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OTHER TOWNS JOIN IN REGIONAL SOLUTION

Local elected officials from Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Manitou Springs, and Green Mountain Falls have joined together in support of sending a regional ballot initiative to the voters in November.

The proposed ballot initiative would form an RTA, or Regional Transportation Authority, that would allow the governments to collect revenue for infrastructure maintenance and specifically identified transportation projects. It is currently proposed that the RTA be funded by a one-percent, or one cent per dollar, sales tax, broken down as follows:

- ◆ 55% roadway capital improvements, as identified by the joint priority list. Each entity has at least one project on the top priority list. This portion of the tax would sunset after ten years.
- ◆ 35% maintenance. Each entity also receives a portion of these funds based on population.
- ◆ 10% transit service improvements. Currently, Manitou Springs and Green Mountain Falls will use this portion of the funds to sustain their current level of service in these outlying areas.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

The population of the Colorado Springs metropolitan area is projected to reach 800,000 by the year 2020.

TRANSACTION

The City of Colorado Springs is working to find a solution to our transportation problems. With its new program, TRANSACTION, the City is raising awareness on how today's public transportation solutions will impact everyone in this community tomorrow.

Here's how you can get on board:

- ◆ *Get informed.* You can get more details on where Colorado Springs transit is heading today and tomorrow at www.springsgov.com/TRANSACTION.
- ◆ *Get your voice heard.* Let us know what you think about the future of transit by filling out the online survey.
- ◆ *Get on the list.* Join the email or mailing database to keep you informed and updated about the latest developments and meeting announcements.
- ◆ *Get involved.* Attend public meetings, and encourage your friends and neighbors to get involved in the transportation decisions our community must make.

There is a solution. But to make it come true, we need the involvement, input and ideas of everyone in this community.

For more information call (719) 385-7444 or visit www.springsgov.com/TRANSACTION.

RECENT PROJECTS

According to the most recent Road Summary report, El Paso County crews have already worked on 640 roads (out of a possible 3,000) this year.



DID YOU KNOW?

The average age of bridges in Colorado Springs is 60 years.

TRAFFIC JAMMING YOUR SCHEDULE? WANT TO HAVE A VOICE IN SOLVING CONGESTION?

Participate in an e-town hall to find out more about our local transportation issues and what the City is doing to fix these problems. You can phone, fax, or email your questions or comments prior to or during the event, and a panel of experts will address your concerns. The event will be broadcast on SpringsTV, Channel 18, so be sure to tune in!

**TRANSPORTATION
E-TOWN HALL MEETING**

Tuesday, August 17, 7-8 p.m.
 Phone: 719-385-5961
 Fax: 719-385-5861
 Email: etownhall@springsgov.com
 For more information, contact Cami Bremer at cbremer@springsgov.com or 385-5253

KEY DATES

August 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colorado Springs City Council holds second public hearing on the IGA and passes a resolution approving the IGA Fountain City Council holds first public hearing on the IGA, if included in RTA
August 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> El Paso County Commissioners hold second public hearing on the IGA and passes a resolution approving the IGA
August 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fountain City Council holds second public hearing on the IGA, if included in RTA, and passes a resolution approving the IGA Green Mountain Falls Town Council holds second public hearing on the IGA and passes a resolution approving the IGA
September 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> El Paso County submits the ballot question and IGA to Department of Local Affairs and Department of Revenue
2nd week of September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for County to approve the RTA ballot question
September 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colorado Springs City Council passes a resolution supporting the RTA ballot question
November 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election Day

From January through May 2004, El Paso County Department of Transportation received 1,362 service requests, 187 more than the same time period last year.

TRANSPORTATION EDUCATION

Visit www.SpringsGov.com and click on Transportation Education

CITIZEN DRIVEN GROUPS

The Pikes Peak Transportation Coalition emerged in January '04 after a Chamber of Commerce co-sponsored Transportation Summit that identified the mounting problems facing the region around transportation. The coalition is made up of a broad cross-section of the community, organizational, business and civic group representatives as well as concerned individuals. The Coalition meets twice a month, the first and third Wednesday mornings, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the United Way offices, 518 N. Nevada Ave. Everyone is invited to attend.



Community Transportation Summit Panel, January 2004

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Other citizen driven organizations addressing infrastructure are:

CTAB

CTAB was appointed by the Colorado Springs City Council in 2002 to evaluate and recommend solutions to the transportation problems.

1st Tuesday of each month
Call 385-5542
Alamo Corporate Center
3 p.m.

HAC

The Highway Advisory Commission was created to advise the El Paso County Commissioners in transportation policy and philosophy.

3rd Tuesday of each month
Call 520-6460

Pikes Peak Chapter of the Colorado Mobility Coalition

A team of individuals, organizations and businesses working to increase regional multi-modal transportation.

2nd and 4th Thursdays
Pikes Peak Room

City Hall
107 N. Nevada
Noon to 1p.m.