

Transportation Sector Working Group Meeting #7 - March 8, 2023 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

## MEETING SUMMARY

- 1. Welcome and roll call
  - a. Present
    - i. Sarah (Co-Chair)
    - ii. John Spezia
    - iii. Jonathan Flint
    - iv. Mike Bever
    - v. Mike Mordi
    - vi. Tom Erps
    - vii. Barb Dowski (filling in for Matt Rochon/Routt County Riders)
    - viii. Winnie DelliQuadri
    - ix. Kevin Booth
    - x. Paul Bony (YVSC technical assistant)
- Update from the Board meetings
  - a. Proposed recommendations timeline
    - i. March Identify gaps/recommendations
    - ii. April Assess/rank recommendations
    - iii. All CAP Working Group session April 27 (3-5pm)
    - iv. May Format recommendations
    - v. Public Open House end of May
    - vi. June Finalize formatted recommendations
    - vii. July Public release of recommendations move to guarterly meetings
    - viii. Reason for the timeline is to incorporate recommendations into 2024 budgeting process which happens in July.
- 3. Continue to revise/refine 'big wins'/recommendations to turn into quantifiable (if appropriate), specific actions. Think about things in the CAP not addressed in our list (orphaned actions/tactics)
  - a. Timeframe fore recommendations is about 5 years, but not limited to this timeframe for critical bigger wins. Potential for those to be reviews in the next 5-year review.
  - b. How to make recommendations more actionable Who? When? How (tactics)?
  - c. Need a place in the criteria for foundational items which should be the highest priority. These can be flagged foundational.
  - d. There's been a lot of planning that has already gone into Transportation some of these big wins are attached to current plans, but not county-wide.

- e. **Recommendation 1** Encourage All CAP collaborative member communities to adopt, fund and implement an individual or joint EV Readiness plan by 1-1-25
- f. **Recommendation 2** Encourage All CAP collaborative member communities to adopt and implement a community or county-wide vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction plan with specific goals and benchmarks by year end 2024
  - i. Can't do recommendation 1 and 2 simultaneously
- g. **Recommendation 3** Encourage the City of Steamboat Springs to identify and bring to voters options to implement dedicated funding source(s) for Steamboat Springs transit adequate to increase route availability, timing and service area that increase 2023 transit availability by 25%
  - i. Issue is not ridership, but increased services
  - ii. If you increase availability by a % that will increase ridership by that much % or greater. This is transit in the City. Is 25% the right number? Depends on funding. Commensurate with additional funding. Unless you vote on it, it's not dedicated. What's a reasonable goal? What does it do if we extend services out to Brown Ranch? Goal % at this point is premature.
  - iii. This targets residents more than guests. Servicing guests with lodging shuttles.
- h. **Recommendation 4** By 1-1-25 all of the CAP collaborative member communities are encouraged to develop, fund, and implement a community or joint bike-commuter readiness plan.
- i. YVEA grid capacity/charging station equity removing as a big win since YVEA is already doing work on this
  - i. Reasonable to ask YVEA to look at the EV infrastructure and regional capacity issues. Move as a key task under recommendation 1.
- j. Privatization of public EV charging removing from big win list
  - i. Nobody's making money on privately owned chargers
  - ii. Not presently seeing EV charging challenges with current supply. Public ones are being brought on every year
- Fund and implement 2021 Steamboat Springs Transportation and Mobility study place as a tactic under Recommendation 2 and focus on emissions reductions recommendations
- Recommendation 5 Request that Routt County implement a voluntary carbon offset plan for the Yampa Valley Regional Airport (YVRA) by year end 2024
  - i. Educates travelers. People forget about carbon footprint.
  - ii. Future emissions inventories may include airline travel, so good to include now.
- 4. Meeting summary for extra work session (March 22) to finish recommendation working
  - a. **Recommendation 6** Adopt EV readiness requirements in the pending Routt County building code update (1-24 adoption)
  - Recommendation 7 Complete the CDOT funded Regional Transportation
    Authority study and bring to the voters, an RTA for the Yampa Valley including
    Steamboat Springs, Routt County and the City of Craig by year end 2024
  - c. Homework for next meeting Rate current recommendations and begin adding actions and tactics to each recommendation
- 5. Next meeting Wednesday, April 12 9:00 10:30 a.m.