

# Edwards Metropolitan District

STATE OF COLORADO     )  
  ) ss:  
COUNTY OF EAGLE        )

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of Edwards Metropolitan District, Eagle County, Colorado will be held on Thursday, July 12, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. This meeting will be held in person at Robertson & Marchetti offices with a virtual Zoom option. This meeting is open to the public pursuant to §24-6-402(2) (c), C.R.S.

In person meeting location: 28 Second Street, Suite 213, Edwards, CO 81632

Please click this URL to join the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86475154888?pwd=ZjVMY1ZMMnozTU9iTkNuNjRpb0paZz09>

or by phone     1-253-215-8782

Meeting ID:    864 7515 4888

Passcode:       567192

## AGENDA

**July 12, 2022**

1. Call to Order
2. Consideration of Changes to the Agenda
3. Public Input
4. Board Member Discussion Items
  - a. Develop Plan for Enhanced Collaboration with Eagle County
  - b. Review Operations Plan Updates
  - c. Review/Update Project Schedule for 2022
    - i. Miller Ranch Road Pedestrian Lighting Project
    - ii. Establish Priorities for Other Projects
  - d. RTA Update
  - e. Other
5. Executive Session (If Necessary)
  - a. For the purpose of determining positions relative to matters subject to negotiations and developing negotiating strategy pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(e) C.R.S.
6. Adjournment

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
EDWARDS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

Kara Heide, President

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# **EDWARDS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

**Operations Plan**

**and**

**Supplement to the 1984 Service Plan**

**~~Adopted August, 2020~~ Updated July 2022**

# **EDWARDS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

## **OVERVIEW**

Edwards lies within the Upper Eagle River Valley of Eagle County, Colorado, consisting of a conglomeration of planned development areas surrounding a core commercial sector. Edwards Metro is bordered on the east/southeast by Arrowhead Metro District; on the south by Lake Creek Metro District, on the southwest by Cordillera Metropolitan District; and on the northeast by Berry Creek Metropolitan District. Cordillera Valley Club Metro District is included within the boundaries of Edwards Metro. A map of the 2020 District Boundary is attached.

## **LEGAL STRUCTURE**

~~Edwards Metropolitan District~~EMD exists as a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado. Formed under Title 32, Colorado Revised Statutes, it substitutes in the Edwards area (in cooperation with Eagle County and adjacent districts) for any Municipal Government which otherwise might exist. Eagle County retains control over Law Enforcement, Planning and Zoning, Road Maintenance, and Regional Transportation Systems.

As a Title 32 Metropolitan District, ~~Edwards~~EMD has broad powers to tax (with voter approval), exercise eminent domain, contract for services, and form intergovernmental relationships.

## **DISTRICT SERVICES**

The ~~Edwards Metropolitan District~~EMD was originally formed as a Water District, and in 1984 converted to a Metropolitan District with the additional powers of:

- Fire Protection;
- Streets;
- Drainage;
- Traffic Signalization;
- Transportation;
- Mosquito Control;

Subsequent to 1984, with the publication of various notices of intent to undertake additional activities pursuant to 32-1-207(3)(b), EMD now has the power to provide the following services:

- Parks and recreation to construct or contribute funds for trails, open space and parks facilities (subject to consent of Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District
- Landscape and sidewalk improvement activities
- Open space projects
- Transportation and road improvements through implementation of a sales tax
- Use of subdistricts
- Business recruitment, management and development pursuant to HB 16-1011
- Provision of activities in support of Business Recruitment, Management, and Development within ~~the District~~EMD.
- Activities to mitigate the effects of climate change

## **OTHER GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES**

~~Edwards Metropolitan District~~EMD lies entirely within Unincorporated Eagle County and its services are intended to substitute for the lack of any Municipal Government within its area. Other governmental services are provided by:

- Eagle County
- Eagle River Fire Protection District
- Upper Eagle Regional Water Authority
- Eagle River Water & Sanitation District
- Mountain Recreation Metropolitan District; and
- Eagle County Health Service District (a/k/a Eagle County Paramedic Services)

~~The District~~EMD has consented to Eagle River Fire Protection District overlapping ~~the District~~EMD's fire protection powers. ~~The District~~EMD appoints a representative to Upper Eagle Regional Water Authority which provides water service to ~~the District~~EMD's constituents.

