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City offers demonstration of Yield-to-Bus Law

Steamboat Springs, Colorado—The City of Steamboat Springs will be hosting a demonstration of the newly passed Yield to Bus Law on Monday, August 3, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Stockbridge Multi Model Center, 1505 Lincoln Avenue.

The law goes into effect Tuesday, August 4, 2009 and will require drivers to yield the right-of-way to transit buses entering traffic after picking up or dropping off passengers. An illuminated yield sign will be displayed on the back of the buses. The Steamboat Springs Transit Fleet Maintenance department has installed the LED yield signs on the backs of several of the buses, and is working diligently to get signs on all of them.

The bill originated with Philo Shelton, Public Works Director for the City of Steamboat Springs. The City of Steamboat Springs recently studied congestion in their downtown area. The study concluded that the yield-to-bus sign is one of the most cost-effective methods to help transit buses keep to tight schedules without impeding traffic. Ann Rajewski, Colorado Association of Transit Agencies (CASTA) Executive Director, adds that “The yield-to-bus legislation is not only one of the most economical ways to relieve congestion on bus routes, but it also serves to provide increased safety for transit vehicles and Colorado drivers. Everyone wins.”

The offense of failing to yield is punishable as a class A traffic infraction with offenders subject to a fine of between \$15 and \$100 per offense.

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