



Northwest Transportation Planning Region

Date: July 25, 2013

Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Location: Olympia Hall

845 Howelsen Parkway

Steamboat Springs, Colorado

Agenda

Meeting Goal: Identify the region's transit and human service transportation issues/needs and provide information on project approach.

- 1) Welcome & Introductions (10 minutes)
- 2) Project Background (15 minutes)
- 3) Public Involvement Approach (10 minutes)
- 4) Key Elements of a Coordinated Transportation Plan (5 minutes)
- 5) Regional Planning (20 minutes)
 - a. Demographics
 - b. Southeastern TPR 2008 Plan Summary
 - i. Vision
 - ii. Goals & Objectives
- 6) Regional Transit Needs, Projects, and Priorities (50 minutes)
 - a. Immediate Needs
 - b. Long-Term Vision
- 7) Next Steps (10 minutes)
 - a. Project Correspondence and Information by Emails/Web
 - b. Feedback on Demographic Data/Maps
 - c. Surveys (Distributed July 24th Submit by August 7th)
 - d. Next Meeting Fall 2013
 - e. Anyone Missing?
- 8) Adjourn

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Work Plan

Public Involvement & Agency Coordination • Statewide Steering Committee • Technical Working Groups • Public Open Houses Integration **Statewide Transit Plan Development** Statewide with and Local Establish Long-Range Statewide Data Statewide Collection, Vision & **Transportation** Analysis & Goals Plan **Local Coordinated Public Transit / Mapping Human Services Transportation Plans Development**

Project Management & Coordination

Project Management Team

• Statewide Steering Committee

Incorporate MPO Transit Plans & Local Human Services Coordinated Plans

Coordination Meetings





Statewide Plan Goals and Objectives

- Develop a vision for an integrated transit system
- Develop policies that identify and support programs / projects to:
 - Increase availability and attractiveness of transit
 - Make transit more time-competitive
 - Maximize role of transit in the broader transportation system
 - Reduce vehicle-miles traveled and emissions
 - Coordinate service
- Communicate the value of transit





Guiding Principles for Transit Planning at CDOT

- When planning and designing for future transportation improvements, CDOT will consider the role of transit in meeting the mobility needs of the multimodal transportation system. CDOT will facilitate increased modal options and interface to facilities for all transportation system users.
- CDOT will consider the role of transit in maintaining, maximizing and expanding system capacity and extending the useful life of existing transportation facilities, networks and right-of-way.
- CDOT will promote system connectivity and transit mobility by linking networks of local, regional and interstate transportation services.
- CDOT will work towards integrating transit to support economic growth and development, and the state's economic vitality.
 CDOT will pursue transit investments that support economic goals in an environmentally responsible manner.
- CDOT will establish collaborative partnerships with local agencies, transit providers, the private sector and other stakeholders to meet the state's transit needs through open and transparent processes.
- CDOT will advocate for state and federal support of transit in Colorado including dedicated, stable and reliable funding sources for transit. Through partnerships, CDOT will leverage the limited transit funds available and seek new dollars for transit in Colorado.





The Statewide Transit Plan will Include:

- Ten local transit and human sevices coordination plans
- A vision for transit in Colorado
- CDOT's role in fulfilling the State's vision
- Policies, goals, objectives and strategies for meeting needs
- Visions for multimodal transportation corridors
- Demographic and travel profiles
- Existing and future transit operations and capital needs
- Funding and financial analysis
- Performance measures
- Public involvement
- Statewide survey of the transportation needs of the elderly and disabled





Local Transit and Human Services Transportation Coordination Plans will Include:

- Local vision, goals, and objectives
- Regional demographics
- An inventory of existing services
- Identification of needs and issues
- Prioritized projects and strategies
- Vision and framework for transit in 20 years
- Public involvement and agency coordination
- Funding and financial analysis





Team Structure

Statewide Steering Committee (SSC)

 A body of 25-30 members representing a wide range of federal, state and local planning entities, transit providers, advocacy groups and special needs groups.

- Meet on key milestones (approximately bi-monthly)
- Help establish vision, goals, strategies
- Provide advice on key issues
- Review draft plan documents
- Serve as conduit for informing and gathering input from constituents

TPR Technical Working Groups (TWG)

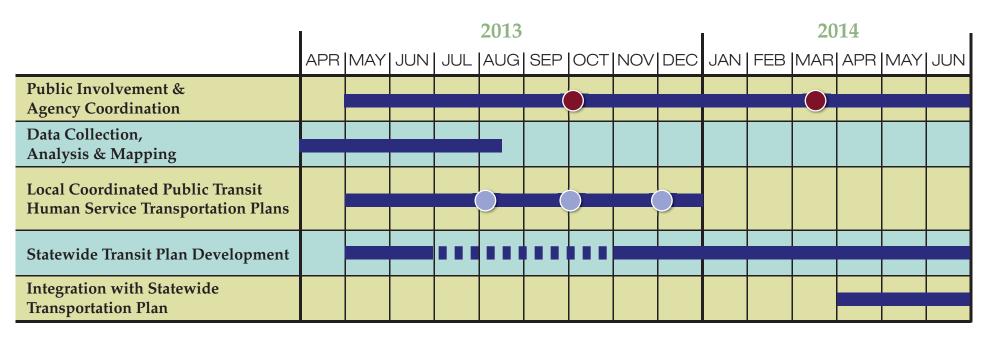
- CDOT DTR staff
- CDOT Region staff
- TPR staff
- Local / regional coordinating councils
- Key transit providers and human service organizations
- Other affected local stakeholders

- Meet approximately three times
- Help identify statewide and regional needs
- Advise team on development of local transit plans





Project Overview Schedule



Open Houses in each TPR

TPR Technical Working Group Meeting

The schedule of all open houses will be coordinated with the outreach program for the Statewide Transportation Plan. All meeting dates are subject to change.