## **REVENUE**

~~The District~~EMD maintains a 1.691 mill small Property Tax which raises \$12.09 per \$100,000 of residential actual home value and \$49.04 of commercial actual property value. This property tax can be used to covering any services which EMD provides including mostly administrative functions. ~~EMD-and~~ has also received voter approval for a Roads and Transportation Sales Tax up to 1% until December 31, 2040 and continuing at a rate of ½ of 1% thereafter, primarily used for regional roadway and pedestrian improvement projects, often in coordination with Eagle County and the Colorado Department of Transportation.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**

District Policy is developed by a five-member elected Board. Board Members are elected at large for four-year terms which are staggered between May elections every two years.

Qualified Electors are persons registered to vote in Colorado who either reside within ~~the District~~EMD boundaries or own property in ~~the District~~EMD in their personal name or their spouse's or civic union partner's name.

Administration is primarily provided by contract, currently with the management and accounting firm of Marchetti & Weaver, located within the Edwards commercial center.

Add maintenance of current structures

Potential goal water conservation and low usage landscape; pay for turf removal?

Coons are a problem now; composting; keep in side?

## **FUTURE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

1. Maintain property for which EMD is responsible

- Need a map showing sidewalk segments and other items owned for which EMD is responsible

- Need a plan for maintaining the property on the map/list – i. e. need someone to perform bi-weekly or periodic inspection of properties on map/list, develop list of maintenance work needed, arrange for service providers to perform services
- Initial list of items to discuss:
  - Sidewalk segments
    - West side of Lake Creek Road to elementary school
    - Beard Creek Trail
    - Adjacent to Edwards Access Road
    - Adjacent to Edwards Village Blvd
    - Other?
  - Old Edwards Estates Pond held for open space and determining an ultimate management plan for the site
  - Old Edwards Estates VIII Tract B on the corner of County Road and Old County Lane held for open space
  - Brett Ranch PUD Tract J held for potential future development
  - Homestead Filing 1, Block 11, Lot 35 (Park DeClark) is legally owned by EMD but is held on behalf of and for the benefit of Homestead Owners Association. Homestead manages and maintains this park.
  - Homestead Filing 2 Tract I – this is the road to the Homestead water tank and access to the USFS A10 trail.
  - The fire station reverter is not an issue at this time but something to be aware of if Eagle River Fire ever stops using the fire station it reverts back to Edwards, Arrowhead and Berry Creek Metro Districts
  - Log Cabin on Eagle River Preserve
  - Other properties?

## 4.2. Street Improvements

Continue to work with Eagle County, Colorado Department of Transportation, and possibly neighboring Metropolitan Districts on constructing improvements that facilitate pedestrian and traffic facilities which are efficient and safety-oriented. Road construction projects envisioned for possible future

construction include but are not limited to (should this list be prioritized? Should priorities be developed with other entities like Eagle County, Berry Creek Metro District, Cordillera Metro District, Arrowhead Metro District, etc.?):

- Hillcrest Drive/Highway 6 Intersection (design scheduled for completion in 2022, construction planned for 2023 to be done jointly with Eagle County)
- Arrowgrass/Highway 6 Intersection
- Squaw Creek/Highway 6 Intersection
- Lake Creek Village Drive Improvements
- Potential pedestrian improvements on East Highway 6 between Edwards and Arrowhead
- Potential widening of West Highway 6 (West Edwards through Town Center)
- Potential I-70 Interchange at Hillcrest Drive
- Miller Ranch Road/Highway 6 Intersection

### 2.3. Landscaping/Aesthetic Improvements

~~Preserve commercial and residential property values through public landscaping and related improvements.~~ Primary landscape areas being maintained by ~~the District~~EMD are the roundabouts at the eastbound I-70 interchange, Miller Ranch/Edwards Spur Road roundabout and adjacent median and the landscaping at the Highway 6/Edwards Spur Road roundabout. In addition to the landscape area maintained directly by ~~the District~~EMD, ~~the District~~EMD contributes funds to Eagle County open space for maintenance of the “Homestead L”. Potential future landscaping projects envisioned but not limited to (need further discussion):

- Expansion of the noxious weed program throughout entire Edwards community
- Tree Program- planting trees throughout community

- Arts/Aesthetics- creating art/murals to enhance the aesthetics of the community with emphasis on areas historically destroyed by graffiti (under bridges, electrical boxes etc.)
- Removal of barbed wire and other hazardous materials found throughout the community

#### 3.4. Pedestrian Improvements

~~The District~~EMD is responsible to provide snow removal and maintain the lighting for the pedestrian improvements (sidewalks) adjacent to the Spur Road and Beard Creek Road. ~~The District~~EMD is also responsible for the snow removal at the Highway 6/Edwards Spur Road Roundabout including adjacent properties and the sidewalks/trails along Edwards Access road.

