



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MOUNTAIN RIDES TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 1:00 pm
Ketchum City Hall, 191 5th Street West, Ketchum, Idaho

The Mountain Rides Transportation Authority's Board of Directors met in a Regular Meeting in person and via conference call.

PRESENT: Grady Burnett, Tom Blanchard, Kristin Derrig, Peter Hendricks, Peter Prekeges, Martha Burke, Christina Giordani, Muffy Davis

ALSO PRESENT: Wally Morgus, Carlos Tellez, Jamie Canfield, Raul Romero, Andrea Hernandez, Liz Ruiz, Andrea Loera, Eric Humbach, Janessa Corrao-Bal, Brady Workman, Amy DeGennaro

1. CALL TO ORDER

Grady Burnett called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Kristin Derrig took attendance and confirmed that a quorum was present.

2. ACTION ITEM: *Accept Appointment and Seat Ketchum Member of the Board*

Matha Burke moved to appoint and seat Peter Prekeges to the Board of Directors, and Muffy Davis seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR, BOARD MEMBERS, and STAFF

- Inquiry regarding branding and signage on the bus shelter near the gondola/Wells Fargo area in Ketchum. Staff will coordinate with the City of Ketchum regarding appropriate Mountain Rides Branding.
- Appreciation expressed for continued operational improvements, particularly in electric bus deployment.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Janessa from Syringa Mountain School gave a presentation on the school's partnership with Mountain Rides. Highlights include:

- Regular use of the Valley and Hailey Routes by students.
- Weekly outdoor education programs utilizing the bus system.
- Community partnerships, including The Hunger Coalition and the Senior Center.
- The importance of public transit for student access and community engagement.

- Appreciation expressed for fare-free service and reliability.

Board members expressed strong appreciation for the partnership and discussed a potential in-person student presentation at the May board meeting.

5. PRESENTATION: *Workman & Co. CPAs: FY2025 Audited Financial Statements; Brady Workman, presenter*

Brady Workman presented the FY2025 audited financial statements.

- The unmodified audit opinion was at the highest level possible.
- Successful completion of the required federal Single Audit.
- Revenues slightly under budget; expenses significantly under budget.
- Approximately \$500,000 increase in General Fund balance.
- Workforce Housing and Capital Funds remained positive.

Board members commended staff for financial organization and responsiveness.

6. ACTION ITEM: *Approve/receive/file FY2025 Audited Financial Statements*

Peter Hendricks moved to approve, receive, and file the FY2025 Audited Financial Statements for Mountain Rides Transportation Authority as prepared by Workman & Co. CPAs, and Muffy Davis seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

7. ACTION ITEM: *Approve Consent Agenda*

- Authorize/approve: Disbursement of MRTA's funds for paying bills on hand as of January 19, 2026*
- Approve/file: Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, December 17, 2025*
- Approve/file: Minutes of Finance & Performance Committee, January 7, 2026*
- Approve/file: Minutes of Planning & Marketing Committee, January 7, 2026*
- Receive/file Performance Dashboard, December 2025*
- Receive/file: November 2025 Operating Fund Financial Statements and Bills Paid*
- Receive/file: Report from Director, Fleet, Maintenance & Facilities; Director, Community Transportation; Manager, Finance & Administration; Manager, Transit Operations; Manager, Marketing & Communications; Executive Director*

Peter Hendricks pointed out that ridership on most routes continued to decline compared to prior years. A discussion was held about potential contributing factors, including reduced snowfall, reduced tourism activity resulting in fewer workers, and road conditions that encourage personal vehicle use.

Kristin Derrig moved to approve the consent agenda, and Muffy Davis seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

8. DISCUSSION ITEM: *February 2026 Strategic Workshop*

The Board selected Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for the Strategic Workshop. Preliminary topics will include Mobility strategy and microtransit analysis, hydrogen fuel cell bus exploration, fleet planning and long-term zero-emission strategy, ridership trends and marketing strategies, and potential Valley Route express options.

9. ACTION ITEM: *Appoint/Seat Planning & Marketing Committee and Finance & Performance Committee Members*

Committee assignments effective January 21, 2026, through January 10, 2027:

Planning & Marketing Committee:

- Kristin Derrig
- Grady Burnett
- Martha Burke
- Christina Giordani

Finance & Performance Committee:

- Tom Blanchard
- Peter Hendricks
- Muffy Davis
- Peter Prekeges

Muffy Davis moved to appoint and seat the Planning & Marketing Committee and the Finance & Performance Committee. Tom Blanchard seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

10. ACTION ITEM: *Approve/Authorize Airport Service*

Jamie Canfield presented the Airport Shuttle Service Plan:

- The service period will run from February 16 through April 30, 2026, with an estimated cost of approximately \$61,000, funded by about \$110,000 in Air Service Board funds.
- The dedicated airport parking space is secured. There is a flexible service model with on-call support. There will be a future evaluation for the service after April.
- The Board discussed the marketing strategy, hotel engagement, capacity considerations, and long-term potential.

Muffy Davis moved to approve and authorize the Airport Service plan running from February 16th through April 30th. Kristin Derrig seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

11. DISCUSSION ITEM: *Items of Interest to the Members*

There were none.

12. ADJOURN

Tom Blanchard moved to adjourn the meeting, and Peter Hendricks seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 pm.



Chair Grady Burnett