What is a Coordinated Transit Plan?

Transportation coordination is a process between transportation organizations and providers to maximize the use of transportation resources through shared responsibility, management and funding of transportation services.

The purpose of this coordinated plan will be to:

- Provide a process where transit and human service providers can discuss issues
- Identify areas where enhanced coordination between transit and human services might be beneficial
- Establish a set of priorities and projects to improve mobility and access
- Move some priorities and projects into the larger regional and statewide planning processes to gain state assistance and/or funding; and
- Satisfy the requirements for a coordinated transit and human services transportation plan under MAP 21.

Why do we need to coordinate transit services?

In times of limited funding options, coordinated planning is one way to create added capacity and free up funding resources for baseline or enhanced transit services.

In addition, there may be changes in conditions, programs, and transit needs. Your region may benefit from a readjustment of services to help use resources most effectively.

As with any business or organization, it is helpful periodically to review processes and identify areas for greater efficiency. Your region may consider the following:

- A level of transportation service well below the level of need;
- Vehicles and other resources not utilized to capacity;
- Duplicative services in some areas of the community and little or no service in other areas;
- Variations in service quality among providers, including safety standards;
- A lack of overall information for consumers, planners and providers about available services and costs; and
- Multiple transportation providers, each with its own mission, equipment, eligibility criteria, funding sources, and institutional objectives, resulting in duplication of expenditures and services

If so, there is an opportunity to use this transit process to create dialog and work on strategies and actions that can make a difference to daily operations and, in turn, to the customers who are served.





What will this plan do?

Some of the objectives of this plan include:

- Review of the demographic profile and transit services within the region for any changes in recent years
- Establish a transit-human service coordination vision and subsequent goals and objectives
- Provide a prioritized list of goals that can be used to prioritize strategies and projects
- Move from a list of issues to action strategies that would enhance mobility and access

What value does transit coordination bring to the region?

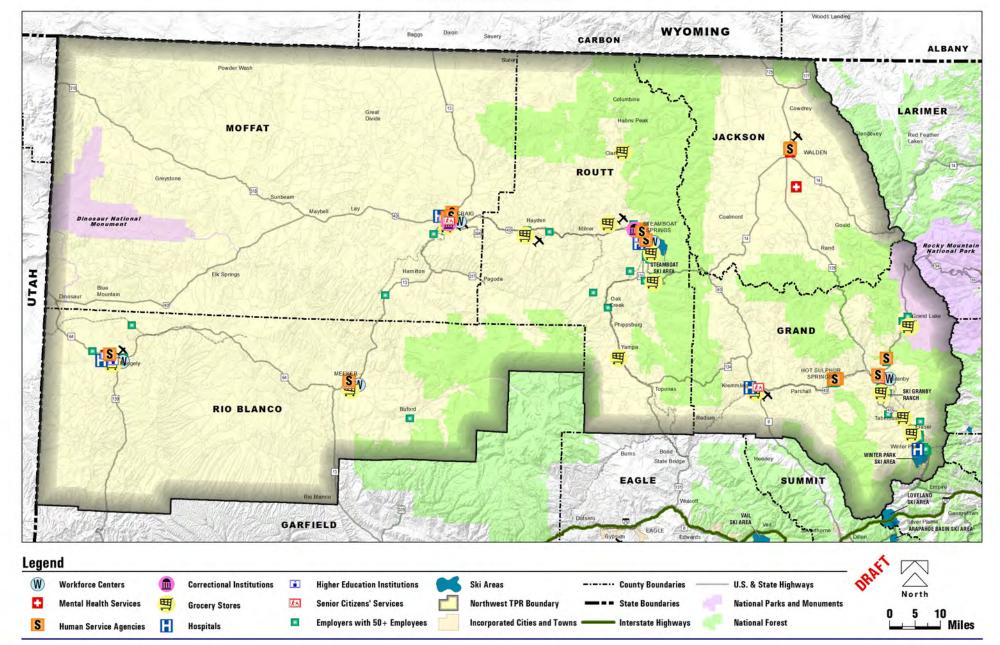
There are several positive outcomes achieved through transit coordination that add value to a region, including:

- Reduces Cost Inefficiencies Higher quality and more cost-effective services can result from more centralized control and management of resources; reduced cost of capital and better use of capital investments; and matching customers with the least restrictive and least costly service that best meets their needs for a particular trip.
- ▶ Improves Cost Efficiency, leading to reduced costs per trip Coordinated transportation services often have access to more funds and thus are better able to achieve economies of scale. They also have more sources of funds and other resources, thus creating organizations that are more stable because they are not highly dependent on only one funding source.
- Improves quality of life and cost savings Coordinated services can offer more visible transportation services for consumers and less confusion about how to access services. It can also provide more trips at lower cost. This improved mobility can enable people to live independently at home for a longer period of time.
- **Promotes diverse travel options** For many people, receiving transportation services such as taxis, vans, buses or other options is not a choice, but rather a necessity. Coordinated transportation services can often provide the most number of choices from which a traveler can choose.



Major Activity Centers and Destinations

Business locations derived from 2011 ESRI data.