~~The District has the legal authorization (power) to provide other pedestrian improvements such as paths, sidewalks, lighting, crosswalks, etc. Future potential p~~Pedestrian improvement projects envisioned but not limited to:

- Miller Ranch Road Lighting Project
- Adding sidewalk between Town Center and Arrowhead
- Construction of bridge over Eagle River at Lake Creek Village

#### 4.5. Parks and Recreation

- National Night Out
- Project Graduation
- Partnership with Mountain Recreation for various recreation programs
- Educational or historical programs with Eaton Ranch House
- Providing community map at CDOT rest area encouraging travelers to walk into town center

#### 5.6. Foster Business Recruitment, Management and Economic Development



Continue to support local projects that invite Edwards Community activities.

#### 6.7. Climate Action Collaborative

- New Recycling center & Composting Programs
- Creating Bird and Bat houses throughout community
- Promoting and supporting multi-modal transportation systems to support the reduction of greenhouse gases
  - Electric Cars
  - Electric Bikes
  - Pedestrian and Bike Friendly Communities
  - Public Transportation
- Grant Program to encourage businesses to participate in climate action

#### 7.8. Local Housing

#### 9. Edwards Subarea Master Plan (Edwards Community Plan) Administration and Other Referrals from Eagle County

- Ensure timely receipt of referrals from Eagle County Planning
- Evaluate referrals in the areas for which EMD has power under its service plan (committee to do this?)
- Prepare draft response to Eagle County Planning Department based on evaluation for consideration by EMD Board
- Provide response to Eagle County Planning in accordance with Board direction

#### 8.10. Support Regional Transit Activities

From County-orchestrated pedestrian trails to Regional Transit systems, ~~the Edwards District~~ EMD is interested in fostering convenient movement through the area. Transportation projects envisioned but not limited to:

- Become a voting member of the Eagle River Valley Regional Transit Authority
- Bike Sharing Program- partnership with surrounding communities and Eagle County
- Edwards specific feeder transportation system

9. ~~A Regional Referral Agency for Land Use and Public Improvement Proposals~~

~~While the District has no Land Use powers and often has no involvement in proposed improvements by other public entities, it does serve as a referral entity. As such, the District Board has served as a vocal conduit of Edwards area attitudes.~~

**Miller Ranch Redestrian Lighting Project**  
**Proposed Cost Allocation 2020 TO BE UPDATED**

WORKING DRAFT

		Phase I Freedom Pk to Berry Creek Rd 2,600	Phase II Spur Rd to Freedom Pk 2,200	Phase III Berry Creek Rd to Hwy 6 1,800	Total
Project Length					
<b>Project Cost - 2019 Estimate</b>		<b>\$ 472,790</b>	<b>\$ 400,053</b>	<b>\$ 327,316</b>	<b>\$ 1,200,158</b>
<u>Potential Funding Allocation:</u>					
1 Eagle County	33.75%	\$ 159,566	\$ 135,018	\$ 110,469	\$ 405,053
2 Miller Ranch Property Owners Association	1.25%	\$ 5,910	\$ 5,001	\$ 4,091	\$ 15,002
3 Berry Creek Metro District	5.00%	\$ 23,639	\$ 20,003	\$ 16,366	\$ 60,008
4 Mountain Recreation Metro District	5.00%	\$ 23,639	\$ 20,003	\$ 16,366	\$ 60,008
5 Eagle County School District	2.50%	\$ 11,820	\$ 10,001	\$ 8,183	\$ 30,004
6 Colorado Mountain College	2.50%	\$ 11,820	\$ 10,001	\$ 8,183	\$ 30,004
Edwards Metro District - Sales Taxes	50.00%	\$ 236,395	\$ 200,026	\$ 163,658	\$ 600,079
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 472,790</b>	<b>\$ 400,053</b>	<b>\$ 327,316</b>	<b>\$ 1,200,158</b>

Other - Eagle County Neighborhood Partnership Program\*

*\*Program awards are typically \$1,000 - \$8,000, although projects outside that range may be considered*