

Special Joint Information Meeting

TOWN COUNCIL & COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

March 16, 2020

12:30 PM

Town Council Chambers

Chair: Mayor Pete Muldoon

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- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
- II. START BUS SERVICE CHANGES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 AND GENERAL COVID-19 PREVENTION MEASURES**
 - A. Agenda Documentation
- III. ADJOURN**

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JOINT INFORMATION MEETING AGENDA DOCUMENTATION

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: START

PRESENTER: Darren Brugmann

MEETING DATE: March 16, 2020

SUBJECT: COVID-19 START Measures

STATEMENT/PURPOSE

Mayor Muldoon and Commissioner Chair Macker called this special meeting to allow Council and Commission the ability to temporarily waive the requirement for the START Board to seek Council and Commission approval for changes to “right-size” the level of services for each START program in response to cancelations and closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic and instead approve delegation of that authority by the START Board to the Town Manager or his designee.

BACKGROUND/ALTERNATIVES

With rapidly evolving situation, START operations needs the ability to make appropriate changes to service levels in response to cancelations and closures. In order to accomplish this, the Town Council and County Commission need to each pass motions that, during this emergency, the requirement for START Board to receive Council and Commission approval for changes to “right-size” the level of service for each START program is waived. Once they have done this, the START Board will then be asked to hold a special meeting to delegate their authority to control, maintain, manage, operate, and regulate, including routing and scheduling of bus services, and establishing fares to the Town Manager or his designee.

As an example, the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort (JHMR) has ceased operations for the Winter 2019/20 Season immediately and therefore a service adjustment is warranted so that service can still be considered and provided for employees and guests of Teton Village with reductions for the skiing public. The Previous scheduled closure was April 12, 2020. Service levels will be reduced until scheduled Spring/Summer season levels are achieved.

At this point, our Commuter, Town Shuttle and ADA service will continue to be provided as normal. These services will continue to be evaluated as the COVID-19 situation evolves and START, the Town, and the County understand that these programs serve a critical role for members of the public needing medical, food and employment services.

START will continue to direct Operators and employees to remain at home if sick. Enhanced cleaning of all vehicles will continue on daily basis. As noted in previous releases from START, START is asking the public to NOT use START services if experiencing respiratory illness (fever, cough, and shortness of breath) and also to only use it if absolutely necessary.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ALIGNMENT

Service and service reductions during this pandemic are directly tied to quality of life.

STAKEHOLDER ANALYSIS

The stakeholders include employees, residents and guests to the community that depend on utilization of START services for essential quality of life needs.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact is significant for those workers who rely on START Bus service to reach their place of employment. There will be significant impacts on the START budget, both in terms of revenue and expense. The fiscal impact to Town of Jackson variable hour Transit Operators will also be significant and Town staff will further evaluate these impacts.

STAFF IMPACT

Staff impact is significant with changes to work schedules and daily operational changes.

LEGAL REVIEW

Reviewed by Colasuonno and Gingery, and ongoing.

ATTACHMENTS

None

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of transferring authority to change the level of START services due to the emergency situation.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Town: I move to temporarily waive the requirement for the START Board to seek Town Council approval for changes to “right-size” the level of services for each START program in response to cancelations and closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic and approve of the START Board temporarily delegating their authority to control, maintain, manage, operate, and regulate, including routing and scheduling of bus services, and establishing fares to the Town Manager or his designee.

County: I move to temporarily waive the requirement for the START Board to seek County Commission approval for changes to “right-size” the level of services for each START program in response to cancelations and closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic and approve of the START Board temporarily delegating their authority to control, maintain, manage, operate, and regulate, including routing and scheduling of bus services, and establishing fares to the Town Manager or his designee.