

**Hwy 40 Congestion: Transportation Solutions Working Group  
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**I. Introductions**

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**II. Scope**

Boundaries of east to west county line seem acceptable to the large Transportation Solutions group; stakeholders and partners need to be further defined. Mt. Werner Rd. to Elk River Rd. Street will be the primary focus, while the external areas will be part of the long-term solution.

**III. Data**

Concrete and credible data should be presented to the community to accurately reflect the situation. CDOT has a permanent count east of 131; reports are available online. The counts that have already been presented from the consultants reflect a Friday traffic selection from 2007. A new study from urban growth boundary to 12<sup>th</sup> will analyze mid-summer traffic. In addition to the Steamboat 700 numbers and future estimates will be utilized for the new traffic analysis.

The percentage of the traffic on Hwy 40 that is commercial is an important piece of data. Truck classification is included in the studies including the upcoming NEPA study.

The capacity of lanes has been expanded to 8.5 feet and four of those size loads, it has created a danger for pedestrians, parked cars, and other vehicles on the road.

An origin and destination study may produce valuable information for this working group as well as others.

**IV. RFP**

A letter from the Transportation Solutions group will be drafted this week by Jim Gill and Sandy Evans Hall to insure a more inclusive process that evaluates the current community will and considers all of the options including bypass options. 5 RFP proposals have been submitted for review.

**V. Community Will**

In order to create the best atmosphere for locals and visitors alike in the downtown area and ease the congestion outside of downtown; to preserve the characteristics of historic downtown. Pedestrian-friendly areas may not be conducive with traffic flow issues.

**VI. Mission Statement**

Create a pedestrian and business friendly downtown...the new statement will be emailed to the group for review.

“Traffic” needs to be more defined in the mission statement.

**Next Meeting: October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm at Duckels Construction**

*Next Transportation Solutions group meeting is October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm at the Smokehouse*