ITSP
Stage 1 Summary

May 12, 2016

ROARING FORK TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

ITSP Purpose

To create a vison and 10-20 year plan for RFTA to "Pursue excellence and innovation in providing preferred transportation choices that connect and support vibrant communities."

Background

Stage 1 Scope of Work:

- Assemble Background Information
- Public Involvement/Visioning
  - 25-30 workshops, interviews and planning sessions with planning staff, elected officials, major employers, other stakeholders
- Development of Vision and Goals Statements
- Complete Organizational Capacity and Efficiency Review

Local Staff Outreach Meetings to Date

Stakeholders	
Snowmass Village (April 4)	Glenwood Springs (April 11
Basalt (April 4)	New Castle (April 12)
Pitkin County (April 5)	Silt (April 12)
Aspen (April 5)	Garfield County (April 13)
Parachute (April 6)	Eagle County/ECO Transit (April 27)
Ski Co (April 8)	City of Rifle (April 28)
Carbondale (April 11)	Town of Parachute (April 28)

Themes Revealed during PI Process

- Multi-modal Mobility and Community Connectivity, with an emphasis on bicycle, pedestrian and transit use, is a prevalent priority
  - LoVa Trail and bike/ped improvements a top priority for I-70 communities
- Affirms the commuting patterns shown in the ***2014 Regional Travel Patterns Study***:
  - Most commuting occurs between Parachute and Glenwood Springs, and between Carbondale and Aspen
- School-related traffic a major issue in many communities

Themes Revealed…

- Desire for new, improved feeder bus systems
  - Parachute, New Castle, Glenwood Springs, Carbondale, EL Jebel, Basalt, Snowmass
- Park and Ride Improvements
  - Quality a priority in I-70 corridor; quantity in SH82
- Transit Service levels
  - More overall service suggested in I-70 corridor; more consistency between peak and off-peak seasons in SH82 corridor

City of Rifle

April 28

- Land Use:
  - Major Focus on infill
  - Unlikely to consider annexations; will tighten growth boundary
  - Estimated population increase from 10,000 to15,000 by infill alone
- Downtown Strategic Plan:
  - 1-2 Roundabouts, and PNR between I-70 and downtown
  - BRT a high priority; local transit a priority within next 20 years
- Bike/Ped
  - Going "full bore" on building trails
  - Trail System is #1 desire of community (based on 500 responses to Parks and Recreation Survey)
  - LoVa Trail a priority

Town of Parachute

April 28

- Road Improvements:
  - Extension of Cardinal Way to proposed new interchange to the west,.
  - Improve CR215.
- Transit:
  - Lots of regular hitchhiking to Rifle and beyond to go to work or to find work; interested in regional transit to Rifle, further east
  - Circulator bus service between Parachute and Battlement Mesa
  - PNR important for economic development, transit, and car share (if transit is not available); perhaps trucks can use at night and commuters during day
- Bike/Ped
  - Make Parachute a destination for recreation (motorized and non-motorized)
  - Bike/ped connection between Parachute and Battlement Mesa
  - LoVa Trail

Eagle County/ECO Transit

April 27

- More circulators and PNR spaces in the El Jebel area
- Transit Connection through Glenwood Canyon

Organizational Capacity & Efficiency Review

1. Assess RFTA's strengths and weaknesses;
2. Determine where RFTA is performing well, and where we can improve
3. Determine how RFTA can meet current and future demands most effectively

Chapter 1: Introduction - *draft to RFTA staff*
Chapter 2: RFTA Region - *draft to RFTA staff*
Chapter 3: RFTA Services - *draft to RFTA staff*
Chapter 4: RFTA in Relation to Other Transit Systems - *currently drafting*
Chapter 5: RFTA as an Organization - *currently drafting*
Chapter 6: Future Projections and Implications
Chapter 7: Conclusions and Recommendations

RFTA Board Retreat (June 9)

ITSP-Related Agenda Items

- Present Organizational Capacity & Efficiency Review Findings
- Summarize Stakeholder Outreach
- Edits to Vision & Goals Statements
- Discuss Next Stages