Northwest Transportation Planning Region – Activity Centers

Name	Туре	Location
Colorado Workforce Center	Workforce Centers	Craig
Colorado Workforce Center	Workforce Centers	Granby
Colorado Workforce Center	Workforce Centers	Meeker
Colorado Workforce Center	Workforce Centers	Rangely
Colorado Workforce Center	Workforce Centers	Steamboat Springs
Colorado West Regional Mental	Mental Health Services	Craig
Steamboat Mental Health Center	Mental Health Services	Craig
Yampa Valley Psychotherapists	Mental Health Services	Craig
Colorado West Mental Health	Mental Health Services	Granby
Colorado West Mental Health	Mental Health Services	Meeker
Meeker Mental Health Center	Mental Health Services	Meeker
Steamboat Mental Health Center	Mental Health Services	Meeker
Colorado West Mental Health	Mental Health Services	Rangely
Steamboat Mental Health Center	Mental Health Services	Rangely
Bookman Post & Toothaker	Mental Health Services	Steamboat Springs
Colorado West Mental Health	Mental Health Services	Steamboat Springs
Colorado West Regional Mental Health	Mental Health Services	Steamboat Springs
Steamboat Mental Health Center	Mental Health Services	Steamboat Springs
Colorado West Regional Mental Health	Mental Health Services	Walden
Jackson County Mental Health	Mental Health Services	Walden
American Red Cross	Human Service Agencies	Craig
Love Inc Of The Yampa Valley	Human Service Agencies	Craig
Moffat County Social Services Department	Human Service Agencies	Craig
Moffat County United Way	Human Service Agencies	Craig
Salvation Army Craig Services Unit	Human Service Agencies	Craig
Grand County Search & Rescue	Human Service Agencies	Fraser
Grand Foundation	Human Service Agencies	Granby
Habitat For Humanity	Human Service Agencies	Granby
Advocates Crisis Line	Human Service Agencies	Hot Sulphur Springs
Advocates Victim Assistance	Human Service Agencies	Hot Sulphur Springs
Grand County Nursing Services	Human Service Agencies	Hot Sulphur Springs
Grand County Public Health	Human Service Agencies	Hot Sulphur Springs
Grand County Social Services	Human Service Agencies	Hot Sulphur Springs
Mountain Family Center	Human Service Agencies	Hot Sulphur Springs
Rio Blanco County Social Services	Human Service Agencies	Meeker
Rio Blanco County Public Health	Human Service Agencies	Rangely
Rio Blanco County Social Services	Human Service Agencies	Rangely
Habitat For Humanity	Human Service Agencies	Steamboat Springs
Routt County Human Services Department	Human Service Agencies	Steamboat Springs
Routt County Public Health NRS	Human Service Agencies	Steamboat Springs
United Way-Routt County	Human Service Agencies	Steamboat Springs
Jackson County Social Services	Human Service Agencies	Walden
Jackson County WIC Office	Human Service Agencies	Walden

