



“This SPET initiative provides funding to replace our aging fleet of buses and keeps our rolling stock on the road. This, along with expanded commuter service, is called for in the Integrated Transportation Plan.”

Bob McLaurin



The official language as it will appear on the ballot states:

\$6,500,000 for the purpose of funding the acquisition of replacement START buses for current service levels and for the purchase of additional START buses for future service expansion. This project is sponsored by the Town of Jackson.



How to Vote

On Tuesday, May 2, 2017 voters in Teton County will have the opportunity to cast their ballot on 11 potential community projects, including the replacement and expansion of the START Fleet. Absentee voting begins on March 23.

Key Dates

TODAY: Request an absentee ballot.

MARCH 23-MAY 1, 2017: Vote absentee via mail or Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the basement of the Teton County Administration Building, 200 S. Willow in Jackson.

MAY 1, 2017: Final date to vote absentee.

MAY 2, 2017: Election Day. You may vote at ANY of the following voting centers from 7:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

TETON COUNTY LIBRARY

125 Virginian Lane, Jackson

TETON COUNTY/JACKSON REC CENTER

155 E. Gill Avenue, Jackson

OLD WILSON SCHOOL HOUSE

5655 Main Street, Wilson

SPET ELECTION MAY 2, 2017

**YOUR PENNY.
YOUR PROJECTS.
YOUR VOTE.**



\$6,500,000

Ballot Initiative #1

**REPLACEMENT OF
CURRENT START
BUSES & PURCHASE
OF ADDITIONAL START
BUSES**

For the purpose of replacement and expansion of the START fleet.

- \$5 Million for Replacement
- \$1.5 Million for Expansion

What is Proposed

The “Replacement of Current START Buses and the Purchase of Additional START Buses” SPET initiative would allow START Bus to acquire:

- Expansion: 2 Coaches, 3-4 small passenger vans (15-35 passengers)
- Replacement: 8 Transit, 2 Coaches

\$1.5 Million Towards Expansion

With the high cost of housing, many critical valley workers commute, with a large portion of those workers serving in the hospitality industry. Expanding service would help to accommodate more than just the 8-5 commuters. With Town Council and Commission approval, START Bus plans to purchase 2 commuter style coach buses to increase service to Star Valley & Teton Valley.



START Bus also plans to purchase 3-4 small 15-35 passenger vans with potential ADA capacity. The small passenger vans will make it possible to begin expansion services to South Park, Rafter J, Wilson and the airport.

\$5 Million Towards Replacement

The fleet currently has 8 Bluebird buses that have exceeded their lifespan and have met all grant obligations. Bluebird no longer manufactures transit buses which makes it extremely difficult to acquire parts. 6 of the Bluebird buses have already been decommissioned.



START Bus also plans to replace two of our low floor transit buses (39 seats) with commuter style coach buses (57 seats) for our Star Valley and Teton Valley commuter lines. Currently some of START's 39 seat Gillig buses are overcrowded due to increasing demand. The coach buses also offer increased comfort for long commutes. Replacing two of our low floor transit buses with commuter style coach buses will free up two of the transit buses for Town and Teton Village service. This will allow us to potentially increase service within Town and to Teton Village.



For More Information

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Out of Town on May 2?

Absentee voting begins Thursday, March 23rd at the Teton County Administration Building located at 200 E. Simpson. Absentee voting will be open between the hours of 8am until 5pm Monday through Friday.

