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GRAND VALLEY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE JOINS I-70 COALITION

(I-70 Mountain Corridor) — The Interstate 70 Mountain Transportation Corridor Coalition (I-70 Coalition) is pleased to announce the addition of the Grand Valley Regional Transportation Commission (GVRTC) as its newest member.

The I-70 Coalition is a group of public and private partners advocating with one voice on local transportation interests concerning the I-70 mountain corridor. The addition of GVRTC will stretch the Coalition's membership from the Front Range to the western edge of the state, comprising Fruita, Palisade, Grand Junction and Mesa County.

"The addition of the Grand Valley Regional Transportation Commission represents a major milestone for the I-70 Coalition," said I-70 Coalition Director Flo Raitano. "The Coalition is looking forward to working with GVRTC on transportation issues on I-70, as well as identifying potential opportunities that enhanced multi-modal solutions on the I-70 west corridor may present."

In its fourth year, the Coalition is currently concentrating its efforts on facilitation of a land use planning and zoning study, which was funded via a \$400,000 grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation, and also is overseeing creation of travel management solutions to share with the public to enhance travel experiences along the I-70 corridor. Raitano says the Coalition continues to work together toward on an overall goal to create solutions to alleviate the current levels of congestion on I-70.

"We look forward to being part of this important organization working to solve I-70 transportation concerns to enhance public accessibility and mobility; an interest all our communities share," said Tom Fisher, representing the GVRTC. "This will include

identifying and advocating solutions that will preserve the quality of life for all of Colorado.”

For more information on the coalition’s meeting schedule or to schedule a presentation for your organization, call Raitano at 970-393-2394 or go to www.i-70coalition.org.

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About I-70 Coalition

The coalition was formed through an intergovernmental agreement in January 2004 to address transportation issues in the I-70 mountain corridor and to respond to CDOT’s Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. The local governments involved in the coalition include the counties of Clear Creek, Eagle, Garfield, Grand Valley, Lake, Pitkin, Gilpin, Grand, Jefferson, Park and Summit, plus the cities and towns of Aspen, Avon, Breckenridge, Dillon, Empire, Fraser, Frisco, Georgetown, Glenwood Springs, Golden, Granby, Grand Lake, Gypsum, Hot Sulphur Springs, Idaho Springs, Kremmling, Leadville, Minturn, Montezuma, Red Cliff, Silverthorne, Silver Plume, Steamboat, Vail, Walden and Winter Park. Private partners include Gart Companies, Intrawest Corporation, Vail Resorts, Inc., the Summit County Chamber of Commerce and the Vail Valley Partnership. More information is available at www.i-70coalition.org.