

Town of Lyons, Colorado  
Board of Trustees  
BOT Agenda Cover Sheet  
Agenda Item No: X. 2.  
Meeting Date: January 3, 2022

**TO:** Mayor Angelo and Members of Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Kim Mitchell, Community Programs and Relations  
**DATE:** December 22, 2021  
**ITEM:** Resolution 2022-02, A Resolution of the Town of Lyons, Colorado  
Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Boulder County for  
Transportation Services

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ORDINANCE  
 MOTION / RESOLUTION  
 INFORMATION

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**I. REQUEST OR ISSUE:**

Due to COVID and service reductions with RTD, Boulder County has offered an IGA with Lyons to fund transportation services in 2022, which include the zTrip voucher program. The program as proposed by Boulder County is to have a fixed route bus service, ie: the Y service, but with a smaller vehicle (15-20 pax), providing two morning trips and two afternoon trips and supplemented with zTrip Voucher Program service.

**II. RECOMMENDED ACTION / NEXT STEP:**

Approve the 2022 IGA with Boulder County for Transportation Services

**III. FISCAL IMPACTS:**

Boulder County is proposing a fixed route service to replace the RTD Y Bus Service in 2022. Boulder County estimates that the fixed route, with two morning and two afternoon/evening trips from Lyons to Boulder will not start until late in Q1 2022. To supplement the service, they have estimated that the cost of the zTrip program beyond the fixed Route bus service will cost approximately \$30K. The Town will pay for the submitted rider vouchers to zTrip and will submit them for reimbursement to Boulder County, for 75% monthly cost, or up to \$7,530 total for the 2022 program. Both the EcoPass program (\$14,530) and the zTrip voucher program (\$7,530) town expenses were included in the 2022 Town budget.

**IV. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Due to COVID service reductions enacted by the RTD Board, the Town of Lyons currently does not have bus service to Boulder. The IGA for 2022 with Boulder County is for

transportation services via a fixed route to Boulder to/from Lyons (contracted by Boulder County) and supplemented with the zTrip Voucher program to/from Boulder or Longmont, when the fixed route service is not offered. As proposed, Boulder County estimates the fixed route bus service to begin late in Q1 of 2022. The IGA will supplement service seven days a week until the bus service returns and then will be available when the bus is not scheduled.

**About the zTrip Voucher Program**

The program was suggested to the Town by Boulder County. In 2020 Boulder County paid \$40K in financial support and in 2021, up to \$70K due to not having public transportation options in Lyons, especially for trips to doctor appointments, clinics, pharmacies and similar needs. For 2022, Boulder County estimates that fixed route bus service will replace a great majority of zTrip rides, therefore estimating a program cost of \$30K. The IGA has the town paying for up to 24.9% of the zTrip program over the calendar year. This is budgeted for \$7,430 and is included in the 2022 Town Budget.

Town staff will continue to help to get vouchers out to seniors, students and those that have transportation needs which public transportation on a fixed route wouldn't serve.

Due to the complexities of the program, Boulder County Transportation Staff and Boulder County attorney felt that the best path forward would be for the Town to have an IGA for transportation services with Boulder County.

**About the EcoPass Program**

The Town has had an EcoPass program since 2010. Residents of Lyons are eligible for an annual EcoPass which is valid on all RTD routes. EcoPasses are good on all RTD buses, including trips to DIA, Denver and beyond. While Lyons currently does not have RTD Y service, Boulder County plans to contract for a fixed route service (twice daily morning and afternoon, M-F) to supplement the cancelled RTD service. Boulder County expects to contract for public transportation that can be utilized by 15-20 residents per trip. As part of the IGA with Boulder County, the Town would continue the EcoPass program and the passes would be good on the fixed route service to Boulder (once contracted and service resumes), similar to the Y route. The cost is budgeted for \$14,530 and is included in the 2022 Town Budget.

**IV. LEGAL ISSUES:**

No legal issues are anticipated once the IGA is executed.

**VI. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:**

None known.

**VII. SUMMARY AND ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board of Trustees can deny the motion or modify the motion or modify the IGA.

**VIII. PROPOSED MOTION:**

"I move to approve resolution 2022-02 approving the 2021 IGA with Boulder County for Alternative Transportation Services"