

Commissioner Wright, of the Roaring Fork Valley

**Regional Planning Commission, moved
for the adoption of the following Resolution:**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ROARING FORK VALLEY
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF EAGLE, STATE OF COLORADO**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 01

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2020 MID-VALLEY TRAILS PLAN

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 30-28-106, C.R.S. 1973, as amended, it is the duty of the Planning Commissions of the County of Eagle, Colorado, to make and adopt a comprehensive plans for the physical development of the unincorporated territory of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle County Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") established the Eagle County Planning Commission (the "ECPC"); and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 1973, the ECPC adopted a Comprehensive Plan for the physical development of the unincorporated territory of the County of Eagle, State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the ECPC subsequently amended and re-adopted the Eagle County Plan on April 1, 1981, pursuant to Resolution No. 81-15, on January 17, 1996, pursuant to its Resolution No. 96-01, and again on December 7, 2005 pursuant to its Resolution No. 2006-01, which re-named the document the Eagle County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle County Comprehensive Plan, encourages the adoption of sub-area master plans for the various management districts described therein, the purpose of which is to provide a more in-depth analysis of the physical, economic and social characteristics of the management district covered, and to serve as a guide and basis for further detailed recommendations by the Planning Commissions regarding the development of the territory included within the sub-area master plan; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 1982, pursuant to Resolution No. 82-113, the ECPC amended the Eagle County Comprehensive Plan to incorporate a sub-area master plan for the El Jebel and Missouri Heights area; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 1992, the ECPC adopted, by Resolution No. 92-01, the Mid Valley Community Master Plan as a guide and advisory tool for the physical development of the unincorporated territory of Eagle County which is defined as that portion of Eagle County served by the Roaring Fork School District including Missouri Heights, the Frying

Pan River Valley, and the Roaring Fork Valley bottom including the El Jebel/Basalt area; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 1993, the ECPC adopted the Eagle County Trails Plan and on September 16, 1993, the Roaring Fork Planning Commission ("RFPC") adopted a specialty element of the Eagle County Comprehensive Plan, with the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development of a non-motorized trails system for the territory covered therein, which in accordance with present and future needs and resources would best promote the health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, or general welfare of the inhabitants as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development and create conditions favorable to health, safety, energy conservation, recreational, transportation, prosperity, civic activities, educational and cultural opportunities, including that portion of the Eagle County Trails Plan specifically applicable to the Roaring Fork Valley; and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 1996, the ECPC amended the Eagle County Comprehensive Plan to (1) provide a general framework for evaluating individual land development and referral applications, (2) provide an action plan for revisions to the County's land use regulations and zoning map, (3) provide a context in which the County can make capital improvements investment decisions to implement the Eagle County Comprehensive Plan, and (4) establish the priorities for more detailed plans which the County would formulate for specific areas of the County including community and sub-area plans and for specific topics such as open space, trails, affordable housing and roads; and

WHEREAS, the Board, in cooperation with the Town of Basalt, by its Resolution No. 97-123, adopted on September 2, 1997, created the Roaring Fork Valley Regional Planning Commission (the "RFVRPC"), replacing the RFPC, to perform certain functions and to have those duties and responsibilities which include but are not limited to the adoption of community plans for the territory shown on the exhibit attached to said resolution and which is generally referred to as the Roaring Fork Valley portion of Eagle County; and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2001, by Resolution No. 2001-01, the ECPC adopted the Eagle Valley Regional Trails Plan which superseded that portion of the September 15, 1993 Eagle County Trails Plan as it applied to the Eagle River Valley portion of Eagle County and that portion of the Trails Plan adopted on September 16, 1993, by the RFPC as it applied to the Roaring Fork Valley remained in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle County Regional Transportation Authority ("ECRTA") created the Mid Valley Trails Committee to administer the portion of the Eagle County half-cent sales tax collected in the Roaring Fork Valley that is dedicated to trails (10% of total revenue collected in the Roaring Fork Valley); and

WHEREAS, Pitkin County, Eagle County, the City of Glenwood Springs, the City of Aspen, the Town of Carbondale, the Town of Basalt, and the Town of Snowmass Village entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement (the "IGA") on September 12, 2000, to form a Rural Transportation Authority, known as the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority ("RFTA"), pursuant to Title 43, Article 6, Part 6, Colorado Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the IGA forming RFTA provided that proceeds from the Eagle County half-cent sales tax collected from the Roaring Fork Valley would be remitted to RFTA each year; and

WHEREAS, the IGA forming RFTA provides that 10% of the funds passed through to RFTA from the Eagle County transportation tax must be dedicated to trail projects within the Roaring Fork Valley boundaries of Eagle County; and

WHEREAS, RFTA has formally created the Mid Valley Trails Committee as one of its Committees and agreed to provide staff support of the Committee's activities; and

WHEREAS, the RFTA Mid Valley Trails Committee has the responsibility, among others, to make recommendations to the RFTA Board of Directors concerning studies, phasing and contracting of trails projects within the Eagle County portion of the Roaring Fork Valley prior to each budget year and to participate with RFTA and other valley jurisdictions to do long range planning for trails; and

WHEREAS, RFVRPC adopted the 2006 Mid-Valley Trails Plan based on the recommendations of the RFTA Mid Valley Trails Committee on December 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2020 and June 4, 2020, Eagle County staff and its consultant presented a draft of the 2020 Mid Valley Trails Plan (the "Plan") to the RFVRPC; and

WHEREAS, staff and consultant prepared this Plan with public input to foster its goals of connecting valley communities by trails suitable for hikers, walkers, cyclists, runners, cross country skiers and equestrians; providing Roaring Fork Valley residents with safe non-motorized routes for recreation and commuting; and designing and constructing trails from the Roaring Fork Valley floor to public lands in the Frying Pan Valley and on Basalt Mountain, Light Hill and the Crown; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2020 and August 20, 2020, the RFVRPC considered the Plan for adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Eagle County staff requests that the RFVRPC adopt the Plan as an element of the Eagle County Comprehensive Plan and have such Plan supersede the 2006 Mid-Valley Trails Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the RFVRPC of the County of Eagle, Colorado:

1. That the Plan as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, be and is hereby adopted for the construction and maintenance of public trails in the unincorporated portion of the Roaring Fork Valley of Eagle County.
2. That this Resolution, and Plan document attached hereto, shall be known and referred to as the "2020 Mid-Valley Trails Plan."
3. That this Resolution and the Plan shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption of this resolution and shall supersede the 2006 Mid-Valley Trails Plan adopted in 2006 as it applied to the Roaring Fork Valley.
4. That RFVRPC acknowledges that the Eagle County Plan adopted in 1973 and amended in 1981 and 1996 and adopted in 2005 as the Eagle County Comprehensive Plan and the provisions thereof continue to be in full force and effect.
5. That the Mid Valley Area Community Plan adopted in 2018 continues in full force and effect.
6. That if any provisions of this Resolution and the Plan attached hereto shall be held invalid, its invalidity shall not affect any other provisions of this Resolution and said Plan or the Eagle County Comprehensive Plan that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and for this purpose the provisions of this Resolution and said Plan are hereby declared to be severable.
7. That pursuant to § 30-28-109, C.R.S. 1973, as amended, an original copy of this Resolution together with the Plan shall forthwith be certified and transmitted to the Board of County Commissioners, County of Eagle, Colorado.
8. That the RFVRPC hereby determines and finds that this Resolution and said Plan are necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Eagle County, Colorado.

