



Meeting Minutes

Transportation Solutions Steamboat Smokehouse

Time:

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

Date: February 5, 2009

1. **Introductions**

Tom Sullivan, Nancy Stahoviak, Dave Ruppel, Janet Fischer, Walter Magill, Tracey Rogalski, Joe Kubala, Kathleen Titus, Bob Larson, Karl Gills, Jonathan Flint, Danny Paul, Jim Gill, George Krawzoff, Mike Ratliff, Tony Connell, John Spezia, Danny Mulcahy
Staff: Marion Ayer, Meagan Coates, Sandy Evans-Hall

2. **Review Minutes**

The minutes are posted on the Chamber website for review. Please submit corrections to Meagan@steamboatchamber.com.

3. **Issue Area Updates and Recommendations**

a) **Congestion on Hwy 40**

1. Assure implementation of potential congestion solutions that already have been embedded and detailed in official community planning documents (Mobility and Circulation Plan, 2004 and Steamboat Springs Area Community Plan, May, 2004) to include the optimization of the traffic signal pattern along the Highway 40 corridor.
2. Educate our community about the past and current traffic patterns and level of service on the Highway 40 corridor and provide the most accurate estimates available of the impact of future growth and development in our community on future traffic patterns and levels of service on this corridor.
3. Provide our community with a comprehensive understanding of all of the potential Highway 40 routing alternatives available to include potential capacity levels, hard costs (the actual funding of projects), soft costs (the environmental and cultural costs) and the community compromises required with each option.
4. Encourage/demand/require all local governmental officials, both elected and appointed, to commit to transportation solutions, both structural and/or non-structural (see attached list), that may be identified as solutions to documented traffic problems on the Highway 40 corridor to include, but not be limited to, a time certain for the creation of an action plan and a funding mechanism to support this plan.

b) **Local Transit / Parking**

1. Enhance and maintain the downtown shuttle stops
2. Assist the City of Steamboat Springs with parking fine collection enforcement
3. Consider parking zone improvements

c) **Regional Transit – S. Routt transit study**

1. Advertise national rideshare websites through the Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association, City of Steamboat Springs, Routt County, outlying municipalities and major

- employers. Have employers encourage their employees to carpool. Develop a local rideshare program if a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is formed.
2. Create a contracted Vanpool program with subscribed riders from outlying areas of the County to Steamboat Springs. Would provide pick up at rider's home and drop off at employment site, with return trip.
 3. Include the funding of the regional bus service from Craig as part of a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). This service is currently operated through Steamboat Springs Transit and funded by the City of Steamboat Springs, Routt County, the Town of Hayden, the City of Craig and Moffat County.

d) Pedestrian and Bicycle Access

1. Create a set of dedicated funding mechanisms/sources for pedestrian/bike access (such as an RTA)
2. Enhancing pedestrian/bike connections to transit schools, major attractions, and neighborhoods
3. Extend Core Trail to West Steamboat and to Hard Rock
4. Update bike friendly community status-public process in 2009 coordinate with SSACP

e) Rural roads

1. In order to maintain current levels of service and protect Routt County Road and Bridge assets, additional funding is needed because expenses continue to increase while revenues have decreased.
2. Obtain funding to complete necessary Road and Bridge infrastructure improvement and construction projects on 21 County roads totaling over 60 miles. This would include partial funding for the construction of the south/north connector in the West Steamboat Area (currently referred to as the Slate Creek Road).

f) Airport/Air Service

1. Maintain current air service capacity levels with additional funding source
2. Improve airport safety and guest experience/quality enhancement
3. Market air service to promote optimal usage and performance

4. Open House/Presentations – schedule and format

The open house/presentation schedule was presented for review and a signup sheet was distributed. Please submit information for the presentation boards and PowerPoint slides to Meagan@steamboatchamber.com by February 16th.

Adjournment

Future meeting dates:

February 19th

April 2nd