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### **New Transit Solar Project is Largest in Park City**

*Six solar arrays installed on municipal buildings in past three years*

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Riding Park City's local transit system just got a little greener. Park City Municipal Corporation wrapped up its latest solar project by adding 214 American-made solar panels to the Iron Horse transit facility. This system will generate roughly 87,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of clean energy per year, equivalent to 25 percent of the facility's electricity consumption in 2011.

The solar project was funded primarily by a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant administered by the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT). Park City contributed 20 percent of the total project costs through local transit sales tax funds.

*"The City's transit operation is fully committed to conducting all facets of its operations in an environmentally sensitive manner,"* stated Park City's Transit Manager Kent Cashel. *"In partnership with FTA we have completed this major step forward and are ready to begin generating a large portion of our facility's electrical power needs using the area's abundant sunshine."*

The Transit project is the sixth solar installation completed by Park City Municipal since 2009. Its 54.6 kilowatt size makes it the largest solar project ever completed within City limits. The City previously installed 88 solar panels on its Police facility in August 2012 in what was the biggest local installation at the time. These two projects collectively increased the total amount of grid-connected solar power within Park City by 40%.

Park City also supports solar on a community scale by offering a building permit fee waiver for commercial and residential projects. This incentive waives permit and site inspection fees up to \$1,000 per project. Projects can also take advantage of a 30% federal tax credit and 25% state tax credit for solar installations. Residents unable to install solar panels on their property can join the City in its support of renewable energy by purchasing renewable energy credits through Rocky Mountain Power's Blue Sky program.

Park City plans to remain active in its push for low-carbon, renewable energy resources. The City is part of the Wasatch Solar Challenge, along with five other northern Utah local governments, that is reducing soft costs associated with installing solar panels. The nonprofit organization, Utah Clean Energy, is spearheading these efforts. The City also advocated for a new solar rebate program offered by Rocky Mountain Power that will launch statewide in 2013. This program will provide rebates for up to 60 megawatts of new commercial and residential solar installations through 2017.

For more information on solar projects completed by Park City, including energy monitoring for the Transit solar panels, contact Tyler Poulson, Environmental Sustainability Manager, at 435-615-5204 or visit Park City's renewable energy web page at <http://www.parkcity.org/renewable>.

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Panoramic Solar Array at Iron Horse Transit Facility