

City Council Study Session



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Transportation Infrastructure
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Background

The planning for Bonanza Park began in the summer of 2010 when the Planning Department prepared an initial concept plan for the area and outlined the benefits of form-based code as a methodology to achieve the community goals for this 99-acre district. The 2009 Community Visioning had been completed and served as the background for the initial concepts outlined for this district. From the Community Visioning we heard loudly and clearly what Parkites thought; the following are a few of those quotes that seem particularly applicable to Bonanza Park:

What would make you leave?

- *“When the gaps between the ‘haves’ and the ‘have-nots’ gets too big to be comfortable”*
- *“I already had to leave. After 37 years, I couldn’t afford it anymore. Now I commute”*
- *“If we become too snooty and exclusive or opulent and ostentatious. Like Aspen or Vail”*
- *“If we lose our heart & soul...or our dorkiness...if we stop feeling like a community”*
- *“If we don’t put our money where our mouth is-if we don’t stand up for what we believe in”*
- *“When I can no longer afford to live here – it will be sad, but then I’d have to leave”*

When were you proud of Park City?

- *“When we make the tough calls and sacrifices required to preserve Park City’s natural beauty and open space”*

When have you been disappointed in Park City?

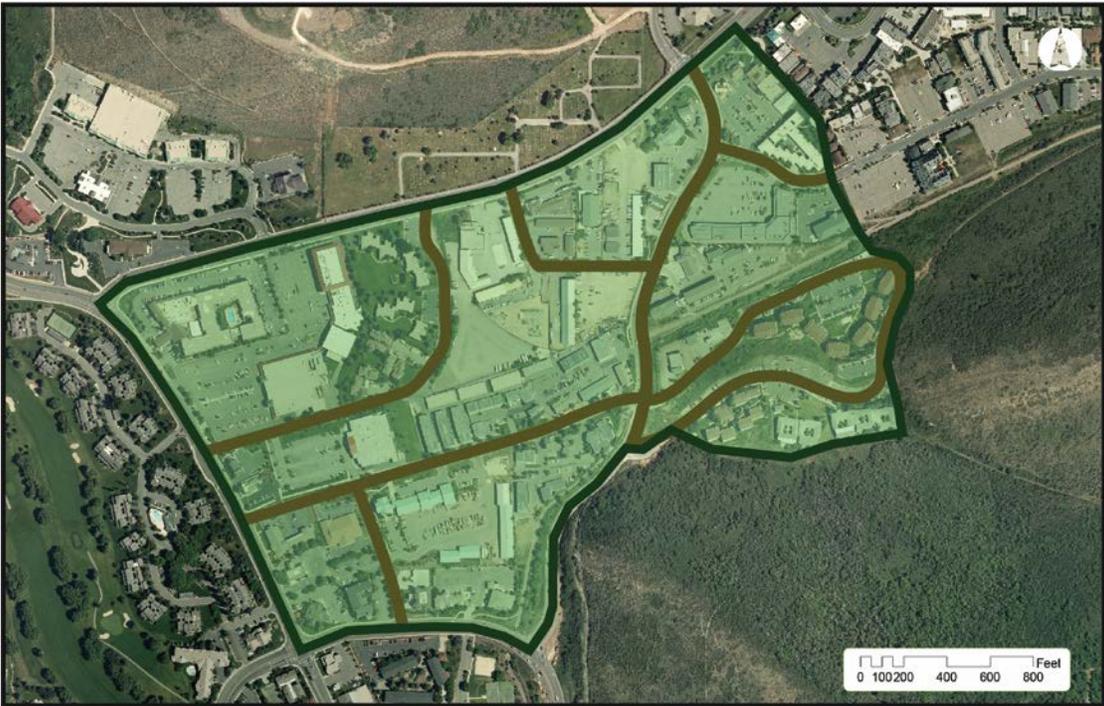
- *“We say we’re diverse. But we’re not”*
- *We’re only green until it’s inconvenient – until it hits the pocketbook”*

What do you hope Park City will be like in 20 years?

- *“I hope many different people can afford to live and work in Park City. I hope we are diverse – it’s a big part of what makes us different from other towns – like Vail or Aspen”*
- *“I hope my kids can afford to stay here and be a part of this community”*
- *“I hope the City and Chamber will continue to keep front and center the balance between being a resort town and what the residents need and want”*
- *“I hope that we continue to set an example for what’s possible – that we’re sustainable, innovative, a strong and diverse community”*
- *“I hope Park City is one of the ten best cities to live in, the ten greenest cities, and the ten most sustainable cities”*

Based upon this input, and many others, the first draft of the Bonanza Park Area Plan was completed in January 2012. That document recommended the use of form-based code, additional incentivized density in the form of height – up to a partial 4th and partial 5th story, public- private partnerships, an inclusive community that accommodated affordable-, middle-, and upper-income opportunities...all built around a transportation grid that incorporated complete streets for vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians.

The existing transportation network:



The proposed transportation network (with parcel lines and white underlay noting existing streets):



Analysis

Park City’s current approach to zoning is based upon Euclidean Zoning (or use-based zoning) that was the result of a Supreme Court decision in 1926 where the court ruled in favor of the Village of Euclid, Ohio vs.

Ambler Realty Company and noted that Euclid had the right to create a zoning map that segregated land uses as a way to shape the development of that city. While this may be considered an outdated way of planning based upon current planning theory, it has served as a link to the present time where more advanced zoning opportunities exist in the form of performance zoning, incentivized zoning, form-based code, etc.

But even before the implementation of a zoning ordinance, the real opportunity for a City to create its form, its structure, its connectivity pattern is via its proposed transportation framework. Park City's initial transportation network was created when the City was historically surveyed and platted in a grid network in what is now Old Town. That initial decision created the framework, the skeleton, for the neighborhood that Old Town has become. Had that initial decision been different, curvilinear roads moving through the mountains (e.g. more suburban, topographical, or car-oriented), the function and ambiance of the neighborhood would be very different.

From a pure transportation and redevelopment planning perspective, a general rule of thumb indicates that approximately 20%-30% of a community's built-out land area is committed to streets and sidewalks; typically, the higher the number, the more connected or easily accessible the community. These streets and sidewalks are the public domain – they are the openings in the built fabric that allow users to move within and through the community. These streets allow for the freedom of movement given that these areas would be designated public rights-of-way.

The lack of connectivity in Bonanza Park is easily illustrated by noting that only 18% of the District is dedicated to internal street and sidewalk network. The proposed plan on the other hand recommends a grid pattern that dedicates approximately 28% to the public realm in the form of streets and sidewalks.

