

Transportation Solutions Recommendations

Working Group Name: Highway 40 Congestion Sub-Committee

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Overall Vision/Mission: See attached Mission Statement dated 11/01/2008

Top 3 Recommendations:

Recommendation 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)) which already have broad-based community support to include the optimization of the traffic signal pattern along the Highway 40 corridor.

Funding Mechanism: Historical City of Steamboat Springs and Routt County funding mechanisms

Timeline: Immediately

Studies Utilized/Needed: None

Recommendation 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.

Funding Mechanism: None required

Timeline: Immediately via Community Forums

Studies Utilized/Needed: Stolfa study, NEPA traffic studies, Mobility and Circulation Plan, 2004 and updated Mobility and Circulation Plans as may become available.

Recommendation 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.

Funding Mechanism: None required

Timeline: Immediately via Community Forums

Studies Utilized/Needed: Updated iteration of the details included in the Mobility and Circulation Plan, 2004.

Recommendation 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.

Funding Mechanism: Sales tax, property tax and/or the creation of a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)

Timeline: Immediately following completion of Community Forum process

Studies Utilized/Needed: Completed NEPA study and Community Forums