,320	10,338	
1990	6,375	3,004	1,128	29,974	21,928	12,661	
2000	7,736	5,196	2,681	43,791	41,659	14,872	
2010	9,614	6,427	3,857	56,389	52,197	17,148	

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census; State of Colorado, Division of Local Government, Demographic Section

Major Employers. The following table sets forth selected major employers in the area.

2011 Selected Major Employers in the Area

Firm	Product or Service	Estimated Employees
Aspen Skiing Company/Little Nell Hotel	Ski Areas/Resort	3,384
Roaring Fork School District No. RE-1	Public Education	890
Garfield School District No. RE-2	Public Education	539
Valley View Hospital	Hospital	509
Colorado Mountain College	Higher Education	380
Garfield County	County Government	343
Aspen (City of)	City Government	318
Aspen Valley Hospital	Hospital	278
Pitkin County	County Government	256
Grand River Medical Center/Hospital	Hospital/Healthcare	245

Source: Individual employers



History of Retail Sales within RFTA Member Jurisdictions. The following table sets forth taxable retail sales figures with respect to each of the current member jurisdictions of RFTA for the past five calendar years, as reported by the Colorado Department of Revenue (except as otherwise noted). RFTA did not impose the Sales and Use Tax at its present level or, in some cases, at all within such member jurisdictions during such period. Such data is provided solely for the purpose of demonstrating retail sales trends in such areas.

Historical Taxable Retail Sales

	<i>~</i> , ,,	Glenwood		.	
Year	Carbondale	Springs	New Castle	Basalt	Aspen
2007	\$124,849,934	\$571,432,704	\$32,472,106	\$128,321,419	\$471,542,391
2008	133,400,429	554,745,242	41,724,651	122,584,681	471,217,397
2009	89,172,813	429,046,343	31,886,683	93,151,138	396,028,040
2010	82,524,183	416,944,767	30,483,665	91,872,499	398,101,811
2011	80,665,678	419,179,376	35,735,067	93,206,803	441,912,946

Year	Snowmass Village	Unincorporated Pitkin County	Unincorporated Eagle County ¹
2007	\$100,691,258	\$99,408,299	\$17,104,500
2008	99,043,140	98,709,978	19,351,000
2009	87,958,026	68,360,489	11,629,000
2010	89,099,917	82,982,617	12,608,000
2011	98,539,322	98,611,309	13,244,000

¹ Taxable retail sales data for Unincorporated Eagle County (including election precincts 7, 8, 24 and 25 only) was derived by RFTA based upon amounts received in connection with RFTA's imposition of a Sales and Use Tax in such areas, which was first imposed effective January 1, 2005. Such amounts are unaudited

Source: State of Colorado, Department of Revenue, Sales Tax Statistics, 2007-2011

Tourism. Year round tourism and skiing related businesses account for a significant portion of the employment and earned income of area residents. The area provides a variety of winter activities including skiing, ice fishing, camping, Nordic skiing, ice skating (indoors or out) snowmobiling, and snowshoeing. Summer activities include golfing, bicycling, boating, fishing, rafting and kayaking, horseback riding, camping, hiking, and cultural activities. Major tourist attractions within the area include: the Hot Springs Lodge and Pool located in the City of Glenwood Springs, open year round, which is one of the largest naturally heated outdoor mineral pools in the world; the Colorado and Roaring Fork Rivers, which provide for white water rafting and fishing; and the two million acre White River National Forest which offers hiking, camping, hunting, snowmobiling, and downhill and cross country skiing.



Pitkin County Ski Industry. The ski industry in Pitkin County has expanded from a one-mountain operation in 1946 to four mountains today. The ski area operator is the Aspen Skiing Company. Its operation includes Aspen Mountain, Buttermilk, Snowmass and Aspen Highlands. The following table summarizes skier visits to the four ski areas in Pitkin County for the 2007-2008 through the 2011-2010 ski seasons.

