



BRECKENRIDGE - Known for its can-do spirit, Breckenridge is a pioneer in sustainable and accessible public transportation. Breck Free Ride, the town's transit department, is leading the way with innovative initiatives such as a transition to a fully electric bus fleet by 2030 and a commitment to barrier-free access for all passengers.

SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

Electric Fleet Transition: Breckenridge is committed to sustainability. With a vision of being 100% electric by 2030, with 5 electric buses in service, and plans to acquire 2-4 more annually. In 2022, the Free Ride conducted an EV Transition Study, guiding our transition to EV buses, including infrastructure upgrades for charging and storage.

ACCESSIBILITY AND Inclusivity

Barrier-Free Access: All buses are fully ADA compliant, featuring kneeling capabilities and safety straps. We ensure everyone can access our buses, and our ADA-trained drivers are always ready to assist.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Listening to the Community: Public surveys are conducted whenever changes are considered, Transit leadership is accessible via phone during all operating hours for immediate feedback.

Community Driven Initiatives: This winter, we're integrating a Ski Resort bus route into Breck Free Ride to enhance reliability. Successful pilots may lead to further integration, improving community service.



Future Integration: We're exploring Micro-transit to complement Breck Free Ride, offering smaller vans to serve neighborhoods beyond bus routes.

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

Enhancing the Rider Experience: The Breck Free Ride App, powered by Syncromatics, provides real-time bus tracking. Automated Voice Annunciators assist passengers, enhancing accessibility. We're exploring advanced apps and GPS hardware for mountain conditions and electronic signage at high-traffic stops.

2022 STATS

- ◆ Total Miles: 319,790
- ◆ Total Ridership: 984,400
- ◆ Operating Vehicles: Total 19
 - ◇ 11 Diesel Transit
 - ◇ 2 Diesel Hybrid
 - ◇ 2 Battery Electric
 - ◇ 2 Trolley Buses
 - ◇ 2 Cutaway
- ◆ Cost to ride: **FREE**
- ◆ Operations Income
 - ◇ General Funds
 - ◇ CDOT
 - ◇ Federal FTA Grant Funding

TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD)

Supporting Growth: Breck Free Ride contributes to regional growth and development by providing nearly 1 million annual trips. Flexibility and adapting to expanding neighborhoods while collaborating with Community Development helps to align transit with new housing communities.

MULTI-MODAL INTEGRATION

Collaborative Travel: We've piloted the Breck E-Ride e-bikeshare program, working seamlessly with Free Ride to connect locals to work and errands. Snowstang, sponsored by Breckenridge, allows front-range residents direct access to the Breck Transit Center, enhancing connectivity.

TRAINING AND EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT

Investing in Our Team: We have on-site CDL Trainers and Testers, continuously refining driver skills and safety. Leadership development is a priority, promoting internal talent.

PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

Expanding Services: We've partnered with Summit Stage to provide countywide paratransit services, extending transportation options for community members in need.

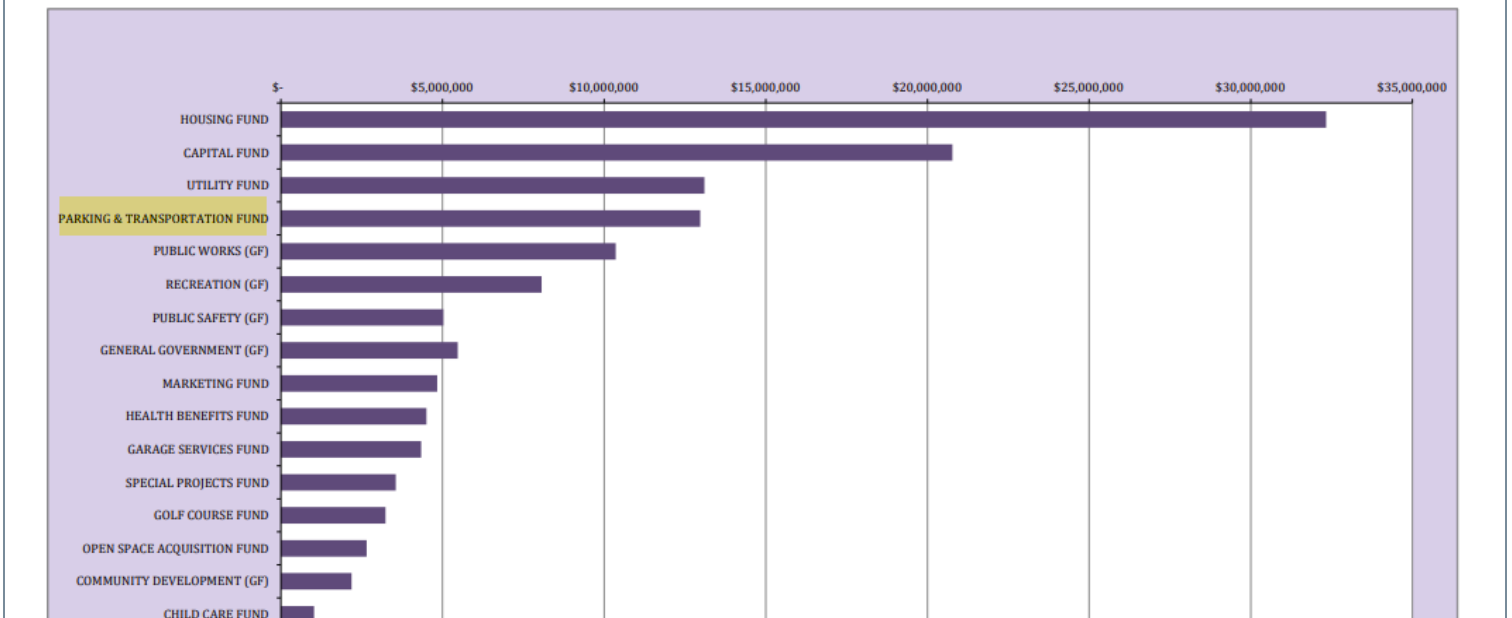
Employer Collaborations: Collaborations with Breck Ski Resort and other large employers ensure employees arrive punctually, enhancing workforce reliability.

CHALLENGES AND FUTURE PLANS

Fleet Renewal Challenge: Our major challenge is replacing our aging fleet with electric buses. We're committed to sustainability and exploring grant opportunities.

Future Vision: Celebrating 25 years in 2022, our goal is to reach 2 million riders annually in the next 5 years, achieve 100% electrification by 2030, and maintain a high level of frequent, reliable, and safe service for our community.

TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE- 2023 BUDGET
ALL EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM, NET OF TRANSFERS



CONCLUSION

Breckenridge's Free Ride transit system stands as a shining example of how small mountain communities can lead the charge in sustainable, inclusive, and technologically advanced public transportation. With its ambitious goals of achieving a fully electric fleet and increasing ridership, Breck Free Ride demonstrates an unwavering commitment to environmental stewardship and community service. As they continue to navigate the challenges of fleet replacement and expansion, Breckenridge sets a remarkable standard for the future of transit in mountain towns, where innovation and accessibility pave the way to a greener, more connected future.

For additional information about the Breck Free Ride, [TOB website](#).

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