

Resolution for the City of Fountain  
Joining the Pikes Peak Rural  
Transportation Authority (PPRTA)

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# Agenda



- Purpose
- Overview of PPRTA
- Impacts
- Discussion



# Purpose



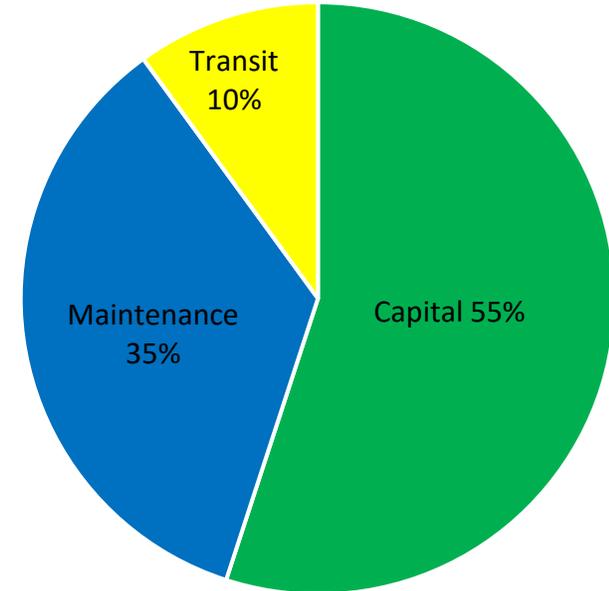
- Fountain has petitioned for inclusion in PPRTA
- PPRTA referred Fountain's request to all 6 current member governments
  - Each member must consent for inclusion
  - If all 6 members consent, Fountain will go to a vote in November 2023
- Conditions on approval should be included in Resolution



# PPRTA General Information



- 1% Sales Tax
  - 55% **Capital** Programs
    - Limited to 10 years
    - Specified Capital Projects
    - Priority Project Lists
  - 35% **Maintenance** Programs
    - Perpetual unless rescinded by voters
    - Allocated on census percentages
  - 10% **Transit** Program
    - Perpetual unless rescinded by voters
    - 100% to Colorado Springs for Mountain Metro Transit



Promises Made,  
Promises Kept.

# PPRTA General Information



Member Governments	2020 Census Percentage without Fountain	2020 Census Percentage with Fountain
Colorado Springs	69.6540%	66.7606%
El Paso County	29.4186%	28.1966%
Manitou Springs	0.7065%	0.6771%
Green Mountain Falls	0.0939%	0.0900%
Ramah	0.0161%	0.0155%
Calhan	0.1108%	0.1062%
Fountain	N/A	4.1550%

Colorado Springs allocation reduced by 2.8934%

# Impacts



- Including Fountain in PPRTA
  - Financial impact
  - Representation and voting
  - Transit operations



- Financial impact
  - Add ~\$3.75M in PPRTA annual revenue
  - Impact to Colorado Springs with \$150M annual budget
    - Decrease planned capital allocation by \$1.1M starting in 2025
    - Decrease maintenance allocation by \$800k starting in 2024
    - Net annual decrease \$1.8M annually
  - Fountain annexed NW corner of I-25/Academy Blvd
    - Venetucci area with Walmart & Sam's Club
    - Captures ~\$1M annual in revenue
    - No benefit to Fountain
    - Colorado Springs and El County have benefitted for years



- Representation and Voting

- One Board Director added

- Weighted Voting:

- Colorado Springs and El Paso County maintain 3 votes each

- Other member governments divide 3 votes



Government	Votes
Colorado Springs	3
El Paso County	3
Fountain, Manitou Springs, Green Mountain Falls, Ramah & Calhan	$5/3 = 0.6$ votes each

# Impacts



- Transit
  - Fountain operates separate transit service
  - No impact to Mountain Metro funding
  - Future City Council vote required to consider transit funding for Fountain



- Staff recommends Resolution for Fountain to join PPRTA
- Resolution – July 25, 2023

