RFTA ITSP
STAGE III – Analyze Options and Public Policy Development

RFTA Board Meeting
January 11, 2018

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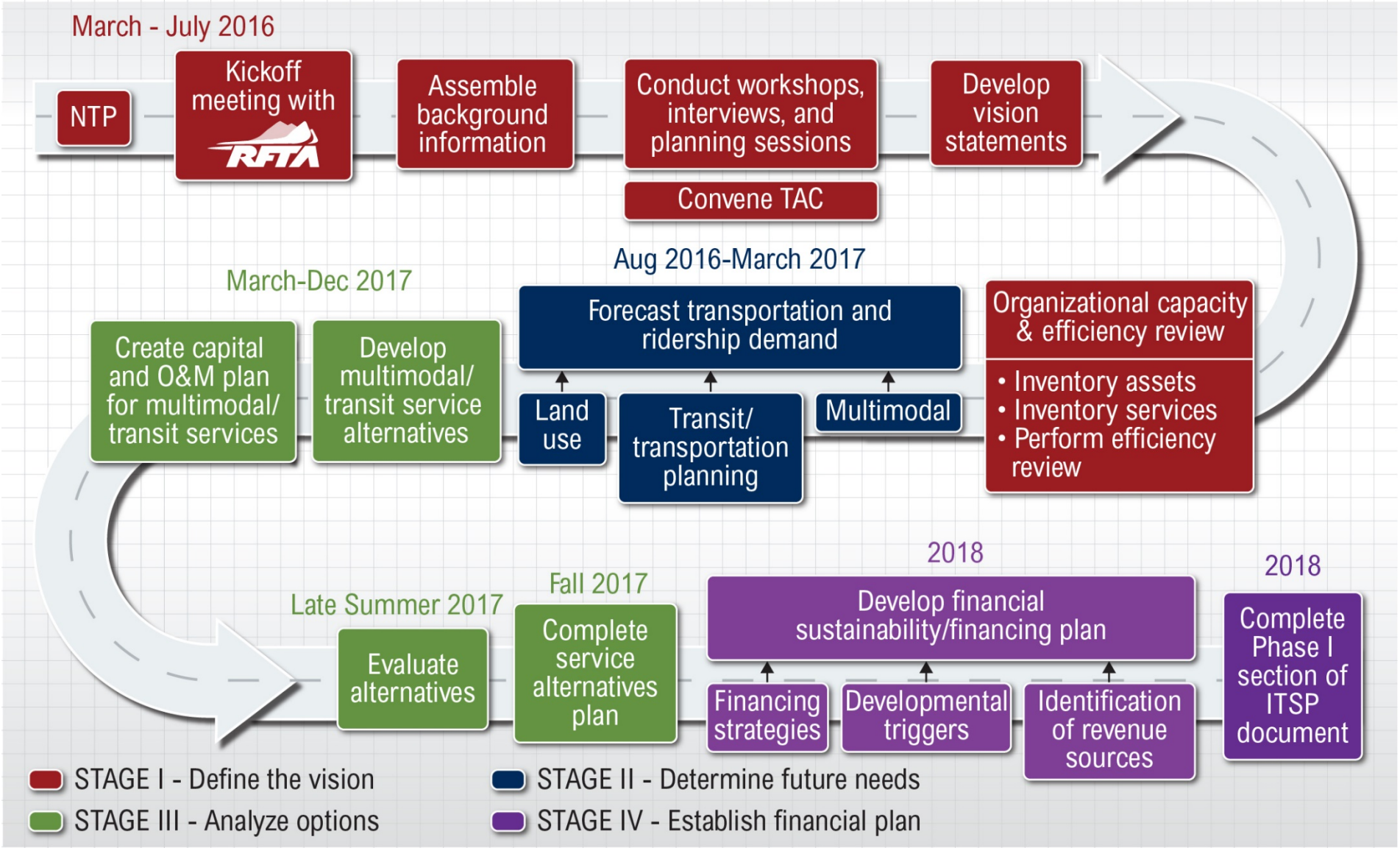
ROARING FORK TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Past Updates to You

- ITSP Stage I – performed stakeholder outreach and developed project goals (Mar - Jul 2016)
- ITSP Stage II – analyzed future land use and ridership needs using Air Sage data (Aug 2016 - Feb 2017)
- UVMS (Upper Valley Mobility Study) – developed LRT and BRT alternatives along modified direct alignment (Sept 2016 – June 2017)
- ITSP Stage III – Analyze Options kick off & funding discussion (May 2017-present)

