



Which way for Interstate 70?

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SUMMIT COUNTY — County and town officials will be heading to Granby today for the Interstate 70 Mountain Corridor Coalition meeting with a loose consensus on what the transportation plan for the I-70 corridor should be.

Commissioners, mayors and town managers met Wednesday to discuss the Colorado Department of Transportation's (CDOT) preferred alternatives and designate representatives for each town and the county. "We want to show the world that CDOT isn't kidding," Commissioner Bob French said.

Although the four towns and the county have slightly differing stances on what the solution is for I-70, three ideas for inclusion in the alternative continued to re-emerge in the discussion:

- n Minimal action should be taken as soon as possible, including safety upgrades and roadway improvements, such as passing lanes at select locations and interchange modifications.

- n Widening the corridor to six lanes to increase capacity. Planning for this initiative can be concurrent as the minimal action work is completed.

- n Preserving the right of way for some form of transit.

Other issues that the towns and county brought up were funding, better routes, high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes and toll lanes.

The I-70 Mountain Corridor Coalition, comprised of 30 towns and counties, will meet today and tomorrow to create a regionally preferred alternative to the choices offered by CDOT.

Who's speaking for whom?

- Breckenridge: Mayor Ernie Blake, town manager Tim Gagen and Breckenridge Ski Resort chief operations officer Roger McCarthy

- Dillon: Mayor Barbara Davis, town manager Jack Benson and local business owner Allan Hedin

- Frisco: Mayor Bernie Zurbriggen, Councilmember Tom Looby, town manager Michael Penny and Bob Starekow, president of the Summit County Restaurant Association. One of the three will be an observer at the meeting, since each delegation is to only send three members to participate.

- Silverthorne: Mayor Lou DelPiccolo, town manager Kevin Batchelder and Outlets at Silverthorne manager Rob Goodell

- Summit County: Commissioners Bob French and Bill Wallace and Eric Turner, manager of The Lodge and Spa at Breckenridge

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