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### **Park City Transit Awarded \$3.9 Million Grant to Launch Zero-Emission Bus Fleet and Bus Rapid Transit on State Road 224**

PARK CITY, Utah (July 29, 2016) – The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has awarded Park City Transit a \$3.9 million federal grant to support the purchase of six zero-emission buses to establish a bus rapid transit route along the highly congested State Road 224.

Park City Transit will partner with Summit County, the Utah Department of Transportation and [Proterra](#), a leader in the design and manufacture of zero-emission vehicles, to purchase and launch the fleet, which will help Park City Transit move toward the operation of seven-minute headways between the city and county transit centers, in a safer and more environmentally sustainable way.

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The Utah Department of Transportation, Summit County and Park City have a long history of pushing projects on the front edge in transportation. This is another example of the team working collaboratively to meet the needs of one of our communities.

“Transitioning to an electric bus fleet is a key step in moving the City toward its net-zero carbon goals,” said Ann Ober, Regional Policy and Energy Director at Park City Municipal Corporation. “With this grant, we will be able to install critical infrastructure and purchase our first six electric buses.”

“Proterra is excited to partner with Park City Municipal and Summit County on something so perfectly attuned to the community. The City and County are showing great leadership, utilizing proven technology that will provide a lower-cost, zero-carbon-emission transportation option, “ said Alan Westenskow, director of business development at Proterra.

Park City Transit officials estimate this new route will increase system ridership by 38 percent and decrease operating costs by 16 percent per passenger trip. This projected increase in ridership will assist Park City in meeting its environmental sustainability goals by converting traditionally fueled personal vehicle trips to emission-free rides.

The region’s leaders have long recognized the necessity of environmental protection and both the City and County have named environmental preservation as a priority. In 2015 Park City Council approved a resolution to achieve net-zero carbon impact for the municipality by 2022 and for the city-proper by 2032. Transitioning the fleet out of traditional fossil fuels and into electric vehicles is a key component of achieving this goal. The FTA grant will serve as a catalyst to introduce the community to the benefits of environmental, clean, and reliability of battery electric buses, and will complement the innovative steps already taken by Park City toward achieving the net-zero carbon for municipal services.

Park City Transit was one of 20 transit providers in 13 states selected to receive a share of \$55 million for transit buses and related technology that replaces aging diesel fuel buses with battery-electric or fuel cell-powered vehicles and incorporates other innovations. Park City Transit plans to have the new vehicles in operation for the Summer 2018 season.

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### **About Park City Municipal Corporation**

Park City Municipal Corporation is the government seat for Park City, Utah. A former silver mining town, Park City is now home to two world-class ski resorts and was the mountain host for the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. The town of 7,500 also hosts many special events, including the Sundance Film Festival and the final stage of the Tour of Utah.

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