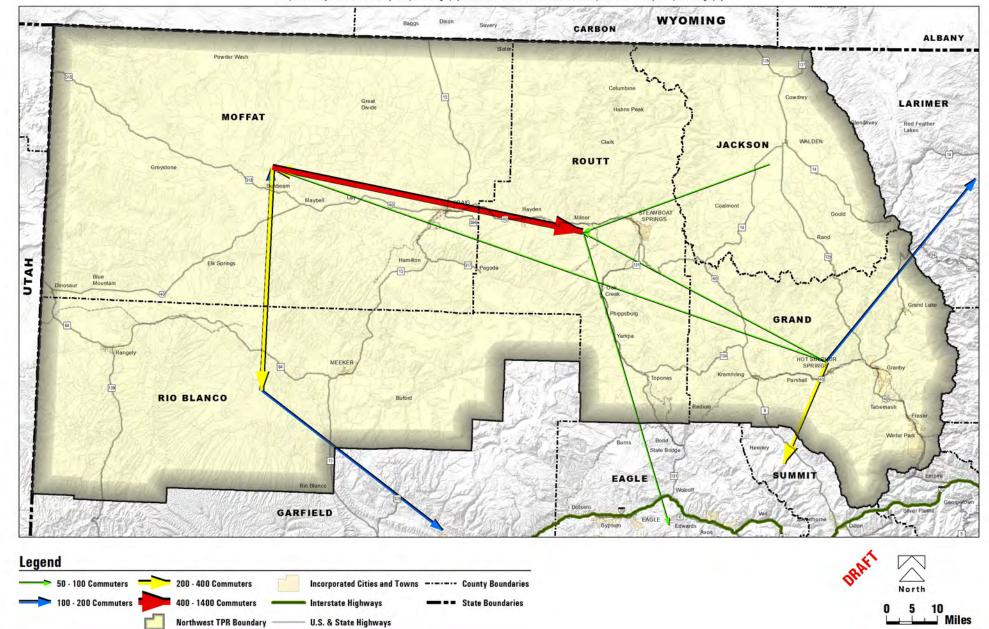




Name	Туре	Location
Correctional Alternative	Correctional Institutions	Craig
Moffat County Jail	Correctional Institutions	Craig
Routt County Jail	Correctional Institutions	Steamboat Springs
Biscuit Creek Market	Grocery Stores	Clark
Safeway	Grocery Stores	Craig
Safeway	Grocery Stores	Fraser
City Market	Grocery Stores	Granby
Circle D Foods	Grocery Stores	Grand Lake
Mountain Food Market	Grocery Stores	Grand Lake
Hayden Mercantile	Grocery Stores	Hayden
Kremmling Mercantile	Grocery Stores	Kremmling
Watt's Ranch Market	Grocery Stores	Meeker
Nichols Store	Grocery Stores	Rangely
White River Market	Grocery Stores	Rangely
5th St Market	Grocery Stores	Steamboat Springs
Grocery Co-Steamboat Springs	Grocery Stores	Steamboat Springs
Grocery Gals LLC	Grocery Stores	Steamboat Springs
Safeway	Grocery Stores	Steamboat Springs
Coyote Quikstop	Grocery Stores	Tabernash
Montgomery's General Mdse	Grocery Stores	Yampa
Memorial Hospital	Hospitals	Craig
Kremmling Memorial Hospital	Hospitals	Kremmling
Rangely District Hospital	Hospitals	Rangely
Yampa Valley Medical Center	Hospitals	Steamboat Springs
St Anthony 7 Mile Med Clinic	Hospitals	Winter Park
Colorado Northwestern Community College	Higher Education Institutions	Craig
Colorado Northwestern Community College	Higher Education Institutions	Meeker
Colorado Northwestern Community College	Higher Education Institutions	Rangely
Colorado State University	Higher Education Institutions	Rangely
Rangely Junior College District	Higher Education Institutions	Rangely
Colorado Mountain College	Higher Education Institutions	Steamboat Springs
Regis University At CMC	Higher Education Institutions	Steamboat Springs
Northwest Colorado Options For Long Term Care	Senior Citizens' Services	Craig
Senior Citizen Center	Senior Citizens' Services	Craig
Grand County Council On Aging	Senior Citizens' Services	Granby
Cliffview Assisted Living Center	Senior Citizens' Services	Kremmling
Fairfield Chuck Wagon	Senior Citizens' Services	Meeker
Radino Senior Center	Senior Citizens' Services	Rangely
Routt County Council On Aging	Senior Citizens' Services	Steamboat Springs
Routt County Foundation for Senior Citizens	Senior Citizens' Services	Steamboat Springs

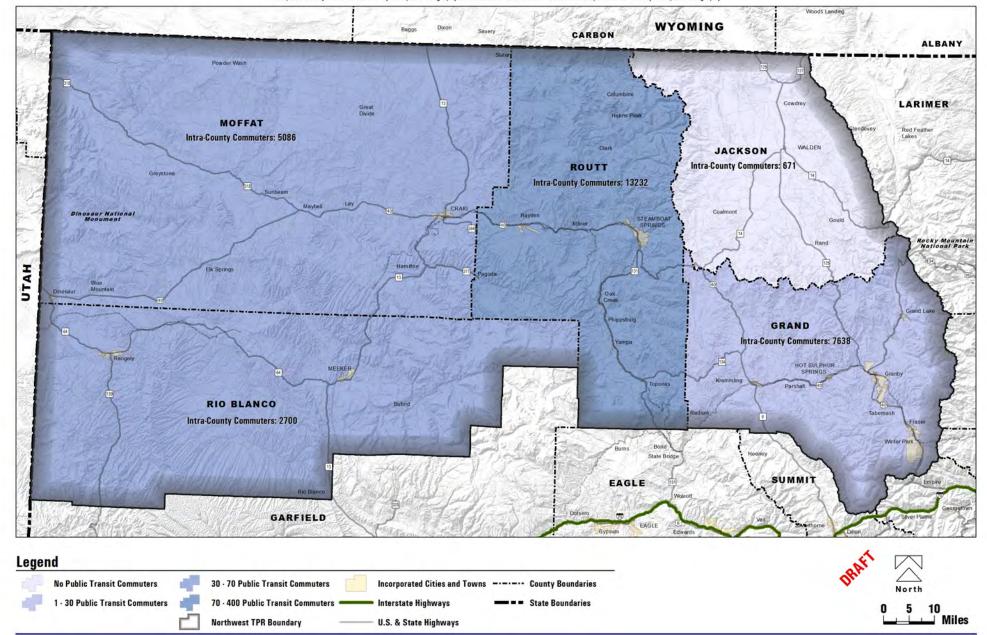


Employed Working Outside County of Residence *Note: Values are based on the 2006-2010 US Census American Community Survey (ACS) Metropolitan and Micropolitan Table 2 - Residence County to Workplace County Flows for the U.S. by Workplace Geography and 2009 ACS Table S0804 - Means of Transportation to Work by Workplace Geography





