



COLORADO

Department of Transportation

Snowstang Operations 2020-2021



How We Operate

- Snowstang Service
 - Launched as a transit commute alternative for the 2019-2020 ski season, Snowstang has seen overwhelming popularity in transportation to three of Colorado's largest resorts, surpassing all ridership expectations even as the ski season terminated early.
- Returning Resorts
 - The three resorts involved in Snowstang's inaugural year (A-Basin, Loveland, and Steamboat Springs) have expressed strong interest in continuing but still have unresolved decisions for the 2020-2021 season.
- Potential Expansions
 - Weighing interest from the Vail Resorts and Winter Park resorts for participation in the 2020-2021 ski season.
- Passenger Safety
 - Snowstang would likely be subject to similar guidelines as Bustang while operating in pandemic times.



CURRENT PANDEMIC OPERATIONS

- 22 passenger maximum capacity (~50% of regular MCI capacity).
 - Social distancing enforced on vehicles, during boarding and deboarding, and whenever possible at transit stops and stations.
 - Aligns with capacity requirements for resorts, restaurants, and lodging, as per Public Health Order 20-23 - *Implementing Social Distancing Measures*.
- Masks required at all times onboard state operated vehicles.
 - Required as per Public health Order 20-31 - *Face Coverings for Critical Business and Mass Transportation Operations*.
- Enhanced cleaning procedures and passenger safety / sanitary requirements.



Additional Winter Recreational Season Considerations

- Additional Fleet Requirements
 - May need to run extra service in order to meet demand, depending on resort policies and public health guidelines.
- Additional Fleet Purposes
 - May allow passengers access to the vehicle throughout the day to reduce crowding in resort facilities which would increase operational costs
- Additional Funding Requirements
 - May need to look at an increased match from participating resorts to ensure service funding, due to reduced onboard capacity.





TRAC Recommendations for 2020-21 SnowStang

- If Snowstang operates the 2020-21 ski season, do we require an increase in resort subsidy to cover the additional cost of social distancing requirements?
- Do we not operate Snowstang in the 2020-21 ski season, in order to conserve cash until ridership recovers (the 2021-22 ski season at the earliest)?

