



Transportation Plan Meeting Summary June 4, 2014

Background:

On June 4th, Town Planning staff conducted an initial public workshop for the Town of Crested Butte's 2014 Transportation Plan update. The two goals of this meeting were to receive public input on the Town's Transportation Values and to map problem areas and issues around the Town to be addressed during the Plan's update.

About 20 citizens attended and participated in the event and offered input. Future public meetings are planned in September and October after the busy summer season. Town Staff will continue to seek additional input over the summer at special events.



Values:

During the meeting participants were asked to identify why they loved Crested Butte's Transportation system. Overall the input was consistent on the following themes being core values of the Town Transportation system. As the plan takes shape, it will be imperative to maintain and strengthen these core values with the development and implementation of the Plan.

- Free and reliable public transportation that is available to both residents and visitors
- Maintaining the safe pedestrian and bike oriented community where the use of a car is optional
- Continue the use of Town as the hub to surrounding trail network
- Free parking that allows visitors and residents to walk, bike, or take transit to destinations around Town

Problem Areas and Issues:

Participants at the meeting mapped and identified issues and problem areas within the Town as they relate to the following categories:

1. Traffic and cars
2. Transit
3. Parking
4. Bike, pedestrian, and other multi-modal transportation

Kimley-Horn has been selected to participate as the Town's consultant to evaluate the identified issues and problem areas. Over the coming months, they will help Town staff analyze and prepare

solutions for what has been identified during the public meetings. The following issues and problem areas will be researched by the consultant and town staff. The following list represents the public input during the June 4th meeting and is not intended to be a comprehensive list of items. Staff will continue to solicit input on additional items throughout the process. Also many possible solutions to these issues were offered by the public during the meeting. The following lists do not include those comments; however the proposed solutions offered by the public will be considered by the consultant moving forward.

Traffic and Cars:

- Elk Avenue and the mix of uses
- Intersection Red Lady Avenue and 6th Street
- Intersection of Elk and 6th Street
- Traffic speeds on Whiterock Avenue from Kelber Pass
- Connectivity to the Northwest side of the Town
- Congestion on 6th Street

Transit:

- Congestion on Elk Avenue
- Maintaining reliable service with growing demands
- Extended bus service to Crested Butte South and Gunnison to service workers and commuters

Parking:

- Lot at 1st Street and Elk Avenue
- Plan for snow storage
- Skier parking near bus stops in residential zones
- Better utilization of 4-way lot
- Event parking
- Center for the Arts Parking
- Post Office Parking
- New Parking lot purchase
- Demand for new parking structure

Bike, Pedestrian, and other Multi-Modal Transportation:

- Completion of Perimeter Trail
- Continue future connections for Nordic skiing and trails
- Use of Peanut Lake Road
- Elk Avenue sidewalks
- Connections to Kebler Pass
- Continuation of Rec-Path to Crested Butte South and to Gunnison

The following map shows areas and issues identified by the public during the meeting.