Annual Pitkin County Skier Visits 2007-2008 Through 2011-2012

Ski Season	Aspen Highlands	Aspen Mountain	Buttermilk	Snowmass	County Total	Percentage Change
2007-2008	211,635	332,981	154,926	771,455	1,470,997	
2008-2009	183,710	284,781	120,084	694,773	1,283,348	(12.8)%
2009-2010	174,947	294,439	143,115	725,709	1,338,210	4.3
2010-2011	199,567	291,904	131,995	737,066	1,360,532	1.7
2011-2012	161,984	295,749	146,577	731,786	1,336,096	(1.8)

A skier day is a lift ticket issued to a child or adult for a full or half day of skiing. Source: Pitkin County



Communities served

The Roaring Fork Transportation Authority connects the Roaring Fork Valley and U.S. Interstate 70 communities as well as Aspen, Snowmass, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk ski areas and the Maroon Bells Peak hiking area by commuter transit services. Additionally, the Authority owns and maintains a multi-purpose pedestrian, equestrian and bike trail located in the Roaring Fork Valley.

Aspen and the Maroon Bells Peak

Downhill skiing, hiking, rafting, biking, outdoor concerts, water sports and cultural pursuits. Thanks to Aspen's modern founders, Walter and Elizabeth Paepcke, the Aspen Idea of nurturing mind, body and spirit is firmly established in the community. Local calendars are packed with music and dance performances, lectures and art exhibits, offered by some of the most celebrated names in the world as well as remarkable, homegrown talent. Every summer the Aspen Music Festival brings classical music to the concert halls and the streets of town.

Aspen, Snowmass, Aspen Highland and Buttermilk Ski areas

Seasonally, the Authority provides commuter bus service to the four mountains owned by the Aspen Ski Company. These four mountains combine to provide over 5,300 acres of terrain and boundless dining and nightlife for visitors and locals.

Basalt

Located at the gate of the Frying Pan Valley along the Gold Medal waters of the Roaring Fork and Frying Pan Rivers in the White River National Forest at an elevation of 6,610 feet. Outdoor enthusiasts enjoy camping, boating, fishing, hiking, golfing, biking, snow shoeing and cross-country and downhill skiing, all within a 15 mile radius and Ruedi Reservoir offers the most beautiful setting for windsurfing, sailing and skiing. Galleries showcase local and international artists, and shopping abounds with boutique shops offering great keepsakes and specialty items.

Carbondale

At an altitude of 6,181 feet, and resting in the magnificent shadow of 12,953-foot Mount Sopris, the Carbondale area is characterized by an average of 295 days of sunshine, low humidity, cold but mild winters and comfortable summers. Carbondale is a great base camp for recreation enthusiasts. There is plenty to do including hiking, biking, golfing, kayaking, and world-class fly fishing. In winter, experience excellent cross-country skiing.

Glenwood Springs

Home of the world's largest hot springs swimming pool, and our setting at the confluence of the Roaring Fork River and the Colorado River make us a natural fit for year-round fun. Our local ski area caters to all abilities—as do our raft guides.

New Castle

The only member community located on U.S. Interstate 70, New Castle is minutes away from hiking, biking, fishing and golfing and less than an hour from world-class skiing, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, climbing and beautiful high-mountain scenery.



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Transit Services

Valley Services

 Highway 82 Corridor: RFTA operates a commuter bus system serving Aspen, Snowmass Village, Basalt, El Jebel, Carbondale, and Glenwood Springs. Service between Aspen, Snowmass Village, and El Jebel is available every half hour. Service between Aspen, Snowmass Village, Carbondale, and Glenwood Springs is available every 30-minutes during much of the day. After 8:15 p.m., service between El Jebel and Glenwood Springs is available every hour until 3:00 a.m.

Grand Hogback

• RFTA operates the Grand Hogback commuter bus service in the I-70 corridor from 5:15 a.m. until 6:30 p.m., seven days per week. There are nine eastbound and seven westbound revenue service trips each day and five round trips on the weekend. This service was implemented in April of 2002.