In addition to providing accessibility for vehicles, bikes, and pedestrians, these streets also provide view sheds “through” the district as well as providing functional space for people to share as they move through the District. Plazas, pocket parks, outdoor dining, and forecourts located adjacent to these sidewalks are intended to create a human eddy where people may gather and socialize. Streets and sidewalks serve as vastly improved “open space” specifically when compared to code-required setbacks for buildings on private property where “space devoid of a building” exists, but not necessarily a usable space or even a space that the public is invited into.

Infrastructure as the Framework for Neighborhood Creation in Park City

Park City has previously utilized infrastructure projects as a basis for managing growth and the pressures associated with such. The China Bridge Parking Garage (Phase I) was completed about 1985 at a cost of ±2mn to the City – this structure contained 343 spaces. Phase II was completed in 2006 at a cost of \$6.5mn and added 282 spaces; the bond to support this debt is being paid out of the Main Street Redevelopment Area. The City's ongoing Main Street sidewalk and infrastructure improvements, at a cost of ±\$15mn, are being paid primarily from the Resort City Sales Tax funds.

These projects are examples of projects that the public sector is best suited to address. The parking issue on Main Street would be severely compromised without the China Bridge structure which can hold 625 cars. The construction of the garage by the City is a clear sign that the City recognized the need for additional parking within this District and wanted to ensure control of the issue for future generations. The infrastructure improvements along Main Street (e.g. sidewalks and plazas) have been a collaborative process between the City and the Historic Park City Alliance business association to redo aging infrastructure in a manner that is in accordance with the desires of the business owners, the necessary safety requirements of Public Works and Engineering, and the requirements of the City's Historic District Design Guidelines. These infrastructure improvements have established both long term land use commitments in the form of a new garage structure as well as a demonstrated the City's commitment to maintaining the historic integrity of the Main Street district through thoughtful design.

Right-of-Way and Utility Infrastructure Specific to Bonanza Park

There were two scenarios developed within the 2011 Traffic and Transportation Master Plan that related to Bonanza Park. Both of the scenarios noted that Bonanza Park could be a likely location for a transportation hub in the future. In addition, both scenarios noted the need to monitor SR224 and Bonanza Drive/SR248 as out-load valves for skier traffic from Deer Valley and Park City Mountain Resort. The current plan has taken aspects of each of these two concepts into account understanding that the existing out-load for skier traffic will continue to move around the Bonanza Park district.

In 2012, Park City hired InterPlan and Parsons Brinckerhoff (Exhibit A) to complete an analysis of the proposed Area Plan for Bonanza Park to illustrate how the proposed traffic grid would function given the increased development envisioned for the District. In addition, the consultants were asked to prepare an estimate for the construction of the newly proposed rights-of-way. In summary, the consultants noted that the use of form based code, in conjunction with the connected street network, provided for a slight reduction in vehicle trip generation when compared to allowing the District to build out under current General Commercial (GC) zoning standards. This analysis assumed the worst-case scenario, or complete build out of Bonanza Park – a scenario not likely to be realized within a 50 year period. It also assumed 5.2 million SF build out using the GC zoning standards vs. 6 million SF using the form based code build out. The study noted the real opportunities for a walkable/bikable/transit neighborhood were gained as a result of the proposed street grid.

The consultants estimated the cost of the new rights-of-way (and repair to existing ROW) would be approximately \$8.5mn (this included \$400,000 for the separated bike/ped paths). Staff would recommend looking at the cost for Bonanza Park infrastructure improvements in terms of a range given the recent 15% - 20% increases for construction costs and unknown geotechnical/engineering challenges – \$8.5mn - \$12mn. This estimate does not include property acquisition but rather assumes the property owners would contribute the land for such infrastructure improvements.

The summary of the consultants' report is below:

Summary of Results

A central question of the traffic analysis of the Form Based Code is whether the transportation system network "works." In a typical traffic analysis prepared for UDOT, new development traffic is analyzed and the roadway system is proposed to be sized so that traffic flow is not impeded by the new development. In Bonanza Park, the roadway system is being planned concurrent with planning for re-development and establishing the form based code, which will permit this re-development. The ultimate success of the roadway system is based on its ability to complement Park City's goals for the development of a balanced transportation system that fosters active transportation and transit use and views the private automobile as one of many modes, but not the dominant mode of travel.

The success of the Park City transportation system cannot be defined solely by a static "level of service" or a predefined level of infrastructure. An active balance must exist between single occupancy vehicle use, mass transit, walking and bicycling. As shown in the Trip Generation section of this analysis, the use of form based code as a land development regulating tool will foster the land uses and types of development that will result in greater internal walk trips, more transit trips, and lower automobile trips as compared to the entitled land uses under a conventional zoning code. However, given the potential magnitude of 4 to 5 million square feet of development in Bonanza Park, it is difficult and perhaps not desirable to define a transportation system that works in the long term without an understanding of how it might work under economically constrained phases.

In addition to the form based code, Park City should recognize four types of incentives or controls that the City can influence to ensure that the transportation system continually strikes the proper balance. These incentives and controls have been defined in other parts of this analysis but are

summarized in this section to clearly define what the City can do to ensure that the transportation system works. The following briefly describes each policy control/incentive that Park City must actively initiate to ensure the success of the transportation system.

1. Access Management on Boundary Roads to Bonanza Park

In many ways, the goals of UDOT to promote unimpeded travel on Kearns Boulevard (SR-248) and Park Avenue (SR-224) differ from those of Park City to allow for some traffic congestion as a lever to promote transit and active transportation. However, limiting driveways for developments fronting these boundary roads will not only improve traffic flow, but it will foster the types of development that can be successful with walk and motor vehicle access from all sides as opposed to only motor vehicle access to and from the outside. This will require the countervailing joint efforts of property owners and the City to develop internal cross-access and other means to complement external limitations of access. The access management section is described in section 4 of this analysis.

2. Internal Street Connectivity

The street layout plan, as discussed in section 5, provides an internal skeleton of walkable streets that have also been designed to allow for safe and efficient traffic flow. Numerous studies have shown that the propensity to walk as a travel mode increases as the density of internal streets and intersections increases. The development plan for Bonanza Park has added internal streets to ensure that back access is promoted. This secondary access is vital to allowing for shared use parking and reducing the access burden on the boundary roadways. It may be desirable for Park City Municipal Corporation to construct internal streets in advance of development to ensure that shared use parking is achieved and walk access is promoted.

3. Parking Management

Bonanza Park will never reach its development potential if parking for each land use is required on-site. The form based code begins to entitle land uses that can attract walk based travel by design. Walking from one use to the next will require that parking must be shared across multiple land uses so that residents and employees of the area park once and walk (or bike) to multiple trip destinations. Shared use parking must be promoted to initiate development that will result in a 24/7 pedestrian environment in Bonanza Park and in ensuring that Bonanza Park reaches its overall goal of becoming a mixed-use area where residents and employees share in a sense of community. There are multiple strategies that can be employed including shared parking, centralized parking and parking maximums rather than minimums.

