

## 4. SUMMARY

ECO Transit provides service on a number of very heavily utilized routes in the I-70 corridor as well as others that provide important regional connections for residents and support for the county's economy. The recommendations presented in this report are designed to improve ECO Transit's services in a manner that will benefit the large majority of existing riders and will attract new riders. They will also provide a sound foundation for longer-term improvements.

Recommendations that can be implemented with available resources in the short-term include:

- Changes to most routes to simply service to make service **easier to use**
- **More service** on the highest ridership routes to provide more attractive service and better accommodate demand
- **Much better information** to make service easier to understand and use
- Smartphone fare payment to make it **easier to pay fares**
- Improved coordination and collaboration with Avon Transit, Beaver Creek Transit, and Vail Transit to create a **more seamless rider experience**

Looking forward, as additional funding can be obtained, additional improvements should be pursued:

- **Additional service on existing routes** that would go beyond the short-term improvements
- The provision of **real-time transit information** to reduce the amount of time that passengers have to wait and provide better information during service disruptions
- The expansion of **service to new areas**
- A **distance-based fare structure** to make fares more equitable
- **Improvements to passenger waiting facilities** and the **Forest Service Park N Ride**