Service Contracts

- Aspen Skiing Company Skier Shuttles: Skier shuttles connect all four ski mountains with buses running approximately every 15 minutes between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. from Thanksgiving to Easter. These services are paid for by the Aspen Skiing Company and are free to the public. Beginning in 2008/2009 winter season, these services were integrated into the Aspen/ Snowmass Direct service.
- Ride Glenwood Springs: RFTA operates buses. The service operates on half-hour frequencies most of the day between the Roaring Fork Market Place, West Glenwood Mall, and the Meadows commercial development. Hours of operation are from 5:53 a.m. until 9:53 p.m., daily.
- City of Aspen:
 - o Fixed Routes: There are three fixed routes within the City of Aspen that are: Cemetery Lane, Castle Maroon, and Hunter Creek. These routes serve residential neighborhoods adjoining downtown Aspen. These services are paid for by the City of Aspen and are free to the user. These services operate from 6:30 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. during the winter and summer and from 7:00 a.m. until midnight during the spring and fall seasons.
 - O Dial-A-Ride Services: The East End Dial-A-Ride provides service two times per hour, year-round. This service is free to those users who catch the bus along the fixed route. Those who call to be picked up at their door pay \$1.00. This service operates from 6:30 a.m. until 1:45 a.m. during the winter and summer and from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. during the spring and fall seasons.
 - Maroon Creek Road Service: This service provides direct service between Rubey Park in downtown Aspen and the Highlands Base Village. This service operates in the winter and summer only and is paid for by the City of Aspen and is free to users.
 - o Galena Street Shuttle: The Galena Street Shuttle connects Aspen Mountain, on the south side of Aspen, to the Rio Grande parking garage, Post Office, Hunter Creek and the Art Museum on the north side of town. Service typically begins at 8:15 a.m. and ends at 5:15 p.m. daily during the winter. This service is free to the public.



Planned RFTA Transit Services, City of Aspen continued...

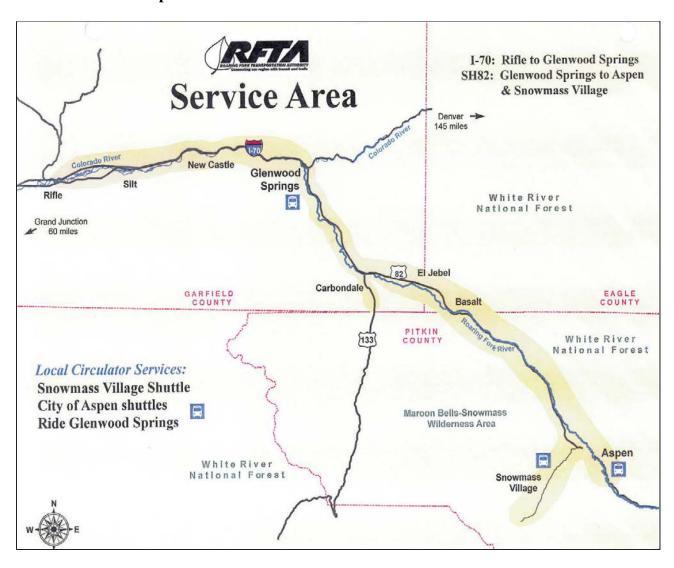
- o Cross Town Shuttle: The Cross Town Shuttle connects the West End and East End of Aspen, with half-hour service by a fixed route that travels from the Music Tent via 5th Street and Gillespie to 4th Street, 4th Street to Hallam Street, Hallam Street to Monarch Street, Monarch Street to Durant Avenue, Durant Avenue to Original Street, Original Street to Ute Avenue, and Ute Avenue to the Aspen Club. This service operates in the winter and summer seasons only. The general hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. during the winter and 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. during the summer. This service is free to the public.
- o Aspen Music Festival Service: During the summer RFTA operates shuttle service for the Aspen Music Festival. Shuttle services to and from the Music School campus, the Music Tent, are provided. This service is free to the public.
- o The Burlingame/Westside service was implemented in 2007 and it operates from 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. during the winter season, with half-hour service during peak commuting hours, and hourly service during the off-peak hours. The rest of the year, the service operates on half-hour frequencies from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m., and from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 pm.
- The Garfield County Communities Service (GCCS) Van: This service is a vital link to the GCCS Programs, Meals-on-Wheels program, Information and Referral services, outreach services, doctor appointments, shopping and social outings. The Van operates from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. The service is free; however, donations are accepted.

