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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” Kim Carson, HVT Board Chair, said. “We wouldn’t be here without the groundswell of local, state, and federal support we’ve received. We’re grateful so many share in our vision for a BRT system that will deliver frequent, fast and reliable transit service to the county, and help S.R. 224 function better for all users.”

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.

“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,” Chris Robinson, Summit County Council Chair, said. “Many thanks to Senator Mitt Romney and Congressman Blake Moore who both were instrumental in elevating the county’s RAISE application with their Letters of Support.”

“I am thrilled that Summit County and High Valley Transit are recipients of the RAISE grant to provide the area better and more sustainable transit options,” Congressman Blake Moore shared. “These funds will make critical improvements to Summit County’s transportation infrastructure, and I am grateful to have worked with local officials to secure this grant.”

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.

“Many provisions in the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* will better position Utah and our country to meet the infrastructure-related challenges of the 21st century,” said Senator Mitt Romney, who voted in favor of the Act last November. “Because of this legislation, we will be able to deliver long-needed resources to communities like Summit County to modernize their transportation needs. I was proud to advocate for Summit County and look forward to seeing this important project come to fruition.”

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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