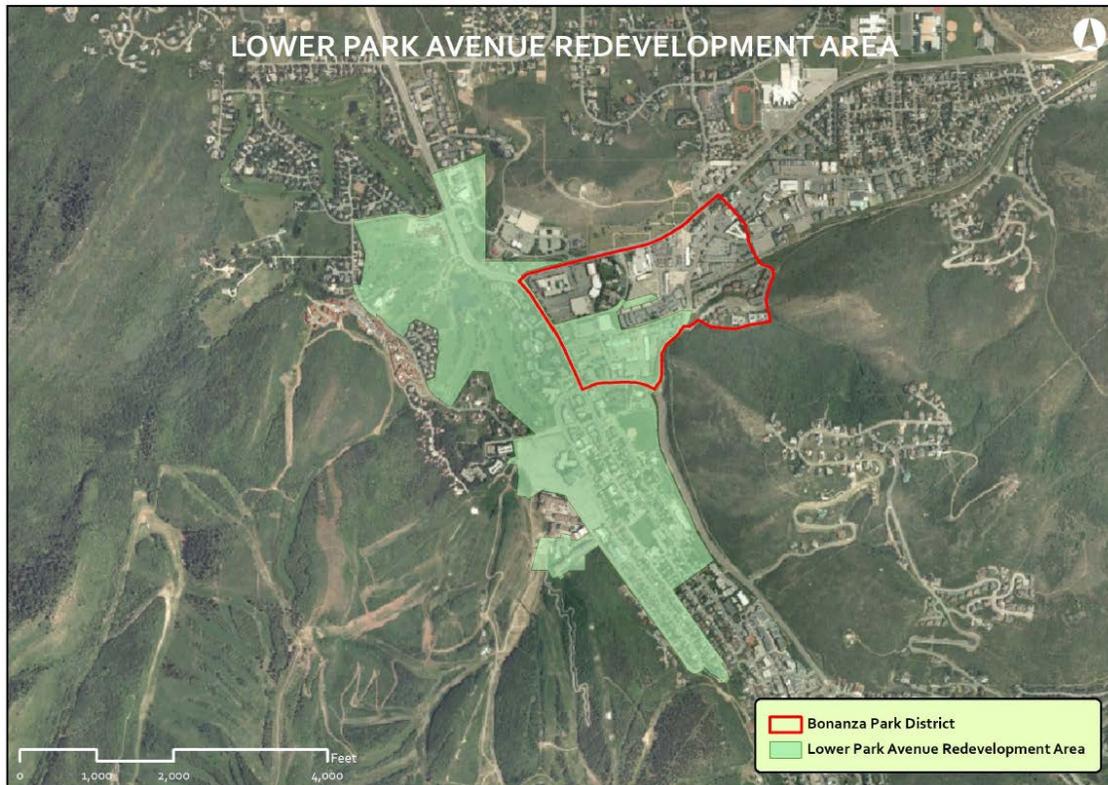
4. Internal and External Transit Systems

Section 3 begins to define the concept and the end goal for a mass transit system in Bonanza Park. This analysis is not meant to define a direction or priority of transit expansion to and from (and within) Bonanza Park but is meant to offer transit as a potential policy incentive that Park City can offer to affect the balance of transportation.

Together, these four policy levers should be implemented by Park City to achieve a successful transportation system in concert with the overall form based code in order for the internal street/pedestrian/future transit network to accommodate the level of density proposed under the form-based code initiative.

Budgeting for the Proposed Right-of-Way Infrastructure

The intent of this study session is to determine Council's commitment to fund the infrastructure that will shape the future of Bonanza Park; however the potential funding opportunities should be acknowledged. One of the potential funding sources is the Lower Park Avenue Redevelopment Area (LPRDA). There is significant bonding capacity based on the property tax increment currently generated within this RDA. The challenge with the LPRDA is that it does not include the entire Bonanza Park district; however rights-of-way that connect areas outside of the RDA to areas within the RDA could likely be financed. In addition, affordable/middle income housing projects could be initiated by the City outside of the RDA.



The City allocated \$1.5 mn in FY 2013 towards the Bonanza Park Area and the potential Rocky Mountain Power substation mitigation issue. The amount allocated was reduced to \$1.3 million in the adopted FY 2015 Capital Improvement Plan. City Council could designate these funds for infrastructure in the Bonanza Park Area.

In FY 2013, the City secured an additional funding source with the Additional Resort Communities Sales and Use Tax (ARST). The ARST will generate approximately \$3.2 million in FY 2014. The full amount of the anticipated revenue was designated to be received in the City's Capital Improvement Fund. The ARST funds are ongoing; however, the funds have been allocated by Council in cash and debt payments over the next 15 years towards Open space acquisitions, Old Town Street Improvements (OTIS), Storm Water Improvements and the Main Street and Downtown Projects. In FY2014 City Council allocated ARST funds towards the Deer Valley Drive phase II project. The majority of the ARST funds have been allocated for the next 15 years; Council could potentially reallocate a portion of these funds towards infrastructure in Bonanza Park. This funding would likely be in the form of sales revenue bonds.

While it is anticipated that Phase I of the Bonanza Park district could begin as early as 2015, the plan for this area anticipates a 50 year build out.

Other funding options such as a Community Development Area (CDA) or Special Assessment Area may potentially exist as a funding source for specific infrastructure need within the Bonanza Park area. These funding instruments are typically project specific and require the buy in (or vote) of property owners or partnering taxing entities.

Discussion Points

Based upon the June 13th Joint Council/Planning Commission session and this study session today, staff requests discussion on the following points:

- Does Council support staff's recommendation to fund the infrastructure (rights-of-way and utility) costs for the street grid in Bonanza Park? Does Council support paying for 100% of these costs?

Or does Council wish to pursue a public – private partnership at a lower percent public contribution for the road/utility infrastructure costs?

- Is Council prepared to begin Phase I construction as early as Spring 2015?
- Does Council have a preferred funding source they would like staff to begin exploring and then return for a follow-up session to discuss in more detail?

Department Review

This study session report was reviewed by the Public Works, Budget, Sustainability, Legal, Engineering, and Executive Departments.

Next Steps

The next steps include:

- Completion of the revised concept plan as the template for the form based code
- Amend the draft Area Plan
- Finalize the form based code character zones and regulating plan
- Finalize the Bonanza Park Area Plan
- Prepare to finance Phase I infrastructure improvements as early as Spring 2015

Staff will coordinate the next joint City Council/Planning Commission meeting in August or September to review the proposed methodologies to address affordable housing and open space/view corridors for the BOPA district and demonstrate the impact this could have on the heights of buildings.

