

Transportation Solutions: Rural Roads Working Group
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Meeting Minutes

I. Introductions

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II. Overview of the issues and goals of the Transportation Solutions Group

a. Congestion on Hwy 40

b. Local Transit

c. Regional Transit

d. Parking

e. Pedestrian/Bike Access

f. Rural Roads

g. Air Service/Airports

III. Process

a. What do we know?

When the County attempted to upgrade the rural roads in 2007, estimates for the projects were researched. The costs have been updated to reflect current numbers. Using that list of priorities as a guide, the matrix will be improved to reflect the current goals with total costs, daily traffic, road location, mileage, etc.

A new piece of legislation allows counties to take additional sales tax to voters above and beyond the cap. The issues would need to be voter-approved. Funding options include sales and property tax.

Time is money and as costs escalate, the problems will continue to increase and the level of service will decrease. At the original time this issue was presented it cost \$3M, today it is over \$9M. Growth in the county increases demand for maintenance.

b. What do we need to know?

-Number of voters within Steamboat compared to within the entire county. Of the sales tax generated in the county, a large amount comes from residents and visitors contribute as well.

-Sales/property tax rates and restrictions from similar areas

-Current road and bridge department issues, organization needs and costs

-How other RTAs function and are funded.

-Bonding information

c. Identify alternatives

d. Make recommendations

IV. Discussion of past work on the issue of rural roads and goals for the future

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 4pm at the Courthouse