



Meeting Minutes

**Transportation Solutions
Steamboat Smokehouse**

Time:

*******3:00 p.m.*******

Date: September 4, 2008

1. Introductions

Diane Mitsch Bush, Joe Cashen, Mike DeGroff, Nancy Stahoviak, Fred Duckels, John Fielding, John Eastman, Karl Gills, Jim Gill, Tracy Barnett, Towny Anderson, Ken Burgess, John Spezia, Joe Kubala, Tony Connell, Jonathan Flint, Tracey Rogalski, Philo Shelton
Staff: Sandy Evans Hall, Meagan Coates

2. Review Minutes

Minutes from each meeting will be emailed to the group on the Monday prior to each meeting for review. The August minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

3. Issue Areas Updates and next steps

a) Congestion on Hwy 40

- Scope of project (define boundaries; north to Cullen's corner, southern to Eagle County line, eastern, west side of Craig boundaries of Routt County)
- Timeline; 50 year vs 20 year horizon
- City will provide additional data; RFP has additional information
- Documenting status quo with current traffic levels, capacity, etc.
 - HWY capacity based on speeds and wait time through Lincoln Avenue
- Request for Proposal concerns: based on 2004 plan and eliminates large road construction projects. All alternatives should be considered in the area plan.
- Costs (toll roads, staggering start times), Trends, Community Will, Message to community, Mission Statement

A motion to draft a letter to council to include Hwy 40 construction options in the community area plan was moved by John Fielding and seconded by Jim Gill. All were in favor, no one opposed. **A draft will be submitted to the committee for review via email.**

Meeting at 4pm at Duckels construction on September 17th

b) Local Transit / Parking

- Scope of boundaries is still unclear but the group has defined several areas
- Goal is to improve mobility within the project scope area
- User groups, pod areas, data collection, and seasonality are all factors
- Over the next few months, shuttle operations will be reviewed

Meeting at noon at the Headwall room on September 22nd

c) Regional Transit

- Employer insurance liability issues were discussed
- Craig to Steamboat bus rider ship study showed a large increase and additional buses may be added. Costs will be reviewed and a proposal will be made.

- County transit solutions for south Routt study and options are being reviewed (available at co.routt.us.co on the county commissioners page undersouth routt, technical information 2)
- Rideshare, carpool, vanpool programs are being investigated, costs reviewed
- 20 mile coal is currently running a shuttle that we can learn from

Meeting at 4pm on September 26th at the Courthouse

d) Pedestrian and Bicycle Access

- Extension of core trail west to Steamboat II
- Improvements to Elk River Rd. intersection
- Federal Safe Routes to School grant funding (due in December)
- Park & Rides on ends of town (131, 129)
- Signage, bike racks, bike lanes

Meeting September 22nd at 5:15pm at the Sarvis Creek Room at Courthouse

e) Rural roads

- The matrix from the city proposed improvements was reviewed and it was determined that the list met the needs of the community. New costs and additional information will be updated and presented at the next meeting.
- Infrastructure upgrades and maintenance will be considered
- Property tax, sales tax, and bond information will be compared between Steamboat and other like counties to consider funding mechanisms appropriately

Meeting at 4pm at the County Commissioners Room on September 30th

f) Air Service/Airports

Meeting TBD

4. The ABC's of RTAs

- Current estimates for property tax increase county wide: one mill would generate \$1,108,796 annually.
- A 1% sales tax would generate approximately \$5,041, 185 annually.
- The state legislature removed the sales tax cap.
- RTAs will allow an independent authority and allows for multi-county decision-making
- The group will explore successful and failure RTAs and gather information at an upcoming meeting

5. Community Open House – input on recommendations

This agenda item will be discussed at the next meeting.

- a) Schedule**
- b) Location**
- c) Format**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Future large group meeting dates:

- October 2, 2008
- November 6, 2008