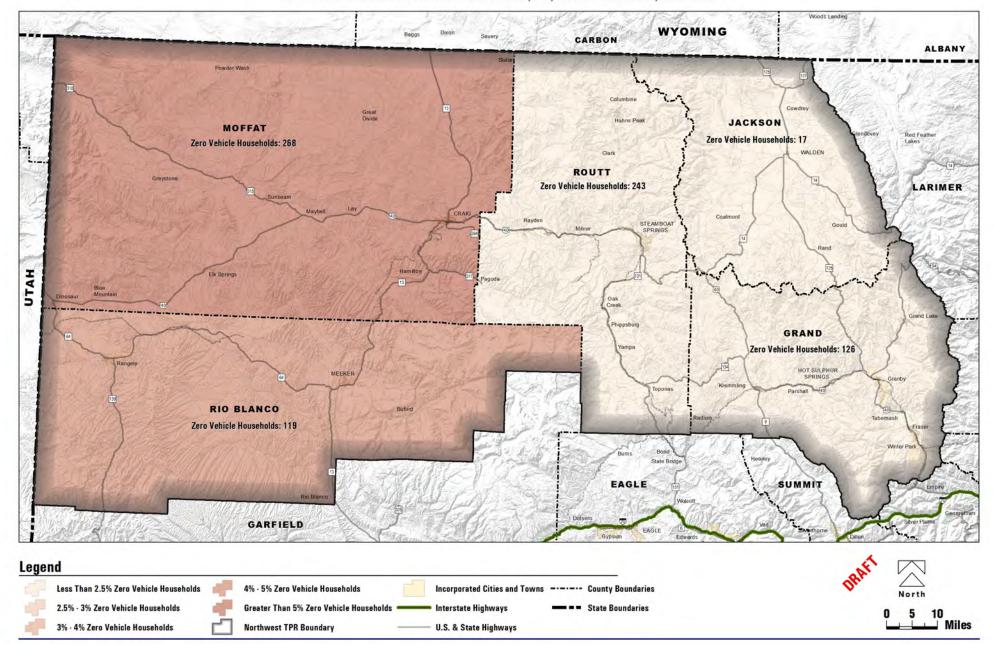
Intra-County and Public Transit Commuters *Note: Values are based on the 2006-2010 US Census American Community Survey (ACS) Metropolitan and Micropolitan Table 2 - Residence County to Workplace County Flows for the U.S. by Workplace Geography and 2009 ACS Table S0804 - Means of Transportation to Work by Workplace Geography





2011 Percentage of Households with No Vehicle

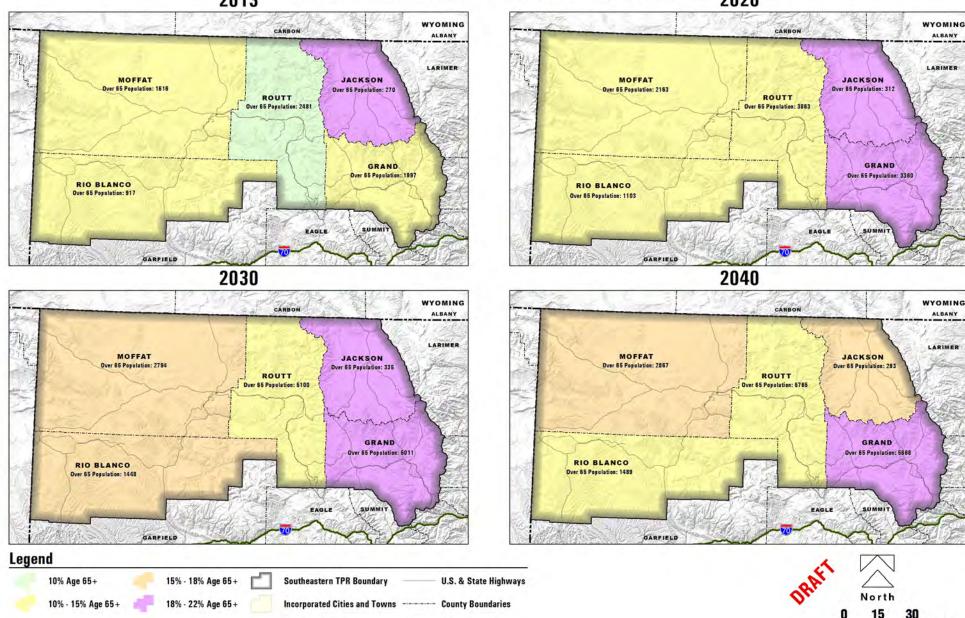
Zero vehicle household data extracted from 2011 U.S. Census American Community Survey Table B08201 - Household Size by Vehicles Available





Projected Percentage of Residents Age 65+ for 2013, 2020, 2030 and 2040 Percentage is based on 2012 estimates provided by the State Demographer's Office through the Colorado Department of Local Affairs.