Exhibits

Exhibit A – InterPlan/Parsons Brinckerhoff Transportation Analysis (October 2012)

Exhibit B – 2011 Traffic and Transportation Plan (applicable excerpts for BOPA)

**Technical Memorandum
Traffic Analysis for Bonanza Park Form Based Code
Prepared by PB and InterPlan for Gateway Planning Group
October 2012**

Introduction

This memorandum is provided as a supplement to the form based code language and material developed for Park City Municipal Corporation (PCMC). It is intended to explain and summarize the traffic analysis work done in concert with the form based code research and development of Gateway Planning. This traffic analysis memo incorporates the work of both InterPlan and Parsons Brinkerhoff to provide a transportation framework for the successful implementation of the Bonanza Park Form-Based Code Initiative.

I. Trip Generation Analysis

One of the overall goals of this traffic memorandum is to provide information related to changes in travel behavior and trip generation based on the use of form based code in the Bonanza Park development. InterPlan performed trip generation analysis based on land uses supplied by PCMC staff for existing conditions, build-out under the existing zoning, and build-out under form based code. Various assumptions were made by Park City staff in defining the build-out land uses that are not documented in this analysis. It is important to note that the total number of square feet under build-out conditions (under existing zoning without form based code) is approximately 5.2 million SF and under form based code is approximately 6 million SF.

A. Trip Generation

Table 1 shows trip generation, combined for all land uses, for existing, build out of existing zoning, and form based code. The number of trips (“Raw Vehicle Trips”) are calculated based on industry-standard ITE trip generation rates. It is important to remember that there are different numbers of total developed square feet as discussed above (5.2 million for build out, 6 million for form based code).

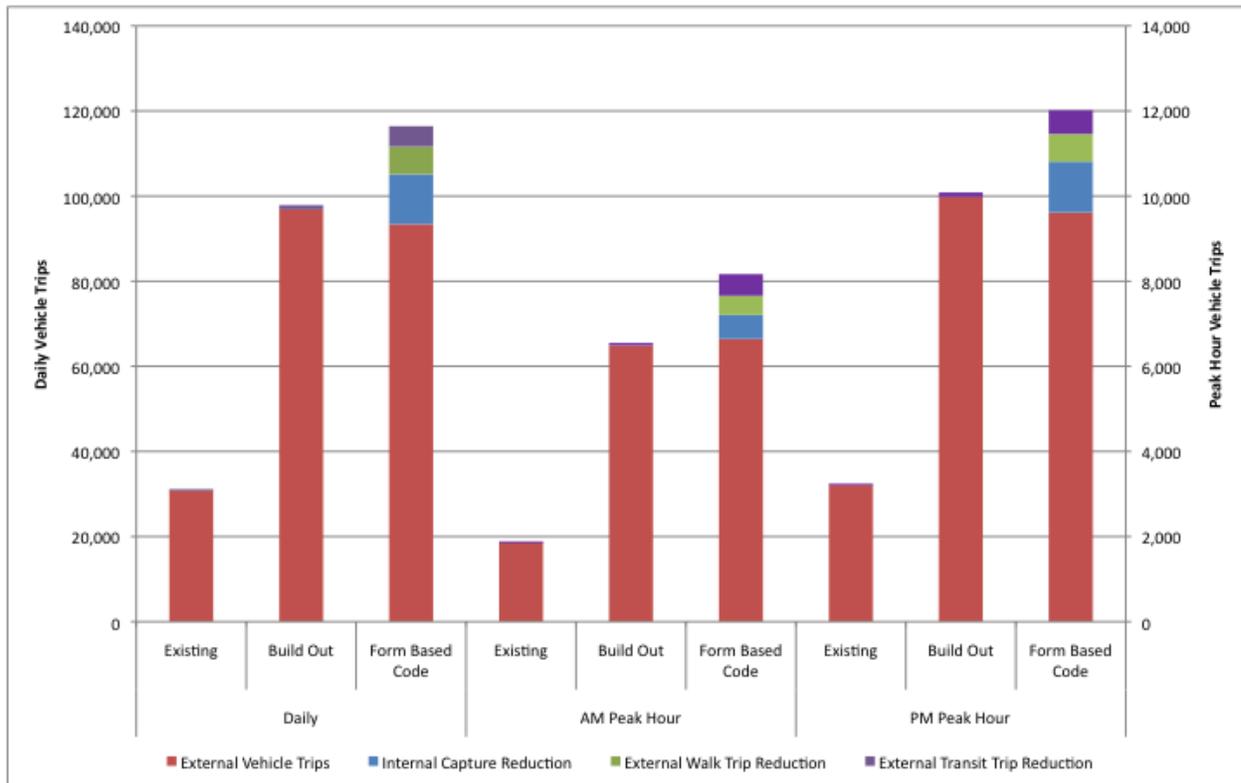
B. Vehicle Trip Reductions

These total vehicle trips are then reduced based on factors such as those that take transit to the area, those that bike or walk to the area, those that drive into the development but park once and do not make additional car trips within the development (internal capture). The reductions shown in Table 1 are all based on the Environmental Protection Agency’s Mixed-use Trip Generation Model which accounts for different types of development based on density of land uses and the number of road intersections, among others. Form based code typically allows for more density and more intersections, which in turn results in more vehicle trip reductions for active transportation, transit, etc.

Table 1: Vehicle Trip Estimates

	Daily			AM Peak Hour			PM Peak Hour		
	Existing	Build Out	Form Based	Existing	Build Out	Form Based	Existing	Build Out	Form Based
			Code			Code			Code
Raw Vehicle Trips	30,857	96,875	116,433	1,872	6,490	8,167	3,213	9,980	12,016
External Vehicle Trips	30,559	95,880	93,391	1,857	6,429	6,643	3,182	9,875	9,614
Internal Capture	0	0	11,761	0	0	566	0	0	1,196
External Walk/Bike	0	0	6,481	0	0	450	0	0	649
External Transit	298	995	4,800	15	61	508	31	105	557

Source: ITE Trip Generation Manual, 8th Edition. EPA MIXED USE TRIP GENERATION MODEL v 4.0
 Actual trips may vary based on the specific land use mix of the area.



C. Future Development Traffic Approval

To the extent possible, the methodology used in this trip generation analysis lays the foundation for future traffic analyses generated by individual developments as part of a future development approval process. However, without specific details of the final land uses, it is impossible to quantify the overall traffic circulation demand for the development. Park City should consider requiring that traffic studies be required as future development is proposed even with this traffic analysis.

A corridor agreement with UDOT on SR-248 (Kearns Boulevard) indicates that a future traffic signal will be located at Homestake Road. This will be the primary access to the Bonanza Park area for traffic on Kearns Boulevard.

An ongoing corridor study for SR-224 (Park Ave) suggests that there will be a future signal at the Homestake Road intersection and that Lame Dog will be realigned to make this a full, four-legged intersection (see graphic on page 7).

