

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

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II. Update

The congestion consensus study recently conducted in Boulder may have examples and a model to learn from for future solutions. John Spezia will work with Joe Kubala to examine the Boulder study and apply it to Steamboat. Both long and short-term solutions are necessary.

III. Funding Source/Studies Required

The group will review funding mechanisms in order to prepare for the full group discussion. For safety reasons and ease of flow for visitors, a traffic study is needed. A proposal was made to work with the rural road group to share funding. Multiple connections between Hwy 40 and an alternate route parallel to Lincoln Ave. are needed.

A second study to document community will would be helpful to decide how to manage congestion. An effort will be made to educate the community and downtown merchants about the findings presented in the traffic study. Citizen support is a crucial element. Implementing a facebook/myspace or blog space would be helpful. Keypad polling for the open house in February is an option for the full group to review.

City engineers and staff downtown should review timing for the stoplights. If the speed on Lincoln Ave. was managed appropriately, it would be more conducive to a walk able city for pedestrians and visitors. Increased bus rider ship may only reduce congestion slightly, but will not solve the congestion problem. A time limitation for oversize trucks in town is an option (ie: no trucks allowed on Lincoln Ave. during rush hour).

Full Group Meeting: December 11th, 3pm at the Smokehouse

Next Working Group Meeting: December 17th, 7:30 am at The Egg & I