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Summit County and High Valley Transit Secure Federal RAISE Grant

Summit County, UTAH (August 12, 2022) – Summit County and its partner, High Valley Transit (HVT), secured a \$25 million grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation’s *Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity* (RAISE) program to continue work on the S.R. 224 Electric Bus and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project.

“High Valley Transit is thrilled and honored by the news that HVT and Summit County received the RAISE grant for Bus Rapid Transit and electric buses,” HVT Board Chair, Kim Carson, said. “This was our fifth application for this very competitive Federal grant, and we wouldn’t be here if it weren’t for the hard work of our Executive Director, Caroline Rodriguez, her staff, and many others.”

The \$25 million award is the largest funding amount available through the RAISE program. It, in addition to the State of Utah’s \$30.3 million commitment to the project in May of this year, will help add dedicated lanes in each direction on much of S.R. 224 exclusively for use by transit vehicles, school buses, and emergency vehicles, as well as procure five battery-powered buses and supporting electric charging infrastructure. It will additionally create two new transit stations, provide improvements on three other existing stations, and allow for operational improvements at intersections along the S.R. 224 corridor.

"Many thanks to the Utah Congressional Delegation, especially Congressman Blake Moore, as well as the Utah Transportation Commission for their continued support of this project," Chris Robinson, Summit County Council Chair, said. "This award elevates attention to our small, rural transit system to a national level and acknowledges the innovative approaches we're employing to move people across the Wasatch Back."

RAISE awards are intended to modernize transportation across the country and make it more affordable, increase safety, and strengthen supply chains. HVT’s electric BRT system will create an affordable, accessible, low-emissions transportation choice for those who need it most, while increasing access to goods, services, employment, and recreation. It will transform S.R. 224 into the operational backbone of Summit County’s transit services.

Summit County will finalize the project environmental review in September of this year and enter a final design for the project in early 2023.

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