2. Phasing

The phasing of improvements, and more specifically, the order in which streets are built, will depend largely on individual properties and the timing of their development. City staff provided general information related to the possible sequencing of redevelopment over the next few years. It should be stressed that this information is speculation and relevant for only the next 10 years, approximately.

A. Possible Order of Development

The City believes that redevelopment along Kearns Boulevard (SR-248) is likely to occur first, possibly starting with properties between Homestake Road and Bonanza Drive then occurring further to the west between Homestake Road and the Park Avenue intersection.

B. Key Transportation Routes

The key part of the Bonanza Park's traffic network will be connections to the surrounding network which will provide primary access to the area. These include Kearns Boulevard, Park Avenue, and Bonanza Drive. To minimize traffic impacts on Park City's street system, connectivity through the development will be extremely important. Given speculation that redevelopment will likely occur first at locations along Kearns Boulevard, an east-west connection between Park Avenue and Bonanza Drive will be important in offering an alternative route within the development.

As redevelopment continues, providing additional connections that link perimeters both north/south and east/west will be important. The current configuration (illustrated below) is not conducive to moving traffic through the area under the current General Commercial build-out scenario. The existing lack of a street network concentrates ingress and egress at only a few locations generating traffic congestion and minimizing alternative travel routes.



It may be desirable for Park City to build the proposed street network (grid pattern) connections in advance of redevelopment, on a case by case basis, in order to achieve the transportation benefits of increased walk trips and reduced auto trips from the form based code as well as implement other policies (via the new code) such as shared use parking. A map of priority connections is shown here. This network is based on providing access to property likely to develop first (along Kearns Boulevard) and providing two (2) access points on each of the state routes and one to Deer Valley Drive to the south and Bonanza Drive to the east.



3. Transit Center

The concept for the Bonanza Park redevelopment is one of multiple uses connected by a network of walkable streets and trails and of high use of multi-modal transportation, including bicycles and public transit. PCMC sees the Bonanza Park area offering transit service similar to that of the existing service at Park City Mountain Resort and/or the Main Street Transit Center where several routes serve the destination and trip transfers are easily accommodated. As development begins to redefine the Bonanza Park area, the opportunity to locate a transit center within the district should be explored. Even at 50 percent of estimated build-out of millions of square feet with form based code, there will be 2 to 3 million square feet of development – creating demand for increased public transit to be located within the district. Accordingly, conceptualizing now a properly designed and expandable transit center should be undertaken. It should be noted that this strategy implicates potential future investment needs associated with such a facility.

A. Transit Market

The Bonanza Park redevelopment offers a rich market for transit ridership, offering shopping, restaurant, and residential land uses. Providing transit connections to employment and

recreational bases such as PCMR and Deer Valley furthers the desire to minimize the number of vehicle trips typically associated with this kind of development.

B. Aerial Transit (Gondola) Service

Discussion of a gondola or other aerial transit service connecting major trip generators in Park City such as PCMR, Deer Valley, and Downtown have been going on for several years. While the traffic analysis of this study did not specifically incorporate a gondola or similar types of aerial mass transit, there are several factors that should be considered in future PCMC deliberations on this issue.

There are many proponents of gondolas and other types of cable transit service and they are being used successfully as public transit facilities in other parts of the world, although examples in the United States are few. Breckenridge, Colorado built a gondola in 2007 called the BreckConnect that has been cited as reducing traffic volumes on specific roads in the town of Breckenridge. The base station for this facility is located adjacent to the town's main transit center as well as two large surface parking lots. The base facility, not including parking, encompasses just over 1 acre of land.

The Sandia Peak Tramway in Albuquerque, New Mexico was built in 1968 and provides access to both winter and summer recreation. The base area for this tram, including parking, is about 4.25 acres and also includes shared development with restaurants and shopping. As a comparison, the property owned by public works is approximately 5.25 acres, shown in yellow below.



With respect to a gondola connection to Bonanza Park, Park City's concern lies in becoming a parking lot for day skiers at PCMR and/or Deer Valley, depending on the configuration of the facility. Future analysis should examine whether this would be a cost-effective mode of transportation and an overall benefit to the city by easily transporting skiers and other visitors between major destinations such as PCMR and Bonanza Park without contributing to traffic congestion on Park City streets. Any analysis of an aerial transit facility in Bonanza Park should

consider strategies for capturing traffic before they reach the Bonanza Park area in addition to considering a distribution of vehicles to parking facilities at Deer Valley and PCMR or considering express bus service opportunities from Bonanza Park to the ski resorts

4. Driveway, Access, and Traffic Signal Spacing

As state highways, both SR-224 (Park Avenue) and SR-248 (Kearns Boulevard) are categorized by UDOT under a spectrum of access management categories. The details of each access management category vary depending on a variety of factors such as if the category of road is intended to provide higher speeds and greater mobility, or commercial access, residential access, etc. The segments of these highways that are adjacent to the Bonanza Park Development both fall under UDOT’s access management category 7 (C-R) – Community-Rural Importance. UDOT describes this category as appropriate for highways that accommodate moderate to low speeds, moderate traffic volume, and a balance between through traffic and direct access. “These facilities move both regional and local rural traffic but with emphasis on local movements such as those common on small city Main streets.”

A. UDOT Access Spacing Standards

Access spacing standards for Category 7 roads is:

- Minimum signal spacing 1320 feet
- Minimum street spacing 300 feet
- Minimum access spacing 150 feet

Currently, the only signals that do not meet minimum signal spacing standards are the signals at Park Ave/Empire Ave/Deer Valley Drive and at Deer Valley Drive/Bonanza Drive. The distance between these signals is approximately 970 feet. Streets that do not meet the minimum spacing are Shortline Road and Sullivan Road on Deer Valley Drive which are about 280 feet apart and Sullivan Road and Bonanza Drive which are spaced approximately 240 feet apart. There are several accesses on both Park Ave and Kearns Boulevard that do not meet minimum spacing requirements. The SR-224 (Park Ave) corridor study that is currently in progress recommends closing some driveways that will make others in the corridor compliant with the spacing standard. But those proposed closures would not affect the proposed new BoPa street network.

B. SR-224 corridor study

Intersections on the Bonanza Park property with SR-224 will be coordinated with the SR-224 corridor study. The recommended improvements from the SR-224 Corridor Study are shown below. The Bonanza Park Area Plan should be updated to reflect elimination of curb cuts as shown in the SR-224 corridor study. Otherwise, the proposed connections mirror each plan. The 8’ wide trail and the roundabout with under passes shown on the SR-224 corridor study should also be added to the Bonanza Park Area Plan.



