



New I-70 coalition members to schedule presentations

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On behalf of the I-70 Coalition and as the new chair and vice-chair of the organization, we are pleased to report a successful year in 2006 and look forward to representing the Coalition as we anticipate great progress to be made in 2007.

Since its creation in 2004, the Coalition has proved to be a powerful voice for jurisdictions located along the I-70 mountain corridor, which stretches from Denver International Airport to Grand Junction and adjoining communities, while working with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and other transit agencies on long-term transit solutions for the mountain corridor.

In 2006 the Coalition expanded to include private partners including Vail Resorts, Inc., Intrawest Corporation and Gart Companies, as well as added governmental members Jefferson County and the City of Golden. With the help of our partners we received a \$30,000 grant and hosted a transit workshop held in October at Copper Mountain that included discussion about transit technology and transit alternatives. Many of you also responded to the Coalition's travel demand management recommendations. Following your responses, we presented these recommendations to CDOT as potential strategies for dealing with the current levels of congestion in the I-70 mountain corridor.

Throughout the next year the Coalition will continue to invite other public entities and private sector organizations to participate. This will include presentations throughout Colorado. We encourage you to attend one of the many presentations or to schedule a presentation for your organization to learn more about the Coalition. The Coalition expects to begin the implementation of a \$500,000 transit planning grant from CDOT that will be used to complete a land-use planning and zoning effort for all Coalition member jurisdictions to ensure transit systems and transit-related development will be accommodated in the future. As an organization, we'll also respond to the CDOT's Final Planning and Environmental Impact Statement for the mountain corridor, which is scheduled to be released in late 2007.

Coalition members are coordinating efforts to implement long-term transportation improvements along the mountain corridor while representing the Coalition's best interests. We encourage you to learn more about these efforts and this exciting process. Information is available at www.i-70coalition.org and requests for presentations are welcome.

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