

SMART

San Miguel Authority Regional Transit

Authority funded by .25 cent sales tax in east end of SMC, specifically R-1 School District and .75 mil levy – Ophir does not contribute to Mil Levy, not on Ophir ballots, can vote to join in for a “seat at the table”

Notes from conversation with Dave (David Averill) September 30, 2019 239-6034

Pilot Program – 9 passenger 2005 Sprinter Van currently available (not 4wd or all-wheel) will provide best tires and/or chains – May be buying new vehicle for Montrose shuttle putting a newer van in loop, would really like to get 2005 van in use

Smart provides vehicle, insurance, maintenance and fuel – Ophir community provides driver(s)

- Will provide Wex Conoco Card – prefers to do so per van (not per Driver unless abused)

Questions:

1. Who might be willing to drive?
 - A. No CDL Required
 - B. Clean motor vehicle driving record (within reason i.e. no DUI)
 - C. Background Check performed
 - D. Pledge to not use any substances just prior to or while driving
 - E. Take online defensive driving course
 - F. Keep track of ridership (only report required)
2. Who might be willing to ride?
 - A. Rider Code of ethics
 - B. Be nice, communicate, respect others to promulgate ridership
 - C. Safety First
 - D. Self-police disruptive riders or call Dave to investigate if needed
3. What time(s) of day are optimal to increase ridership?
 - A. With Ophir specific van, times can be more flexible or accommodating to Ophir riders
 - B. Helpful to share details with Dave/SMART
4. Where to pick up/drop off/park in Ophir and in Telluride?
 - A. Town Hall or TBD
 - B. Could park at Carhenge or behind county if a county worker has a parking spot and rides
 - C. No specific parking spot or permit, could park around town
 - D. Marshalls would be alerted that it is a SMART commuter van
5. Fare structure?
 - A. \$2.00 each way suggested
 - B. Rico riders pay \$3.00 each way
 - C. Driver collects fares and remits to SMART monthly
 - D. Driver may or may not pay – creates a liability issue if driver does not pay

Options and future program ideas:

1. Serve Ophir with drive by at the loop or put Sprinter Van in use from within Town of Ophir
 - A. Rico 25 passenger bus leaves 6:50 AM M-F (5 days/week) from Enterprise
 - B. Currently has on average of 9-10 riders
 - C. Could pick up at loop ~ 7:15 – 7:20 AM. (time would depend on winter weather/roads)
 - D. Goal is to be ahead of school traffic on the spur.
2. Possible weekend ski shuttle (requested by some Rico riders)
3. Shelter at pick up location (at the loop)
 - A. Who/Where would construct – CDOT, county, SMART
 - B. Will budget for improvements at designated stops/pickup locations
 - C. Coordinate with MD – property owner at the loop