

# REGIONAL TRANSIT COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 24, 2008

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Sarvis Creek Room

Third Floor - Downtown Historic Courthouse

### 1. Introductions

Nancy Stahoviak, Tom Allen, Kathleen Titus, Karl Gills, Jonathan Flint, Tom Sullivan, Tracey Rogalski, Audrey Wilson

Chamber Staff: Meagan Coates

### 2. Nancy Stahoviak – presentation of the results of the South Routt Transit Feasibility Study (can be found on [www.co.routt.co.us](http://www.co.routt.co.us) on the Commissioners' page)

The implementation plan was discussed by the steering committee in Oak Creek recently. Depending on rider ship, the costs of vanpools have been determined; riders are not likely to pay more than \$6 per trip. Companies such as Twentymile Coal may be willing to subsidize the service because they will have employees coming from that area. Nancy will find out how the costs were determined. The cost per person decreases as the rider ship increases. The service is door to door.

### 3. Kathleen Titus & Tom Allen – presentation of information from other entities about developing and marketing a local rideshare program

About 50 people from TIC are working on continuous improvement and a suggestion was made for alternative means of transportation. The TIC Team Green is also working on sustainable efforts for the company. After researching Front Range carpool programs, insurance and capital costs are the most expensive. A certified group such as an RTA can receive better rates for service. Tax incentives are being offered to those that commute using the service provided. At [www.tranben.com](http://www.tranben.com) there is more information available on how the program is administered. There are resources available to assist with starting a program in Steamboat.

The new SST facility in Craig is available for a park and ride type system with open day parking. While those riders in Oak Creek may not be willing to drive to a lot, those in Craig are more likely to do so since the drive is further. CMAQ funds may be available for a vanpool system.

### 4. Karl Gills – questions for potential survey of large employers; Nancy Stahoviak – presentation of information from CMC Hospitality Survey

The goal is to find information about weekly riders, where they live, and whether employees would be willing to participate and how much they would pay. Several companies would be asked to complete the survey for their employees with assistance from the Chamber and Pilot.

As part of a broad survey of the hospitality companies by CMC, the responses show that there is interest in carpool/rideshare programs.

**5. Begin discussion of possible regional transit solutions to prioritize and present to the Transportation Solutions group**

A vanpool option is being investigated; large employers would pursue the data collection and funding. Karl Gills will work on the employer and employee survey questions and Meagan Coates will assist with distribution. The revised surveys and cover letter will be emailed to the regional transit group.

If an RTA is formed, the Craig bus could potentially be part of the RTA while SST would service as a local, City funded program.

**Next Meeting: January, to be scheduled via email.**