2013 2020

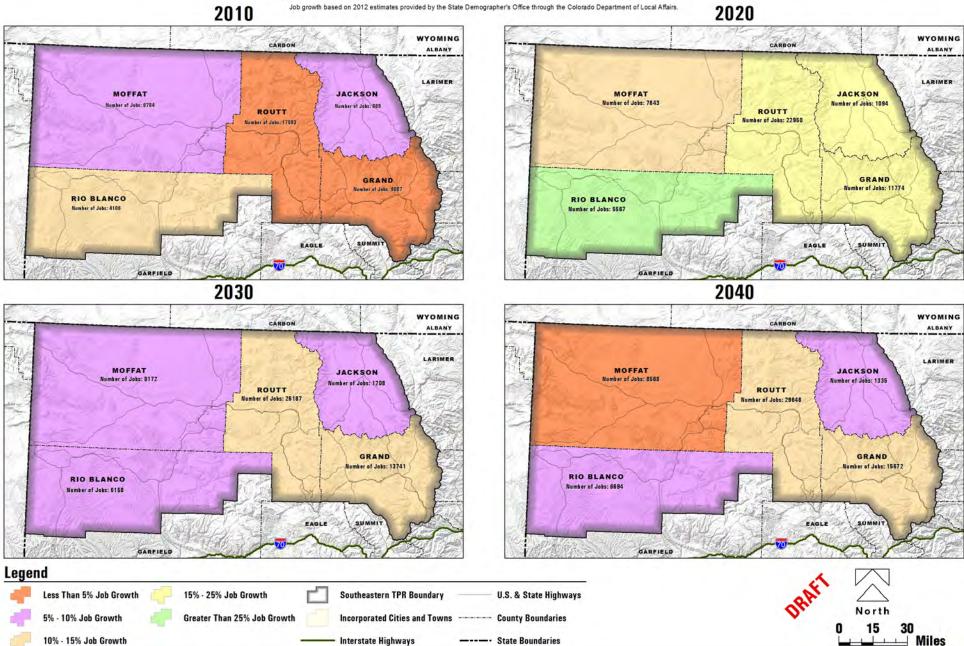


---- State Boundaries

Interstate Highways



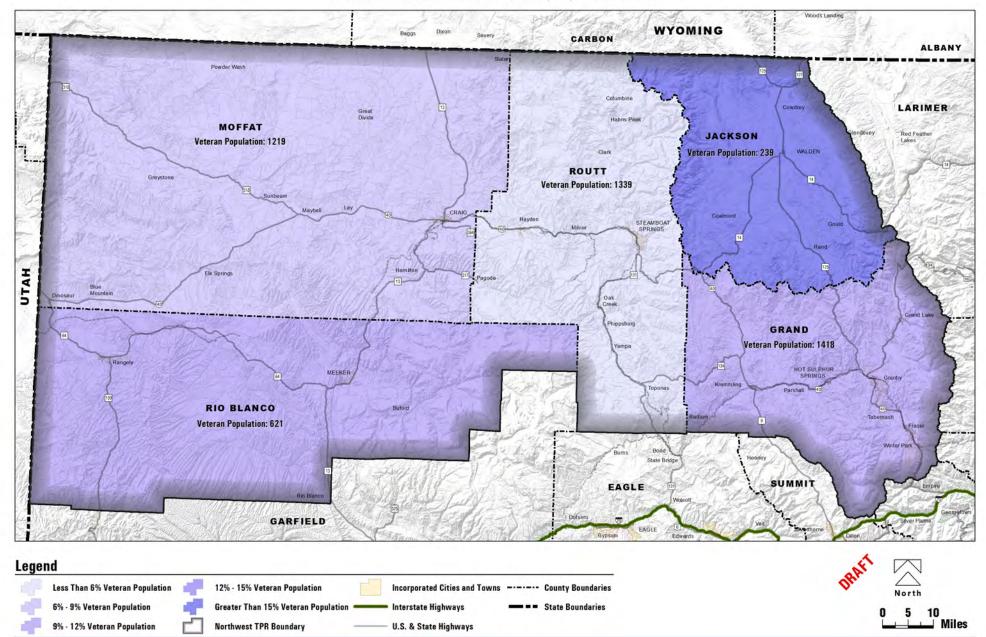
Job Growth from 2000 to 2010, 2020, 2030 and 2040





2011 Veteran Population

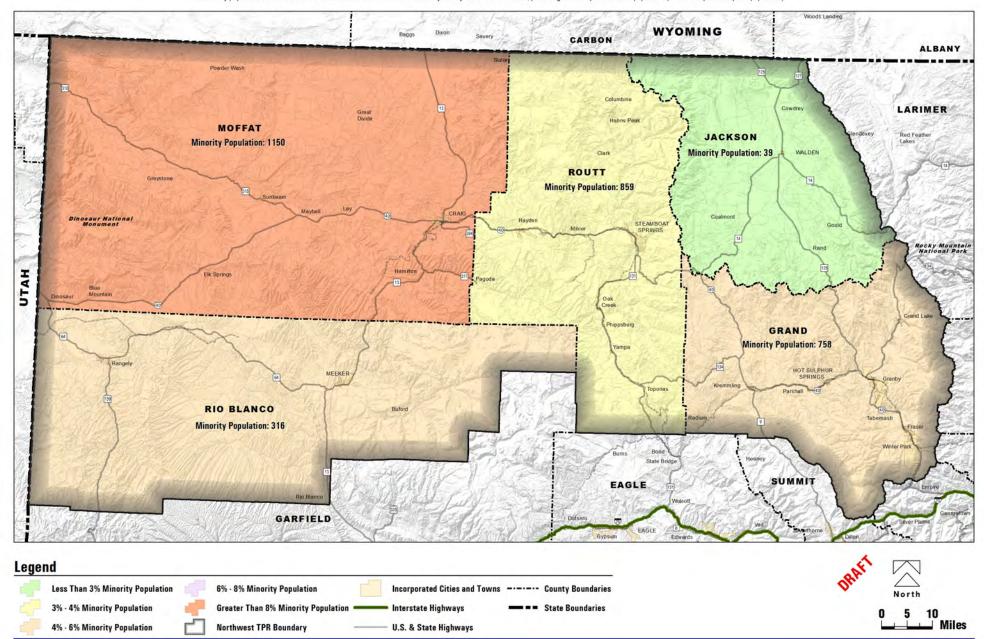
Veteran status data extracted from 2011 U.S. Census American Community Survey Table S2101 - Veteran Status