C. UDOT's Access Management Permitting Process

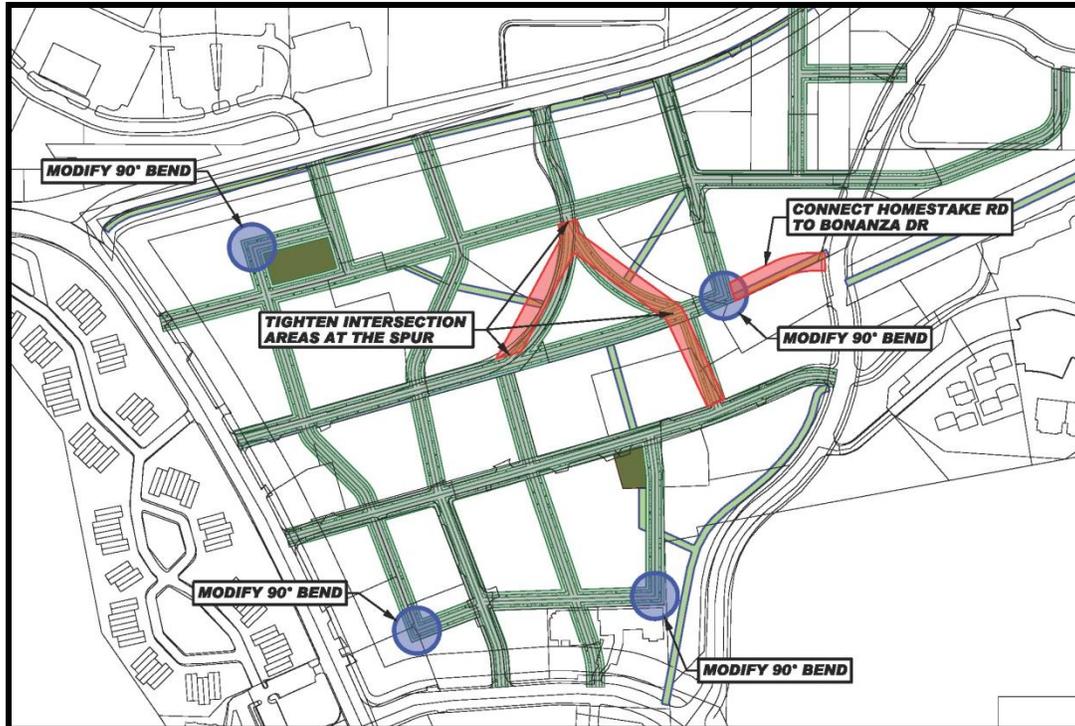
UDOT requires that new developments or modified land uses within existing developments acquire permits to access the state highway system. Both SR-224 and SR-248 are state highways. The Bonanza Park Plan recommending the form based code would require access to these routes via public streets, as noted in the land use and street plans. These public streets generally meet UDOT's access requirements. However, in the case of phased development, it is possible that the placement of public streets may not meet the access separation requirement from an adjacent driveway. Park City Municipal Corporation will work with UDOT to demonstrate that the plan will require phasing and that future phases will eliminate private driveways. Based on the preliminary street network identified by PCMC, there are three (3) locations on state highways that the minimum street spacing of 300 feet is not met. Those locations are shown on the map below. It is worth noting that one (1) of the three (3) locations currently exists as a right-of-way (Shortline Drive), and the other two (2) exist as driveways.



In the case where developments seek a private driveway on the state highway system, landowners must work directly with UDOT and follow Administrative Rule R930-6, *Accommodation of Utilities and the Control and Protection of State Highway Rights of Way*. Private driveways are generally inconsistent with the land use plan developed by Park City but may be granted through permission from UDOT provided the driveways can be shown to represent an improvement in traffic operations and/or safety. In the case of land development fronting Park Avenue (SR-224), access permits must follow UDOT's Access Management standards of Category 7, Community Rural. These standards require 1320 foot traffic signal spacing, 300 foot street spacing, and 150 minor access spacing as described above. On Kearns Boulevard (SR-248), UDOT's access categories are superseded by a corridor agreement between UDOT and Park City and Park City should be contacted directly. It is the goal of Park City to amend the Kearns Boulevard corridor agreement and to create a Park Avenue corridor agreement consistent with the Bonanza Park plan.

5. Street Layout Modifications

The consultant team worked with Park City Staff to refine the street network defined in the January 2012 Draft Bonanza Park Neighborhood Plan. The network was modified to enhance connectivity for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians while considering the constraints of existing infrastructure and parcel boundaries that will influence the phasing for future development and therefore influence the viability of retrofitting the transportation network. The following figure was provided by Park City Staff on August 27, 2012 and represents the internal street network evaluated as part of the traffic analysis for this project. The figure also illustrates some additional modifications recommended to enhance the system effectiveness of this network for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians. These recommended modifications are described below.

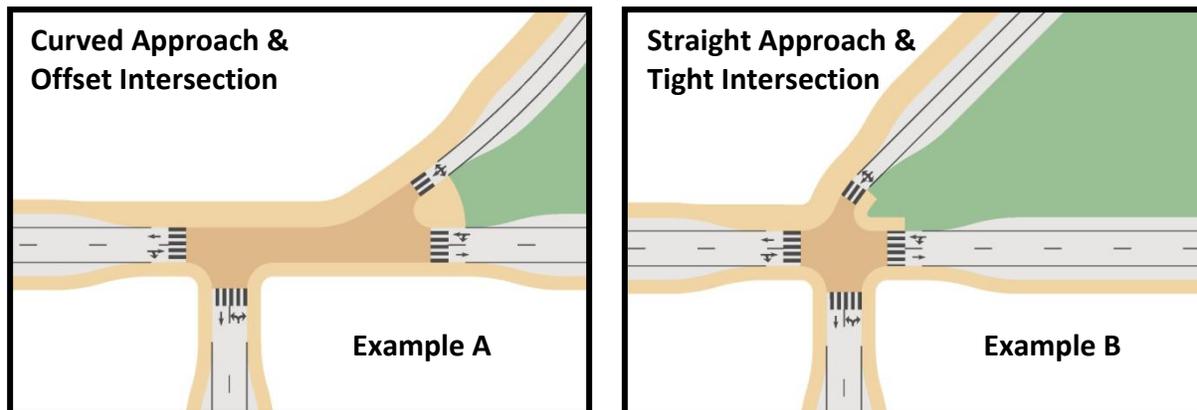


A. Tighten Intersection Areas at the Spur

The traffic operations recommended for the Spur would allow only one-way movements for the north-south (diagonal) streets of the Spur and two-way movements for the east-west street of the Spur (Homestake Road). The curved alignments for the diagonal streets were defined to follow the geometry of the previous railroad line and do not work well for urban intersections. This curved alignment is not good engineering practice because it creates skewed intersection angles that increase the intersection footprint and make it difficult for drivers to turn and see vehicles and pedestrians. The larger footprint may also increase the distances required for pedestrians to cross the intersection.

