

On transportation needs

As per NWCCOG, “Pitkin County’s main economic driver is tourism, with 39% of all jobs related to this sector: accommodation and food services (26%) and arts, entertainment, recreation (13%).” We need a world class transportation system to support our rural resort economy.

Invest in multi-modal transportation

We are a resort economy and we should continue to build out our trails and alternative transportation routes. Continue to connect the dots on trail opportunities.

Assets in the closet

When assets are underutilized, they are assets in the closet. How do we continue to lessen the use of single occupancy vehicles on the transportation corridor, while encouraging public transportation and trail use? Why is the intercept lot partially occupied? Why can’t we advertise “intercept lot” full outside of one or two weekends a year?

Carpooling

Encourage carpooling through updates to the “kiosk”. Instead of costing commuters daily time at a “kiosk” (two left turns through brush creek intercept lot with a carload of hourly workers), deploy a mobile application for carpool parking.

Accessibility

Ensure public transportation meets DOJ ADAAG. Currently some of the valley’s assets fail at meeting federal accessibility standards, limiting access to public transportation.

Electrification.

Between Aspen and Glenwood there is one supercharging station, at Highland for Tesla drivers. There are currently zero chargers at the intercept lot, neither level 2 nor superchargers. Build out the nascent EV charging network in the valley, start at Brush Creek and then all BRT (and then) local stops, in order to encourage EV driving and RAFTA use.

Sharing the road

Work to reduce wildlife incidents along our scenic highways.

Infrastructure

Improve resiliency, through community level hardening and business continuity planning for core services.

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