2011 Minority Population

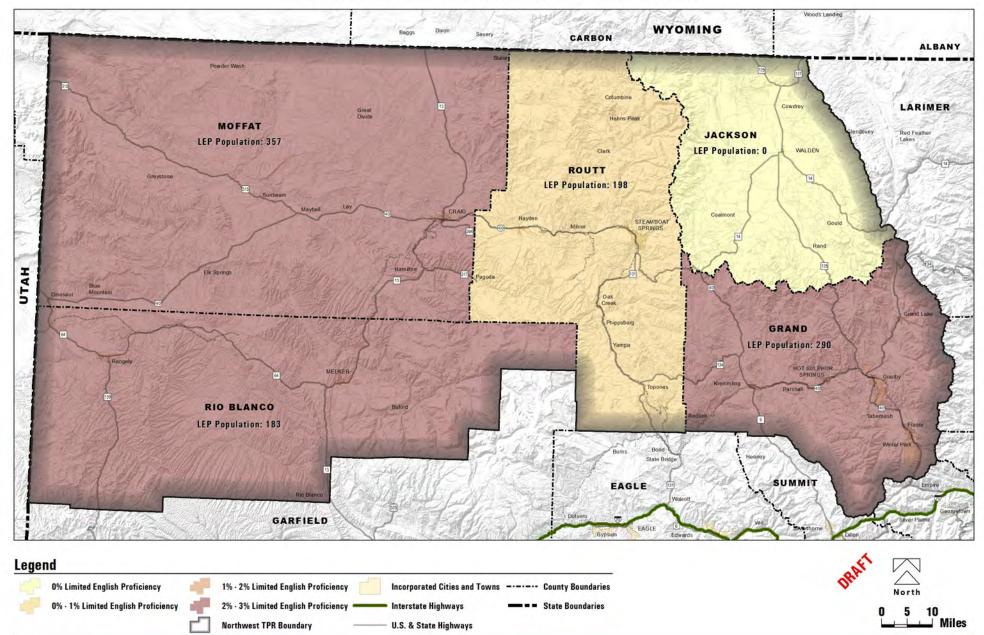
Minority population data extracted from 2011 U.S. Census American Community Survey Table B02001 - Race; percentage based upon non-white population (does not separate hispanic population)





2011 Percent of Population with No or Limited English Proficiency

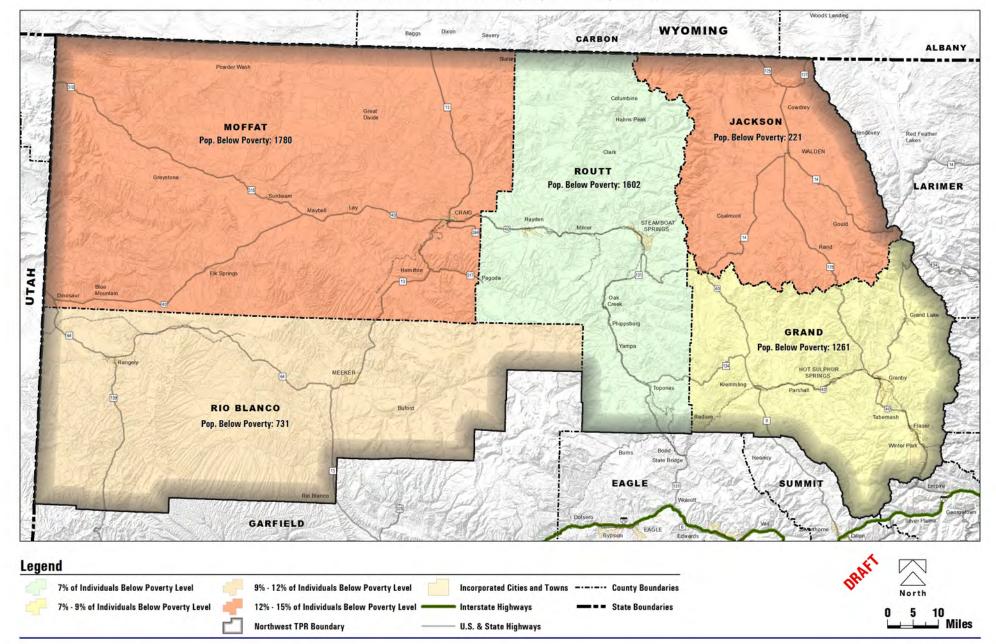
Percentage is based on the 2007-2011 American Community Survey Table B16004, and on values for "Speak English - not at all or not well"





2011 Population Below Federal Poverty Level

Poverty status data extracted from 2011 U.S. Census American Community Survey Table S1701 - Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months



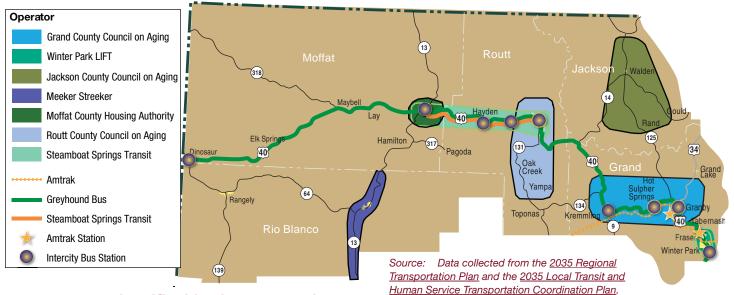




NORTHWEST TPR

The following information provides a brief summary of transit providers, transit services and key issues from the 2008 Local Transit and Human Service Transportation Coordination Plan and Regional Transportation Plan for the **Northwest Transportation Planning Region**. The information included in this summary is not intended to be inclusive of all current providers and services as over the course of the next year the local plans will be updated and integrated into the Northwest Regional Transportation Plan as well as the Colorado Department of Transportation's first ever comprehensive Statewide Transit Plan.