The Spur intersections and corresponding streets should be modified to tighten the intersection footprint. This can be achieved by straightening the diagonal streets and thereby reducing the skew at these intersections. The diagonal and opposing streets could also be modified (shifted) to minimize intersection offsets and thereby tighten corresponding intersection footprints. The street that connects Iron Horse Drive to the eastern diagonal street should be modified to intersect Homestake Road so that it aligns with the eastern diagonal street. The street that connects Iron Horse Drive to the west diagonal street is constrained by the existing storage units and expected phasing for the neighborhood. If shifting this western street is not viable, the western diagonal street should be shifted to align with its opposing street.

The figures below illustrate how one of the approaches could be modified to tighten the intersection footprint. Example A represents an intersection with the proposed curved and offset diagonal approach and Example B represents a modified and tighter intersection design.



B. **Modify 90-Degree Bends**

The modified street network shown above includes multiple 90-degree angles that are typical for intersections but do not work well for street segments. There are many options to rectify these tight 90-degree angles including a modification of the street network to avoid these tight angles. However, considering the various constraints that led to the proposed street network, the preferred treatment would be to add street “legs” to form three- or four-leg intersections. These additional “legs” could be private alleys or access streets. If adding “legs” is not feasible, the radius of curvature for these 90-degree bends should be increased to accommodate speeds of at least 15 to 20 miles per hour.

C. **Connect Homestake Road to Bonanza Drive**

Although connecting Homestake Road to Bonanza Drive would need to accommodate some grade differentials, existing contours indicate that such design would be feasible. This modification would enhance the connectivity of the system, however, if pursued, this connection must ensure that adequate intersection sight distance is provided at Bonanza Drive. Also, the proposed bicycle routes would need to be modified to eliminate the “double route” along Homestake Road to the east of the Spur (provide bike lane only along the south side of Homestake Road). For all locations, bike lanes should be kept away from gutter pans. To maximize street right-of-way, final design should consider using curbs without gutters to separate bike lanes from sidewalks.

6. Street Standard Cross-sections

With the Traffic & Transportation Master Plan adopted in 2009, Park City also revised the standard street cross-sections for city streets. Cross-sections that have been identified for the Bonanza Park area differ from the City’s adopted standards. The table below provides a comparison between Master Plan cross-sections (in black) and BoPa cross-sections (in green). Facility types are shown in order of right-of-way width.

	Right-of-way Width	Amenities	Example
Local, non-Old Town	32 feet	Sidewalk Flex space (parking, bike lane)	Evening Star Drive, Doc Holliday
Local, Old Town	27-28 feet	Flex space (parking, bike lane) Sidewalk OR wider pavement	Woodside, Norfolk
Minor Residential Collector	43 feet	Flex space (parking, bike lane) Sidewalk	Meadows Drive, Three Kings Drive, Sidewinder Drive
BoPa Interior Block with Cycle Track – rounded edges of spur	52 feet	One lane of travel, one way Parking, both sides Sidewalk, one 15' Two-way bicycle track, with 3' buffer	
BoPa Interior Blocks	52 feet	One travel lane each direction Parking, both sides Sidewalks	
BoPa Interior Block with Cycle Track – one side parking	55 feet	One lane of travel each direction Parking, one side Sidewalk, two 8' Two-way bicycle track, with 3' buffer	
BoPa Interior Block with Cycle Track – straight edge of spur	55 feet	One lane of travel each direction Parking, both sides Sidewalk, one 8' Two-way bicycle track, with 3' buffer	
Major Residential Collector	62 feet	Flex space (parking, bike lane) Bus pull outs Sidewalks	Lucky John Drive, Little Kate Road, Lower Park Avenue
BoPa Interior Block with Cycle Track	63 feet	One lane of travel each direction Parking, both sides Sidewalk, two 8' Two-way bicycle track, with 3' buffer	
Commercial Collector	67 feet	Sidewalks Flex space (parking, bike lanes)	Bonanza Drive, Main Street, Snow Creek Drive

		Bus pull outs	
Non-UDOT Arterial	89 feet	Center turn lanes Multi-use paths both sides Two travel lanes Shoulders Park strips	Future Marsac
UDOT Arterial	117 feet	Center turn lanes Multi-use paths both sides Four travel lanes Shoulders Park strips	Kearns Boulevard (SR-248) Park Avenue/Deer Valley Drive/Marsac (SR-224)

While the BoPa cross-sections do differ slightly from those adopted as part of the Master Transportation Plan, they do share the intent of MTP cross-sections in that they provide narrow street widths with street amenities that accommodate all travelers, whether on foot, bicycle, or bus.

7. Rough Street System Cost Estimate

Using the typical sections and the GIS/CAD file for the proposed Bonanza Park Neighborhood network provided, the consultant team developed a spreadsheet to estimate the construction cost for the proposed street and trail networks and to estimate approximate cost per linear-foot estimates for each of the proposed typical sections. The resulting cost estimate is \$8.5 million including \$8.1 million for the street network and \$0.4 million for the trails system (not including right-of-way acquisition costs). The following table summarizes the cost for each of the typical sections. Costs are reported separately for existing and new streets. Existing streets are those with existing infrastructure and reflect lower costs anticipated to retrofit existing infrastructure. Additional cost estimate calculation and assumption details are provided in the “BoPa Rough Street Cost Estimate” spreadsheet prepared as part of the cost analysis for the proposed Bonanza Park Neighborhood street system.

Typical Section DESCRIPTION	ROW Width (ft)	Cost (Exist) (\$/LF)	Cost (New) (\$/LF)	Travel Lane Width (ft)	Bike Lane Width (ft)	Parking Width (ft)	Walk Width (ft)
Interior Block No Cycle Track	52	\$ 270	\$ 460	10	-	8	8
Interior Block with Cycle Track - Along Rounded Edge of Spur	52	\$ 270	\$ 470	10	11	8	15
Interior Block with Cycle Track - Along Straight Edge of Spur	55	\$ 280	\$ 510	10	11	8	8

Interior Block with Cycle Track - Roads with Cycle Track and Two Sides of Floating Parking Lane	63	\$ 310	\$ 540	10	11	8	8
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Summary of Results

A central question of the traffic analysis of the Form Based Code is whether the transportation system network "works." In a typical traffic analysis prepared for UDOT, new development traffic is analyzed and the roadway system is proposed to be sized so that traffic flow is not impeded by the new development. In Bonanza Park, the roadway system is being planned concurrent with planning for re-development and establishing the form based code, which will permit this re-development. The ultimate success of the roadway system is based on its ability to complement Park City's goals for the development of a balanced transportation system that fosters active transportation and transit use and views the private automobile as one of many modes, but not the dominant mode of travel.