Today's Update to You

- January 2018:
  - Debrief from Elected Officials outreach
  - Suggested changes to project list
  - Consideration of Policy changes
  - Example Mill levy map
  - Polling update
  - "Very Draft" Mill Levy Ballot Question


March - July 2016
NTP
Kickoff meeting with RFTA
Assemble background information
Conduct workshops, interviews, and planning sessions
Convene TAC
Develop vision statements
Aug 2016-March 2017
Forecast transportation and ridership demand
Land use
Transit/ transportation planning
Multimodal
Organizational capacity & efficiency review
• Inventory assets
• Inventory services
• Perform efficiency review
March-Dec 2017
Create capital and O&M plan for multimodal/ transit services
Develop multimodal/ transit service alternatives
Late Summer 2017
Evaluate alternatives
Fall 2017
Complete service alternatives plan
2018
Develop financial sustainability/financing plan
Financing strategies
Developmental triggers
Identification of revenue sources
2018
Complete Phase I section of ITSP document
STAGE I - Define the vision
STAGE II - Determine future needs
STAGE III - Analyze options
STAGE IV - Establish financial plan

Elected Official Outreach Meetings to Date

Stakeholder	Date
Pitkin County	11/8/2017
Glenwood Chamber	11/8/2017
Town of Snowmass Village	11/13/2017
City of Glenwood Springs	11/16/2017
Carbondale Board of Trustees	11/21/2017
Town of Basalt	11/28/2017
Aspen Chamber	11/28/2017
Garfield County Board of County Commissioners	11/20/2018

Stakeholder	Date
Roaring Fork Valley Regional Planning Commission	12/7/2017
New Castle Council	1/2/2018
Eagle County Commissioners	1/22/2018
Aspen City Council	2/5/2018
Rifle Regional Economic Development Council	3/1/2018

Debrief from Elected Official Meetings

- The public needs to "see" the RFTA projects. If you do a general ask and not publicize, that will make it harder.
- There are concerns about a property tax. Some believe that too few RFTA improvements have been accomplished with current RFTA taxes.
- Rio Grand Trail has a number of needs (bike/pedestrian and vehicular) that run into substantial roadblocks when trying to address them.
- Project priorities still need discussion.

Debrief from Elected Official Meetings

continued

- I 70 service improvements to New Castle should be considered.
- Hogback Route is very important to the west Garfield County non-member I-70 communities.
- Parking improvements in Willits and Basalt should be addressed as well as circulators in those areas.
- This is an opportunity to greatly expand ridership & remove cars from the road.
- The RFTA fares need to be kept down.
- RFTA did an outstanding job with the Grand Avenue Bridge closure.

Project Changes based on EO Outreach

Projects that are not priorities (consider removing):

- D3-SH 133 underpass (Carbondale)
- D4-15th Street pedestrian crossing (GWS)

Consider adding/expanding:

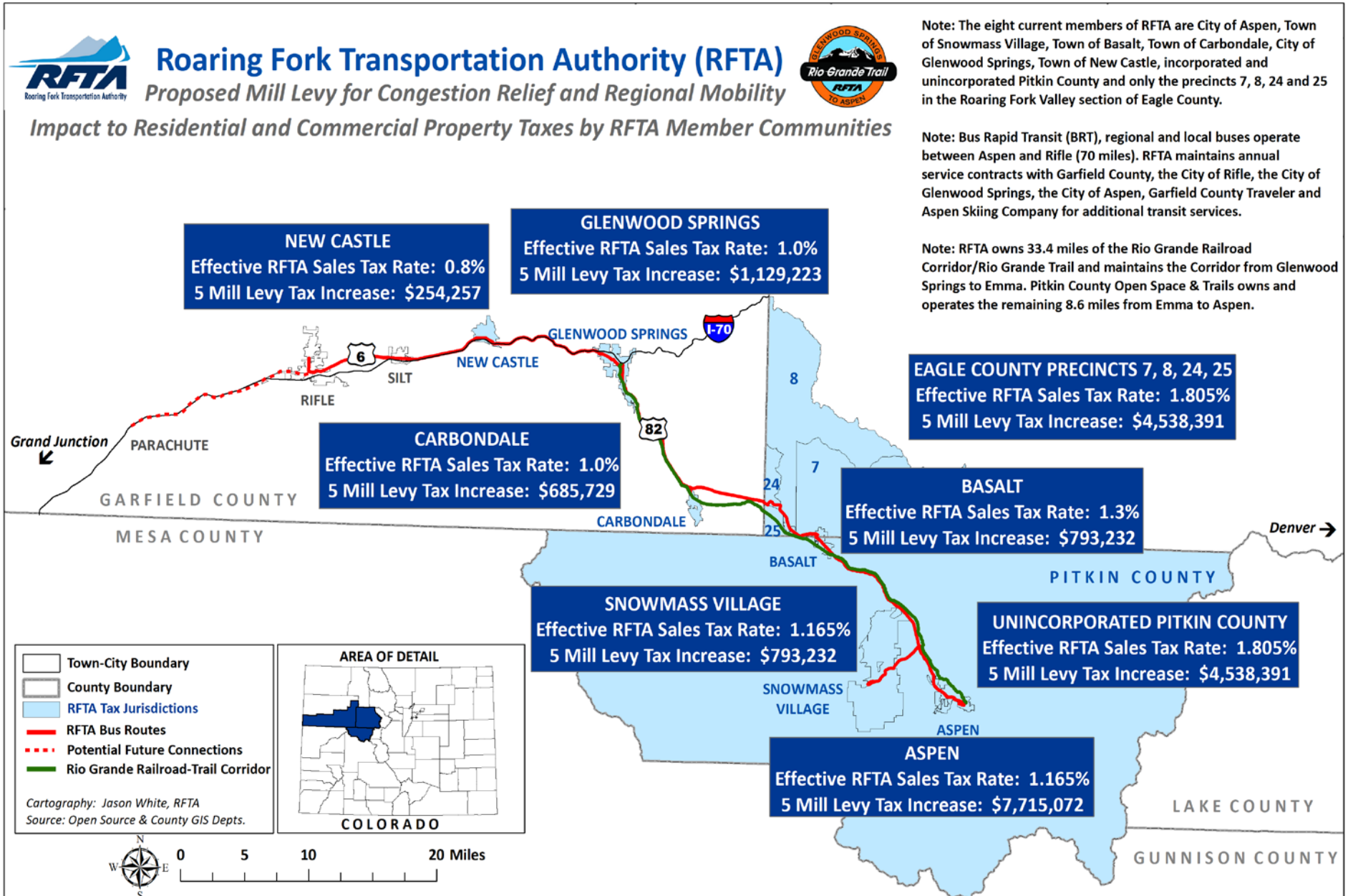
- A11-Optimize I70 Grand Hogback Service
  - Consider adding an option for increased service just to New Castle
- SH 82/South bridge grade separated RGT crossing (GWS)
- GWS 14th Street vehicular bridge/RGT crossing (GWS)

Policy Issues raised by EO outreach

- Consider LoVa trail costs and extent.
- Maintain consistency between individual RFTA ped crossing contributions.
- Reconsideration of RFTA's role with funding circulators.
- Investigate reducing current service within Blue Lake and Basalt in favor of circulators
- Investigate increasing first & last mile improvements to decrease costs of PNR's.

DISCUSSION

Example Map (5 mill shown)



Polling Status

- Calls will be in late January-Early February time frame.
- Target is 400 likely voters.
  - About 45 % cell phones
  - Includes 100 on-line responses
- Questions are in final development.
- Results will be presented at the February Board Meeting.

"Very Draft" Mill Levy Ballot Question

"SHALL THE ROARING FORK TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TAXES BE INCREASED XX MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY STARTING IN 2019, AND BY AMOUNTS GENERATED IN FUTURE YEARS, THROUGH A PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVY IMPOSED AT A RATE OF XX MILLS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- *BUS RAPID TRANSIT AND LOCAL BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS TO REDUCE CONGESTION ALONG HIGHWAY 82;*
- *MOBILITY ENHANCEMENTS FOR PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLIST AND TRANSIT USERS;*
- *CONSTRUCTION OF THE LOWER VALLEY TRAIL;*
- *IMPROVED ACCESS FOR THE RIO GRANDE TRAIL;*
- *CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PARK AND RIDES, BUS STOPS AND OTHER TRANSIT AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES;*
- *AND FOR PURCHASE OF NEW BUSES, INCLUDING ELECTRIFICATION OF BUSES FOR EMISSION AND NOISE REDUCTIONS?"*

QUESTIONS / DISCUSSION