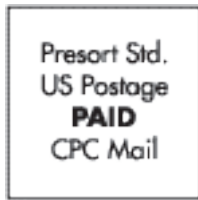


1340 Main Street  
Carbondale, CO 81623



# ROARING FORK TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

Please take a few minutes to read the questions below, review with other household members, and complete the survey. All surveys are anonymous and your response will in no way be associated with your name. **You may also take this survey online at <https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/L5B3dw>**

To return this survey please do one of the following by August 1st, 2018:

- Drop this survey in the mail
- Deliver to the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority at 1340 Main Street, Carbondale, CO 81623
- Drop off at the Rubey Park Transit Center at 450 East Durant Ave, Aspen, CO 81611

**Please Open: SURVEY INSIDE and important information about regional transportation and transit**



**PUBLIC HEARING**  
AUGUST 9, 2018  
CARBONDALE TOWN HALL  
9:00AM

[www.RFTA2040.com](http://www.RFTA2040.com)

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

“Destination 2040” is the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority’s (RFTA’s) plan to address the region’s current and future mobility needs. RFTA makes getting around the area easier and less expensive through the programs and services it provides, including: VelociRFTA Bus Rapid Transit, local buses, pedestrian safety enhancements, access to bike share, and maintenance of the Rio Grande recreational trail. RFTA helps reduce automobile congestion and is good for the environment, however, it faces financial challenges in order to maintain its services and programs, as well as to meet the region’s growing mobility needs. That is why in November 2018 the RFTA Board of Directors is considering asking the public to approve a mill levy of approximately 2.65 mills. The RFTA Board wants your input so that it can determine which elements of the “Destination 2040” plan are the most important to you. For this reason, a Public Hearing has been scheduled on August 9, 2018 at Town Hall, 511 Colorado Avenue, Carbondale, CO, 81627 and you are invited to attend. You can find information about Destination 2040 at [www.rfta2040.com](http://www.rfta2040.com) and, instead of attending the Public Hearing, you can send your questions and comments to [info@rfta2040.com](mailto:info@rfta2040.com). Thank you!

**Q1.** Before receiving the enclosed information, how much would you say you’ve read or heard about the possibility of RFTA putting a question on the November ballot, asking to raise local property taxes to provide more funding for transportation improvements in this region? (Please check one)  
 A lot  
 Some  
 A little  
 Nothing at all

**Q2.** In your opinion, how serious of a problem is traffic congestion in this region? (Please check one)  
 Extremely serious  
 Very serious  
 Somewhat serious  
 Not serious  
 Don’t know/No opinion

**Q3.** In your opinion, should committing more resources to transit and mobility in order to mitigate traffic congestion and to protect our property values and mountain way of life be a high, medium or low priority, or should it not be a priority at all? (Please check one)  
 High priority  
 Medium priority  
 Low priority  
 Not a priority  
 Don’t know/No opinion

**Q4.** In your opinion, should funding more environmentally-friendly transportation options, such as electrifying buses, and providing more and better bicycle and pedestrian options be a high, medium or low priority, or should it not be a priority at all?  
 High priority  
 Medium priority  
 Low priority  
 Not a priority  
 Don’t know/No opinion

**Q5.** In your opinion, should ensuring that RFTA maintains current service levels and provide service expansions in the future be a high, medium or low priority, or should it not be a priority at all? (Please check one)  
 High priority  
 Medium priority  
 Low priority  
 Not a priority  
 Don’t know/No opinion

**Q6.** If an election were held today, would you vote “yes” in favor, or “no” to oppose, an \$9.5 million mill-levy increase per year—with an estimated tax impact of \$6.75 per month for a \$500,000 “market” value home—to allow RFTA to (1) purchase new buses, including electrification of buses for emission and noise reductions (2) reduce congestion along Highway 82 with bus rapid transit and local bus service improvements (3) improve maintenance and access for the Rio Grande Trail and contribute to the LOVA Trail (4) enhance mobility for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users (5) construct and maintain park and rides, bus stops and other transit and transportation facilities?  
 Yes  
 No  
 Don’t Know

**Q7.** What is your main concern, if any, regarding the proposed property-tax measure and the transportation projects under consideration?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Q8.** Before proceeding with an election, what additional information would you like, if any, regarding RFTA’s proposed Destination 2040 projects?

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Q9.** I have been a resident in the area for \_\_\_\_ years.

