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Public Meeting Scheduled for March 20 to Discuss South Bridge Project

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO – The City of Glenwood Springs is hosting a public meeting for the South Bridge project from 5 to 7 p.m., on March 20 at Sopris Elementary. A presentation will be provided from 6 to 6:20 p.m.

Public Meeting South Bridge Project

**Wednesday, March 20, 2019
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sopris Elementary School Cafeteria
1150 Mt. Sopris Drive, Glenwood Springs**

The City of Glenwood Springs, with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has been conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) process to identify a critical second route between SH 82 and the western side of the Roaring Fork River in the southern portion of Glenwood Springs. The 2013 EA was released for public comment in October 2013 and evaluated a No Action Alternative and Alternative 10b (the Preferred Alternative). To address Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA) concerns to preserve the corridor for future rail operations, the Preferred Alternative design was revisited and modified in 2016-2017 to include a new interchange with SH 82, which was presented at an August 2017 public meeting.

In 2018, more detailed survey, mapping, and design were performed showing that the new SH 82 interchange would be costlier than originally estimated. The City and RFTA then evaluated an approach to the project design to reduce project costs and preserve the corridor for future rail use. It was agreed that the City will proceed with the original Preferred Alternative 10b evaluated in the EA (with certain minor design modifications, such as adding a new frontage road east of SH 82). If RFTA identifies the need to implement rail service in the future, the City will make necessary changes to accommodate rail service at the South Bridge connection.

The City of Glenwood Springs, in conjunction with CDOT, FHWA, and Garfield County, is holding a public meeting to provide a project update and present the Preferred Alternative design changes made in 2018. The public is invited to attend the public meeting to hear about the background of the project; the Preferred Alternative design changes; next steps, including completion of the EA process, final design, and construction timeframe; and provide comments.

**Open house from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Presentation from 6:00 to 6:20 p.m.**

Members of the public may provide written comments about the project and/or the Preferred Alternative in the following ways:

- Provide written comments at the public meeting by completing comment sheets provided at the meeting.
- Mail or fax written comments to Regina Pretti, City of Glenwood Springs Engineering Department, 101 West 8th Street, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601; fax (970) 945-8582 (attn. Regina Pretti).
- Email comments to: regina.pretti@cogs.us.
- Provide comments on the project website: <http://www.glenwoodsouthbridge.net>.

Questions? Direct questions about the public meeting to Regina Pretti, City of Glenwood Springs, at (970) 384-6435. Para obtener información sobre la reunión pública, llame a Alex Quintero al 602-530-1647. Si tiene preguntas o comentarios sobre el proyecto, envíelos por correo electrónico a regina.pretti@cogs.us. Accommodations are in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. For any special accommodations, call Misty Swan at (720) 286-3641, or the TDD number for the hearing impaired at 1-800-659-3656.

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