



Gondola Transit Center Realigns Transportation Lanes

Reconfiguration Improves Passenger Safety & Bus/Shuttle Efficiency

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-December 28, 2018-The Gondola Transit Center (GTC) will see a reshuffling of the transportation islands in an effort to improve the overall transit experience, improve passenger safety and enhance shuttle efficiency.

“Not only are we making the mountain village more accessible for all mobility modes, but also safer in this principal access point,” commented Steamboat Springs Redevelopment Authority Project Manager Ralph Walton.

The SSRA in cooperation with Steamboat Springs Transit (SST), Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp. (SSRC), and local lodging properties hosted a series of meetings to examine mobility in the mountain village.

The results of these early meetings led to the new roundabout at Mt. Werner Circle and Ski Time Square. Building upon the success of that concept, the group also took a more intense look at the arrival/departure experience across the GTC, which brought about the reconfiguration idea.

“Moving thousands of people takes a partnership and the cooperative efforts from all organizations involved in this plan,” said Dickson Nuesse, SSRC Guest Services Co-Supervisor. “The group believes the results will be in a huge benefit for residents and guests utilizing the GTC.”



Under the plan, the new alignment will see the Meadows Shuttle move from the south end of the GTC to the north end and curbside. The SST Red/Blue Lines will move down one spot to Island 1. Joining the SST Green Line in Island 2 will be the Regional bus. The SST Purple & Orange Lines will now occupy Island 3. The remaining four islands on the south end of the center will host shuttles from lodging properties.

“The new layout should eliminate two to three thousand pedestrians from having to cross in front of buses entering the Transit Center and make this area much safer for both pedestrians and drivers,” said Transit Manager Jonathan Flint.

The new GTC transportation plan will go into effect on a trial basis starting Friday, January 4, 2019. The participating transportation companies will monitor the change and provide feedback on the plan to address additional improvements or unforeseen issues with the reconfiguration strategy.

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