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**Park City Transit Awarded Another “Low-No” Emission Grant (\$500,000) from
Federal Transit Administration**

Additional funds to help purchase seven new battery-electric buses

Park City, Summit County, Utah (October 4, 2017)—For the second year in a row, the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has awarded Park City Transit a [Low-or-No-Emission](#) Technologies grant in partnership with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT). The \$500,000 award to Park City Transit—which jointly services Park City and Summit County—will be used to help purchase seven new battery-electric buses.

“This award—the second Low-No in as many years—reflects the FTA’s confidence in our ability to execute innovative transportation programs,” said Park City Municipal Transit & Public Works Director Blake Fennesbeck.

In 2016, the FTA (through UDOT) awarded a \$3.9-million grant to Park City Transit to purchase six battery-electric buses. These buses now comprise the Electric Xpress, the backbone of the first phase of an all-electric bus-rapid transit corridor connecting the Old Town Transit Center in Park City with the Kimball Junction Transit Center in Summit County. In the three months since the route’s launch, the Electric Xpress has reached 100,000 rides and has contributed to a significant increase in ridership system-wide.

“We implemented our flagship Electric Xpress route nearly a year ahead of schedule,” said Summit County Regional Transportation Planning Director, Caroline Rodriguez. “This is just one example of the City and County’s collective commitment to transition away from fossil fuels and increase the overall efficiency of our fleet.” Electric buses get the equivalent of 21 miles per gallon, compared with 3.8 miles for their diesel counterparts.

The new electric buses, which are manufactured by [Proterra](#), will replace seven diesel buses that have reached the end of their 12-year useful life. Transit staff hopes to have the new electric buses in operation by December 2018. Park City is also in the process of installing a second bus charger at the Old Town Transit Center, which will complement the current charger at the Kimball Junction Transit Center.

“Expanding our electric fleet directly contributes to the City’s goal of net-zero carbon emissions by 2022,” said Park City Environmental Sustainability Manager Luke Cartin. “We have also committed to procuring 100 percent of our electricity from renewable sources by the same year, ensuring that the buses’ power source is carbon-free.”

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About Park City Municipal Corporation

Park City Municipal Corporation is the local government entity 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 Olympic Winter Games. The town of 7,500 also hosts many special events, including the Sundance Film Festival and the Kimball Arts Festival. For more information, please visit www.parkcity.org

About Summit County

Located in the northeast corner of Utah along the Wasatch Back, Summit County is home to more than 41,000 residents. Created in 1854, Summit County was named for the summits of the mountains, including 39 of the highest mountain peaks in Utah. Six municipalities make up Summit County, including Coalville, Francis, Henefer, Kamas, Oakley and Park City. The county seat is quiet, scenic Coalville, located on the I-80 corridor. For more information, visit www.summitcounty.org.

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