Miscellaneous Services:

- Burlingame Service: This summer shuttle service is funded by the Music Associates of Aspen and provides transportation for music students between Burlingame housing development, the Music School campus on Castle Creek Road, and the Music Tent in the West end of Aspen.
- Maroon Bells Bus Tour: From mid-June to the end of September each year, RFTA operates the Maroon Bells Bus Tour, which is staged from the Aspen Highlands Base Village. The Bells Tour is an award winning narrated tour of the Maroon Creek Valley, which delivers passengers to the Maroon Bells mountain formation and the Maroon Bells/ Snowmass Wilderness Area. RFTA cooperates with the U.S. Forest Service to close the road to other motorized traffic throughout the summer.
- The Senior Van: This service is a vital link to the Senior Nutrition Program, Meals-on-Wheels program, Information and Referral services, outreach services, doctor appointments, shopping and social outings. The Senior Van operates from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The service is free.
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Service: Federally mandated ADA service is provided to disabled passengers within the City of Aspen, to the Airport, and the Maroon Bells. To reserve service, people must call RFTA during normal business hours the day before the service is desired. RFTA will dispatch a lift-equipped vehicle to transport ADA passengers, at no charge, within the City of Aspen and to the Airport. The cost for ADA service to the Maroon Bells is twice the normal fare. ADA service is also provided in conjunction with Ride Glenwood Springs! Service and the Glenwood Traveler.
- Community Charter Service: RFTA provides occasional charter service.



Transit service area map:





Service Contract Formula Methodology

Contract information can be obtained in electronic format by contacting RFTA's Finance Department at 970-384-4884.

Service contracts are progress billed monthly based on budgeted costs, actual mileage and hours. The Authority's financial statements are audited and an adjustment billing is prepared based on audited, actual costs; no further adjustments to what previously has been billed is required unless the audited costs vary by more than 3% from the year-end adjusted costs.

Step 1: Total operating costs budgeted are categorized into a transit or trail cost.

		Contract Allocation	
Program Type	Department	Transit	Trails
Transit			
	Operations	100%	
	Maintenance	100%	
	Facilities	96%	4%
Trails			
	Trails/ Mid Valley Trails		100%
Administrative	Support		
	Attorney	50%	50%
	Board	92%	8%
	CEO	92%	8%
	Finance	98%	2%
	Human Resources/ Risk Management	98%	2%
	Information Technology	92%	8%
	Marketing	98%	2%

Step 2: Budgeted transit costs are categorized as a fixed cost, direct hourly or direct mileage cost. Note: All costs are not treated the same for all contracts and not all costs are categorized.

Step 3: Total categorized costs are divided by RFTA's projected annual mileage or hours to determine a fixed cost per hour, direct hour and direct mileage cost factor for each service contract.

Example of a calculation of cost factors:

		RFTA	RFTA	Direct Cost
Cost Category	Budgeted cost	Est. Hours	Est. Miles	factor
Total Fixed Cost	\$6,447,086	223,933	N/A	\$27.56
Total Direct Hourly Costs	\$8,109,224	223,933	N/A	\$34.66
Total Direct Mileage Costs	\$6,723,070	N/A	3,691,048	\$1.82

Each service contract is charged based on following formula; (1) actual route mileage and route hours times the direct cost factors (miles or hours) plus (2) route hours times the fixed cost factor plus (3) training costs based on percentage of route hours to total RFTA hours and (4) capital cost based on percentage of route mileage to total RFTA mileage.



Glossary of Financial and Budget terms

Note: These definitions have been copied from various sources such as the State of Colorado Financial Management Manual.

Budget - A financial plan which estimates proposed expenditures for a given period and the proposed methods of financing them.