**Q10.** What is your zip code? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please visit**  
<https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/L5B3dw>  
**to complete this online.**

**Thank you for participating!**

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 **Questions or Comments?**  
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# PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

## IMPROVEMENTS FOR REDUCING CONGESTION AND IMPROVING MOBILITY

- C1** Service Increase, 30-minute Valley Service
- C2** Bus Fleet Expansion for New Services
- C3** Service Increase, Weekend BRT (Spring/Fall)
- C4** I-70 Grand Hogback Service - 27th Street to New Castle, 30 min headways
- C5** Extend BRT to Downtown GWS and RFTA Local Service on Hwy 6/24
- C6** Better transit service connections to Snowmass Village on Brush Creek Road
- C7** Improvements to Mid Valley Hwy 82 Bus Stops
- C8** Glenwood Springs 27th Street BRT Station Parking Expansion
- C9** Willits BRT Station Parking Expansion
- C10** Carbondale BRT Station Parking Expansion
- C11** Aspen Junction (Basalt) Park and Ride Expansion
- C12** New Castle Parking Expansion
- C13** Improvements to Town of Snowmass Village Transit Center \*
- C14** Upper Valley Congestion Management Study
- C15** Buttermilk Parking Management
- C16** BRT Enhancements to Brush Creek Intercept Lot
- C17** Pick Up/Drop Off Accommodations at BRT Stations

## IMPROVEMENTS FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND SAFETY

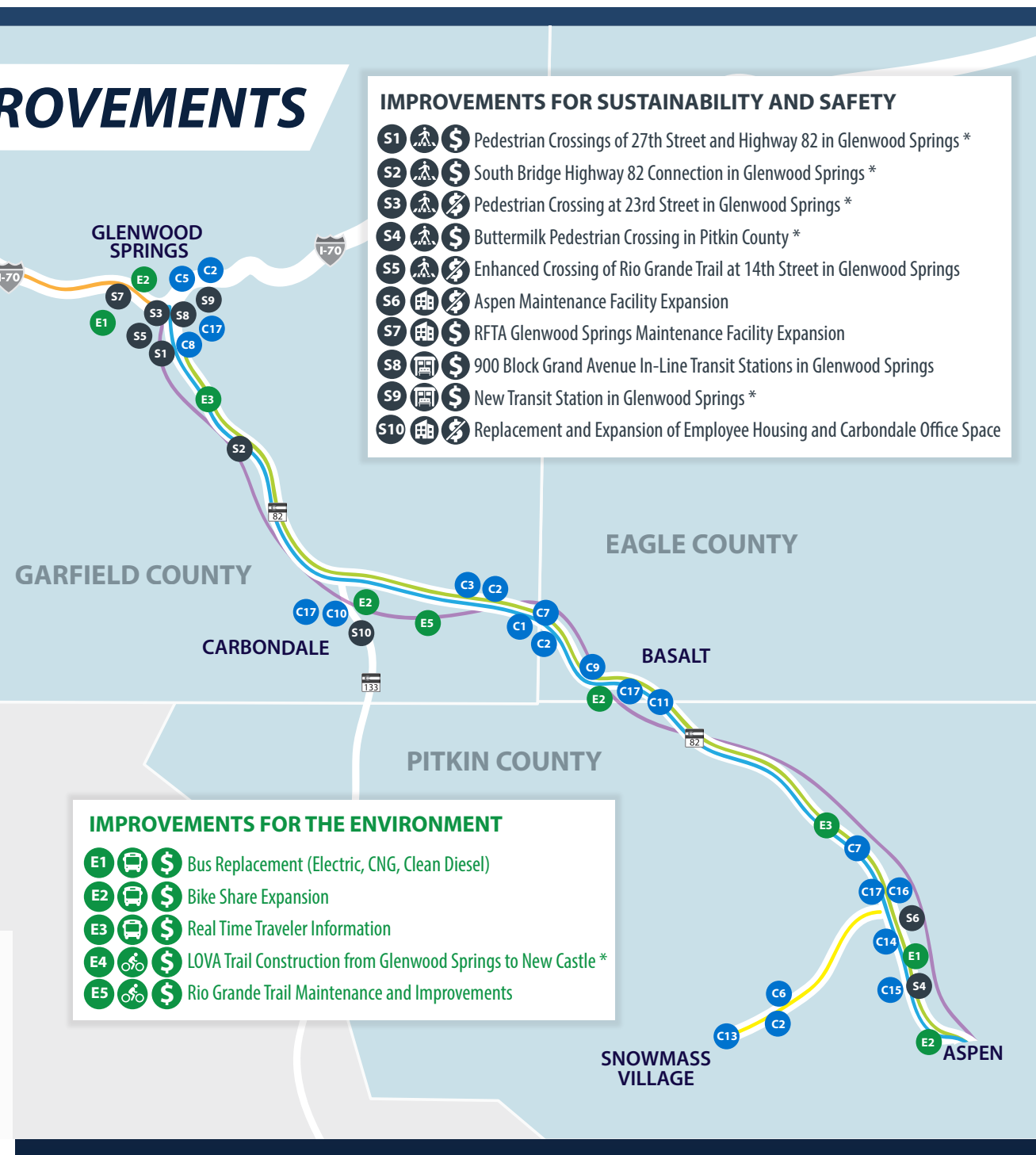
- S1** Pedestrian Crossings of 27th Street and Highway 82 in Glenwood Springs \*
- S2** South Bridge Highway 82 Connection in Glenwood Springs \*
- S3** Pedestrian Crossing at 23rd Street in Glenwood Springs \*
- S4** Buttermilk Pedestrian Crossing in Pitkin County \*
- S5** Enhanced Crossing of Rio Grande Trail at 14th Street in Glenwood Springs
- S6** Aspen Maintenance Facility Expansion
- S7** RFTA Glenwood Springs Maintenance Facility Expansion
- S8** 900 Block Grand Avenue In-Line Transit Stations in Glenwood Springs
- S9** New Transit Station in Glenwood Springs \*
- S10** Replacement and Expansion of Employee Housing and Carbondale Office Space

## IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

- E1** Bus Replacement (Electric, CNG, Clean Diesel)
- E2** Bike Share Expansion
- E3** Real Time Traveler Information
- E4** LOVA Trail Construction from Glenwood Springs to New Castle \*
- E5** Rio Grande Trail Maintenance and Improvements

## LEGEND

- This project is included in the 2.65 mill levy plan
- \* Partial RFTA contribution to overall project
- This project not included in the 2.65 mill levy plan. RFTA will pursue funding from grants and other sources.
- Transit Improvement
- Trail Improvement
- Parking Improvement
- Pedestrian Crossing Improvement
- Station Improvement
- Building Improvement
- ROUTES/TRAILS**
- Hogback Route
- BRT Route
- Valley Route
- Snowmass Route
- Rio Grande Trail



# HOW WILL WE PAY FOR THIS?

State law allows a Regional Transportation Authority, such as RFTA, to collect up to 5 mills in property taxes, with voter approval. In order to prepare RFTA to address the region's future mobility challenges, the RFTA Board of Directors has carefully reviewed several "Destination 2040" funding scenarios. Currently, the RFTA Board is evaluating the possibility of a property tax mill levy of approximately 2.65 mills to help fund strategic improvements to the region's transportation system.

## What Would a 2.65 Mill Levy Look Like?

### RESIDENTIAL

What might the proposed RFTA Mill Levy Cost a Homeowner?

**Assessment Rate 6.11%**

<b>\$6.75</b>	<b>\$80.95</b>
<b>PER MONTH</b>	<b>PER YEAR</b>
For \$500K actual value home at 2.65 Mill	For \$500K actual value home at 2.65 Mill

### COMMERCIAL

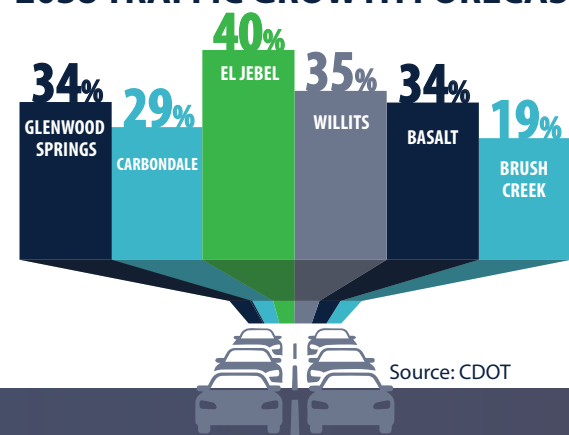
What might the proposed RFTA Mill Levy Cost a Commercial Property Owner?

**Assessment Rate 29%**

<b>\$64.04</b>	<b>\$768.50</b>
<b>PER MONTH</b>	<b>PER YEAR</b>
For \$1M actual property value at 2.65 Mill	For \$1M actual property value at 2.65 Mill

# WHY IS RFTA DOING THIS?

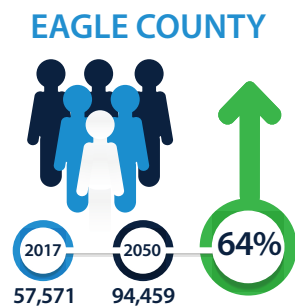
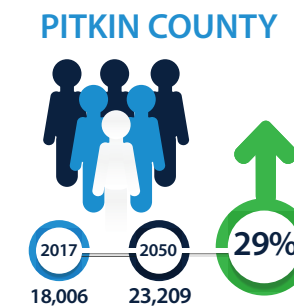
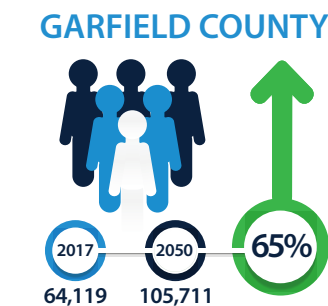
## STATE HIGHWAY 82 2038 TRAFFIC GROWTH FORECAST



**9.3 YEARS**  
Current average RFTA bus age. Buses should be replaced at 12 years.

**402,000 MILES**  
Current average mileage on RFTA buses. Buses should be replaced at 500,000 miles.

## POPULATION GROWTH FORECAST



Source: Colorado State Demographers Office

Population, employment growth and housing development in the region will continue to increase over the next 20 years.

Increasing multi-modal transportation options will help the region address expected traffic demand and congestion increases.

New technology for traffic management and electric buses can help meet the community's environmental goals.

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