



Meeting Minutes

Transportation Solutions Steamboat Smokehouse

Time:

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

Date: November 5th, 2009

1. **Introductions**

Tom Sullivan, Joe Kubala, Diane Mitsch Bush, Bob Larson, Nancy Stahoviak, Tracey Rogalski, Laura Anderson, Mike Ratliff, Mike DeGroff, Jonathan Flint, Paul Swift, Karl Gills, Jim Gill, Towny Anderson, Tracy Barnett
Staff: Meagan Coates, Sandy Evans Hall

2. **Review Minutes**

The minutes were emailed to the group and posted on steamboatchamber.com. Please email Meagan@steamboatchamber.com with changes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. **Group Updates**

Regional Transit: The group is reviewing Routt County surveys and employer surveys for the South Routt van service. There is interest in having a service from Oak Creek daily to and from Steamboat and the group will continue to learn more about costs and more in-depth survey information from employees. The grant must be accepted in December and RFPs would be submitted at that point. There may be a need for transportation solutions from West Routt and the group will collaborate to seek more information. The possibility of a rideshare website is being investigated and may possibly be hosted on the County website.

Parking/Local Transit: The group is supporting SST funding and service. In addition, the group is working to address the perceived lack of parking downtown. The fine structure, education about parking lots, and restructuring time zones were discussed. The group will work to create a map identifying parking areas including time zones for visitors and locals. Philo Shelton will work with the group to implement new signage for time zones. The group hopes to define a recommendation for fine structures at the mountain and downtown and develop an education plan about SST. An additional express bus would cost \$125k and service improvements and hybrid buses would be additional costs. Within five years the group hopes to grow ridership by 20% by implementing new services and buses.

Air Service/Airport: United Airlines will not be flying dash 8s for spring, summer and fall and will continue all jet service. This is significant because it saves potentially \$300k out of the LMD reserves in 2010 meaning using \$200k from reserves instead of nearly \$500k. The chamber membership survey identified winter air service as the top priority issue that the chamber should address over the next five years.

Rural Roads: The County is moving forward pursuing the TIGER grant for \$15m in County Road 14 to improvements from Stagecoach Reservoir to 131. Consultants have been hired to do copy appraisals, title work, deal with property owners, negotiate for purchases, and complete the NEPA study. There are conflicting timelines but the County is working on through the Federal process. The grant decision deadline is February 17 2010.

Hwy 40: The group is concerned about the priorities of an RTA and would like to implement another survey that represents the wider community. The Transportation Solutions group does plan to implement a full scale survey once the specifics are determined by our group as well as the regional transportation entities before pursuing a ballot initiative.

Pedi/Bike: The group has continued to meet regularly to pursue additional safe routes to school grants that will be available in 2010. The group wrote a letter to the City of Steamboat Springs Public Works to implement crosswalk markings at Amethyst and Maple for safety reasons in addition to signage in that area. Special thanks to the committee and City staff for their hard work and participation. Routt County Riders, local bike shops, the Forest Service and local residents along with the ski area are pursuing a free ride concept for Steamboat.

4. **Regional Updates (Hayden, Craig, South Routt)**
5. **Next Steps**

Adjournment

Future meeting dates:
December 3rd