Stage 1 Remaining Schedule

May/June

Board meetings and works sessions with Elected Officials

Develop draft vision/goal statements

June

Hold TAC Meeting #1 to refine draft vision/goal statements

Discuss draft vision/goal statements and OC/E Review at Board Retreat

June/July

Seek input on ITSP and Vision/Goal Statements at Public Workshops

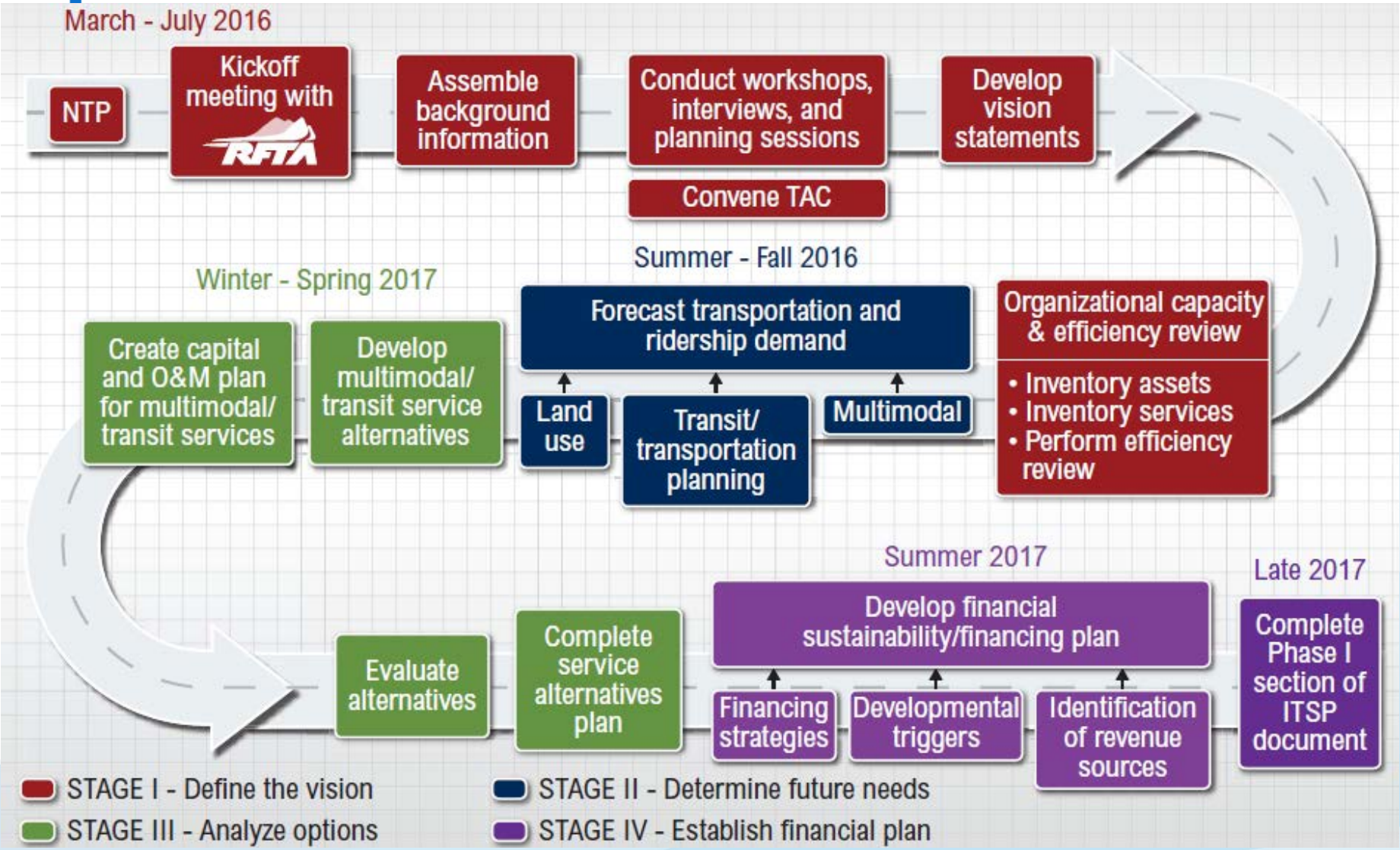
July/August

Finalize Vision/Goal Statements

Complete OC/E Report

Stage II Begins: Determine Future Needs

Stages I-IV Work Plan



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