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US 40 West of Steamboat Traffic Technical Report now Available

Steamboat Springs – The City of Steamboat Springs released a Traffic Technical Report today for US 40 project west of downtown. This technical report supports the planning for US 40 improvements from 13th Street to west of Steamboat II. The proposed improvements consist of widening US 40 to four lanes, intersection improvements (including major improvements to the Elk River Road and 13th Street intersections), additional transit routes, and bike / pedestrian improvements.

The Traffic Technical Report describes the methodology used to forecast future volumes in the West Steamboat Springs Area and what this means for traffic both without and with the proposed improvements along US 40. Without improvements to US 40 west of Steamboat, traffic operations are forecast to be very poor with volumes often exceeding capacity for the great majority of the corridor. With the proposed improvements, traffic operations are greatly improved with good operations west of 13th Street. These are based on forecasted traffic increases ranging from 45% to 81% between now and year 2035. “The demands on the transportation system west of Steamboat Springs will continue to push the need for multimodal improvements,” said Philo Shelton, City of Steamboat Springs Public Works Director. “This will require better transit, improved bicycle and pedestrian connections and more roadway capacity.”

The Traffic Technical Memo can be viewed at the project website:

<http://www.us40west.com/>

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