



## **Transportation Master Plan Takes Digital Highway** *Master Plans Seeks Input From Residents on Multiple Modes of Travel*

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-April 28, 2020**-When your highways and byways are restricted to essential travel due to the pandemic, the City of Steamboat Springs makes a detour for the next exit and heads for the digital highway in an effort to evaluate existing transportation issues, develop solutions, and chart a course for funding and construction over the next 20 years.

“Just like getting around town, you have to make adjustments,” said City Engineer Ben Beall. “While we wanted to conduct a lot of person to person outreach, our current environment just doesn’t permit that direction, so we transitioned to the digital highway for now.”

The Transportation Master Plan (TMP) will evaluate and identify projects related to roadway, pedestrian, bicycle, and transit improvements. The TMP will also take into consideration the many dimensions of transportation including those related to accessibility, quality of life, and social components such as cost of living and environmental footprint.



Using input from the public and stakeholders as well as available data and technical analyses, the city hopes to develop a multimodal plan that integrates all forms of travel to create and sustain a safe, connected, and efficient transportation system. If you live in, work in, travel through, or visit Steamboat Springs, your voice is critical in the planning process.

The first step to any good plan is to establish a clear understanding of existing conditions. Travel in and through the Yampa Valley today should influence tomorrow’s funding decisions. The public is invited to participate in the [online open house](#) to learn more about the work that’s been completed and share your ideas about how the future of transportation in Steamboat Springs can be improved. The virtual open house will be available from April 30 through May 29 through [engagesteamboat.net](#).

In addition, take the [TMP’s online survey](#) to share how you currently get around and how you would like to travel in the future. This survey will assist in identify issues and opportunities around streets, intersections, sidewalks, trails, and services that will result in a safer and more accessible Steamboat Springs. Let the project team know what’s going well, what needs improvement and how the current transportation is serving you and the community.

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