



Meeting Minutes
Transportation Solutions
Steamboat Smokehouse

Time:

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

Date: July 2nd, 2009

1. Introductions

Nancy Stahoviak, Tracey Rogalski, Jonathan Flint, Diane Mitsch Bush, Fred Duckels, Dave Ruppel, Kathleen Titus, Janet Fischer, Towny Anderson, John Spezia, Bob Larson, Mike DeGroff
Staff: Sandy Evans Hall, Meagan Coates

2. Review Minutes

The minutes from the Transportation Solutions meetings are posted on www.steamboatchamber.com for review. Please submit changes to Meagan@steamboatchamber.com.

3. RTA "Grocery List" presented by each working group
Regional Transit

1. Determine whether or not to pursue a local rideshare program by evaluating need and potential usage from an employer survey
2. Develop a vanpool program if the employer survey shows a demand from ridership
3. Continue supporting grants for potential funding for vanpool programs, possibly to be supplemented by large employers
4. Include funding for the increased service on the regional bus program from Craig (\$500,000)

Rural Roads:

1. Pursue funding of \$3M in order to maintain current levels of service on rural roads
2. Pursue funding of over \$23M to complete infrastructure improvements according to the prioritized list

Update: Routt County is in the process of preparing an application for a TIGER grant through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act that will be submitted in September. The focus will be on improvements on CR14.

Also, with the recent meeting on shared roads, policies are being drafted that will apply to county roads. One such policy would involve shoulders on some county roads for bicycle and pedestrian use.

Parking/Local Transit:

1. Support increased funding for SST to address a variety of issues (school trips, family functions, single occupancy trips...). The group will develop a ridership target with SST and the City as well as the school district and determine funding and routes.
2. Land acquisition downtown for parking/multi-modal system (cost TBD)

Pedi/Bike:

1. Extend the core trail west to Steamboat II /Silver Spur area (\$2.1M for construction, operating budget and right of way acquisition funding unknown)

Hwy 40:

1. Fund an alternate route study to address congestion issues on Hwy 40 (\$500K-\$1M)
2. If the NEPA process moves forward with an expansion of lanes west of 13th Street, address the potential bottlenecking issues
3. Implement several traffic management strategies: trip caps (cost TBD), paid parking (\$50K/block), residential parking permits (\$50K/yr enforcement), education program (\$5K/yr)

Airport/Air Service:

1. Secure funding for air service to provide continued service into YVRA (\$750k/yr). For the 2011-2012 winter season, a deficit has been projected within the Local Marketing District to maintain air service.

4. **Develop potential “Grocery List” from Craig, Oak Creek, Hayden, Yampa**
Reach out to outlying communities and present the information to allow them to determine their needs and benefits. Also invite additional organizations (seniors, hospitals, VNA, Lift-Up, Council on Aging, Independent Life, school district...) to participate in the process and identify their needs. Sandy Evans Hall will work with the City of Steamboat Springs and Routt County to draft a letter and schedule meetings by September with outlying areas; Mike Degroff will work with the schools; Tracey and Jonathan will address the Healthy Communities group.
5. **Next Steps: Plan and presentation development**
Identify costs for all recommendations and finalize a draft grocery list that includes all constituent items. Polling process and educational campaign would likely be the next steps before a ballot issue is developed.

Adjournment

Future meeting dates:

September 10th