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) - It's a significantly enhanced bus system that operates in bus lanes or mixed traffic. BRT combines the flexibility and cost savings of buses with the efficiency, speed, reliability, and amenities of rail. The Authority's BRT system will provide reduced transit travel times, improved mobility, and reliable access throughout the Roaring Fork and Colorado River Valleys during both peak and off-peak hours. Because BRT vehicles use hybrid electric/biodiesel engines, the system will help reduce emissions as well as local dependence on foreign energy sources. Typical BRT elements include:

- exclusive travel lanes where possible, that help speed service during peak travel hours
- roadway enhancements to enable buses to circumvent congestion, such as signal priority and queue bypass lanes for buses at congested intersections.
- stations, park & rides, and improved bus stops
- easy-to-board, ADA-compliant vehicles
- advanced technology that tracks buses and provides real-time information to passengers waiting at bus stops

Capital Assets - Land, improvements to land, easements, buildings, building improvements, vehicles, machinery, equipment, works of art and historical treasurers, infrastructure, and all other tangible or intangible assets that are used in operation s and that have initial useful lives extending beyond a single reporting period.

Expenditures - Decrease in net financial resources other than through inter fund transfers.

Expenses - Outflows of assets or occurrences of liabilities from delivering or producing goods or rendering services.

Function – a group of related activities aimed at accomplishing a major service or regulatory responsibility

Fund - A fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts recording cash and other financial resources, together with all related liabilities and residual equities or balances, and changes therein, which are segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions, or limitations.

Fund Balance - The difference between assets and liabilities reported in a governmental fund. Fund balance is divided into reserved and unreserved portions.



Fund Classifications - One of the three categories (governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary) used to classify fund types.

Fund Type - One of 11 classifications into which all individual funds can be categorized. Governmental fund types include the general fund, special revenue funds, debt service funds, capital projects funds, and permanent funds. Proprietary funds types include enterprise funds and internal service funds. Fiduciary fund types include pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds, and agency funds.

Generally accepted accounting Principles (GAAP) – Conventions, rules, and procedures that serve as the norm for the fair presentation of financial statements.

GFOA – Government Finance Officers Association. The purpose of the Government Finance Officers Association is to enhance and promote the professional management of governments for the public benefit by identifying and developing financial policies and practices and promoting them through education, training and leadership.

Governmental Fund – Funds generally used to account for tax-supported activities. There are five different types of governmental funds: the general fund, special revenue funds, debt service funds, capital projects, and permanent funds.

Government-Wide Financial Statements - Financial statements that incorporate all of a government's governmental and business-type activities, as well as its non-fiduciary component units. There are two basic government-wide financial statements: the statement of net assets and the statement of activities. Both basic government-wide financial statements are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

Infrastructure - Long-lived capital assets that normally are stationary in nature and normally can be preserved for a significantly greater number of years than most capital assets. Examples of infrastructure assets include roads, bridges, tunnels, drainage systems, water and sewer systems, dams, and lighting systems.

Long-Term Budget - A budget prepared for a period longer than a fiscal year. Long-term budgets concerned with capital outlay and capital improvement programs are referred to as capital budgets.

Long-Term Debt - Debt with a maturity date of more than one year after the date of issuance.



Major Fund - A governmental fund or enterprise fund reported as a separate column in the basic fund financial statements. The general fund is always a major fund. Otherwise, major funds are funds whose revenues, expenditures/expenses, assets, or liabilities are at least 10 percent of corresponding totals for all governmental or enterprise funds and at least 5 percent of the aggregate amount for all governmental and enterprise funds for the same item. Any other government or enterprise fund may be reported as a major fund if the government officials believe that fund is particularly important to financial statement users.

Modified Accrual Basis - A basis of accounting in which revenues should be recognized in the accounting period in which they become measurable and available. Expenditures should be recognized in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable.

NACSLB – National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting. The NACSLB was formed in the spring of 1995. The Council was established with a three year mission to improve state and local government budgeting through identification and dissemination of good budget principles and practices. The Council subsequently prepared a document that outlined a framework for improved state and local government budgeting and recommended budget practices.

Net Assets - The difference between assets and liabilities accounts.

Other Financing Source - An increase in current financial resources that is reported separately from revenues to avoid distorting revenue trends.

Other Financing Use - A decrease in current financial resources that is reported separately from expenditures to avoid distorting expenditure trends.

Program – include a group of activities, operations or organizational units directed at attaining specific purposes or objectives

Resolution - A special or temporary order of a legislative body requiring less legal formality than an ordinance or statute; used by governing boards of counties and special districts as a means for taking formal action.

Short-Term Debt - Debt with a maturity of one year or less after the date of issuance.



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