This map identifies some of the known providers and service areas within the Northwest TPR according to the 2008 Plans. Additional providers not identified on the map include: Alpine Taxi/Limo, Independent Living Center, and lodge shuttle services provided by resort communities/resorts in Steamboat Springs and Winter Park. The NW TPR also has intercity bus service provided by Greyhound, passenger rail service provided by Amtrak's California Zephyr with stops in Fraser and Granby.



Key Issues Identified in the 2008 Plan

A desire to increase public transportation and provide alternative modes to passenger vehicles has been identified. The need to eventually provide mass public transportation within the TPR has been expressed.

- General public transit services are needed throughout the region (SH 131, US 40, SH 125, US 34, SH 13, SH 64).
- Need for more intermodal connections and park-and-ride lots throughout the region.
- Many rural areas in the region do not receive any type of transportation services (US 40, SH 125, US 34).
- East end of Grand County needs transit services.
- South Routt County needs more transit connections as there are gaps in service for seniors and no service for the general public.
- Need to expand passenger rail options through the region by utilizing railroad for passenger needs. This includes running the Ski Train year-round and a study to look at commuter rail corridor from Steamboat to Craig.
- Future land developments in Steamboat Springs will incur additional transit needs in the future.
- Need for intercity bus service in Jackson County.
- Services needed for elderly and low-income throughout the region.
- Coordination of services between the existing elderly and disabled providers needed to increase services to other larger communities.

Plan Goals and Strategies

- Enhance passenger and freight rail service.
- Support land use plans that encourage transit-oriented and multimodal development.
- Adopt a policy that discourages abandonment of rail rights-of-way and rail service.
- Develop regional and local transportation systems that are based on multimodal centers that provide residents and visitors frequent, convenient, and cost effective year round service.
- Develop a transportation system with a strong mass transit element that utilizes public private partnerships to address transit needs and multimodal centers.
- Increase use of mass transit by identifying revenue sources for multimodal facilities.
- Increase use of and/or expand existing transit systems.
- Support a transportation system that is convenient and enhances quality of life for the region's diverse population.

Project Website: www.coloradodot.info/ programs/transitandrail/statewidetransitplan





Northwest TPR Transit Projects

Projects from the 2008 Local Plans

GR	AND COUNTY	Inpenantel Defened Limitate
Cap	oital:	Implementer Deferred Liminated
А. В. С.	New bus storage facilities for the Grand County Council on Aging New maintenance and operations facility for the Winter Park Lift Grand County Council on Aging replacement small-size buses (5) Winter Park Lift new large-size buses (10) Winter Park Lift replacement of a minibus Winter Park Lift replacement work truck New shelters and benches for the Winter Park Lift	
Ope	erating:	
В. С.	Continue Grand County Council on Aging existing services Continue Winter Park Lift existing services Add summer service for the Winter Park Lift Expand Winter Park Lift service to other portions of Grand County with fixed-route, vanpool, paratransit, dial-a-ride, and commuter bus service	
Pla	nning:	
A.	Investigate shared regional services (to Denver, Steamboat Springs, etc.)	
Cod	ordination:	
	Create a Coordination Council to help coordinate systems	
B.	Shared maintenance/vehicle storage facilities	
	CKSON, MOFFATT, RIO BLANCO, & ROUTT COUNTIES	
	oital:	
	Steamboat Springs Transit new and replacement small and large buses (31)	
B. C.	Routt County Council on Aging new and replacement mid-size buses (4) Moffat County Council on Aging new van and replacement mid-size bus	
D.	Jackson County Council on Aging new and replacement mid-size buses (2)	
E.	Meeker/Streeker replacement of mid-size buses (2)	
F.	Independent Life Center new vehicles (3)	
G.	Regional service remote storage facility in Craig for Steamboat Springs Transit	
Н.	Park-and-rides in Hayden for Steamboat Springs Transit	
I.	Downtown curb extensions for Steamboat Springs Transit	
J.	Upgraded bus stops and shelters for Steamboat Springs Transit	======
K	.Steamboat Springs Transit replacement of bus washing machine	
L.	Bus shelter/garage for Moffat County Council on Aging	
Оро	erating:	
A.	Continue Steamboat Springs Transit existing services	
В.	Continue Routt County Council on Aging existing services	
C.	Continue Moffat County Council on Aging existing services	
D.	Continue Jackson County Council on Aging existing services	
E.	Steamboat Springs Transit expanded east-side service to/from the park-and-ride and Transit	
	Center, and loop service north-south	🔲 🔲 🔲





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F.	Steamboat Springs Transit new rideshare vanpool service	IMP. IN P.	Deve	Eim.
G.	New Routt County Council on the Aging commuter service between Oak Creek and			_
	Steamboat Springs [
Н.	Moffat County Council on Aging expanded service[
l.	Jackson County Council on Aging additional service [
Pla	nning:			
A.	Examine the formation of a Rural Transportation Authority		Ш	
Cod	ordination:			
A.	Create a Coordination Council [
B.	Coordination to provide regional services [
C.	Taxi voucher program [
D.	Shared maintenance services and facilities/storage [
E.	Shared/pooled insurance [
F.	Shared hiring assistance and driver training [
G.	Shared call center and dispatch [

2013 CASTA Survey - Transit Priorities

Grand County Council on Aging, Inc. - Grandby

1st Priority - Expand fleet to meet existing demand

2nd Priority - Increase number of days of service

3rd Priority - Increase frequency of service on existing routes

Steamboat Springs Transit

1st Priority - Upgrade fleet with more efficient and technologically advanced vehicles

2nd Priority - Increase frequency of service on existing routes

3rd Priority - Use money to back fill short falls