The success of the Park City transportation system cannot be defined solely by a static "level of service" or a predefined level of infrastructure. An active balance must exist between single occupancy vehicle use, mass transit, walking and bicycling. As shown in the Trip Generation section of this analysis, the use of form based code as a land development regulating tool will foster the land uses and types of development that will result in greater internal walk trips, more transit trips, and lower automobile trips as compared to the entitled land uses under a conventional zoning code. However, given the potential magnitude of 4 to 5 million square feet of development in Bonanza Park, it is difficult and perhaps not desirable to define a transportation system that works in the long term without an understanding of how it might work under economically constrained phases.

In addition to the form based code, Park City should recognize four types of incentives or controls that the City can influence to ensure that the transportation system continually strikes the proper balance. These incentives and controls have been defined in other parts of this analysis but are summarized in this section to clearly define what the City can do to ensure that the transportation system works. The following briefly describes each policy control/incentive that Park City must actively initiate to ensure the success of the transportation system.

1. Access Management on Boundary Roads to Bonanza Park

In many ways, the goals of UDOT to promote unimpeded travel on Kearns Boulevard (SR-248) and Park Avenue (SR-224) differ from those of Park City to allow for some traffic congestion as a lever to promote transit and active transportation. However, limiting driveways for developments fronting these boundary roads will not only improve traffic flow, but it will foster the types of development that can be successful with walk and motor vehicle access from all sides as opposed to only motor vehicle access to and from the outside. This will require the countervailing joint efforts of property owners and the City to develop internal cross-access and

other means to complement external limitations of access. The access management section is described in section 4 of this analysis.

2. Internal Street Connectivity

The street layout plan, as discussed in section 5, provides an internal skeleton of walkable streets that have also been designed to allow for safe and efficient traffic flow. Numerous studies have shown that the propensity to walk as a travel mode increases as the density of internal streets and intersections increases. The development plan for Bonanza Park has added internal streets to ensure that back access is promoted. This secondary access is vital to allowing for shared use parking and reducing the access burden on the boundary roadways. It may be desirable for Park City Municipal Corporation to construct internal streets in advance of development to ensure that shared use parking is achieved and walk access is promoted.

3. Parking Management

Bonanza Park will never reach its development potential if parking for each land use is required on-site. The form based code begins to entitle land uses that can attract walk based travel by design. Walking from one use to the next will require that parking must be shared across multiple land uses so that residents and employees of the area park once and walk (or bike) to multiple trip destinations. Shared use parking must be promoted to initiate development that will result in a 24/7 pedestrian environment in Bonanza Park and in ensuring that Bonanza Park reaches its overall goal of becoming a mixed-use area where residents and employees share in a sense of community. There are multiple strategies that can be employed including shared parking, centralized parking and parking maximums rather than minimums.

4. Internal and External Transit Systems

Section 3 begins to define the concept and the end goal for a mass transit system in Bonanza Park. This analysis is not meant to define a direction or priority of transit expansion to and from (and within) Bonanza Park but is meant to offer transit as a potential policy incentive that Park City can offer to affect the balance of transportation.

Together, these four policy levers should be implemented by Park City to achieve a successful transportation system in concert with the overall form based code in order for the internal street/pedestrian/future transit network to accommodate the level of density proposed under the form-based code initiative

Bonanza Park Redevelopment – Concept #1

The Bonanza Park area is currently considering redevelopment concepts. As part of this potential redevelopment, new road connections will be considered during the planning process. These new connections should be evaluated in the greater context of travel and traffic within the city and how they would potentially impact, positively or negatively, the larger area.

This concept provides a new north/south arterial from Kearns Boulevard to Deer Valley Drive in order to reduce congestion on Park Avenue in this area. Estimated costs for this concept range from \$4 to \$6 million.

Public comment was generally positive on this idea. Specific comments included ensuring that whatever is decided for this area should focus on helping skier outload from Park City Mountain Resort. Some comments viewed this road as part of an extensive road grid added to the general Bonanza Park area. An additional comment suggested that a better option would be to widen southbound S.R. 224 to allow two left turns at the Deer Valley Drive intersection.

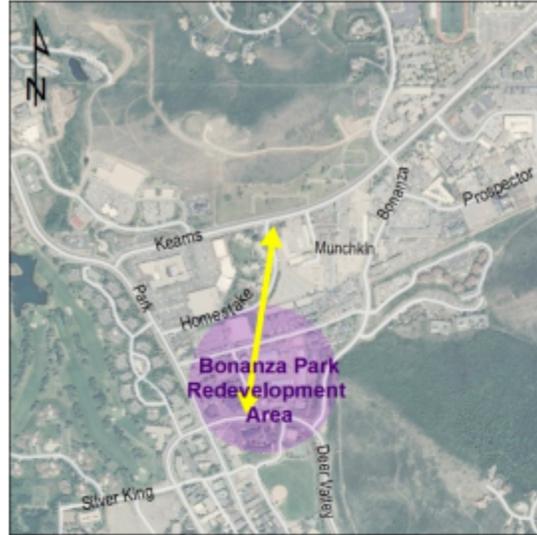
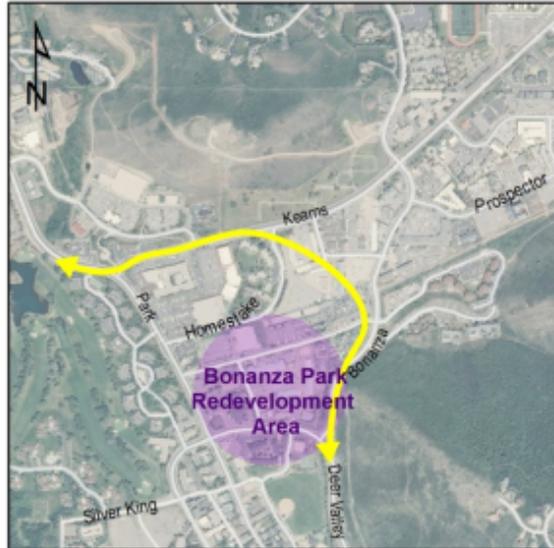


Table 6-9: Bonanza Park Redevelopment #1 Connection Summary

Advantages		Disadvantages
HOV		
Transit	A new transit hub located within the redeveloped area may offer better transit service within and from outside Park City	Would result in two transit hubs about one mile apart
Non-motorized Travel	Bicycle/pedestrian trail issues from Park Avenue may be able to be accommodated here with parallel right-of-way	Redevelopment concepts include a pedestrian friendly plaza
Traffic Congestion	Adds parallel north/south arterial to S.R. 224 in congested section	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An additional signal on Deer Valley Drive between Bonanza and Park Ave would likely contribute to congestion in area Depending on the nature of the redevelopment, this could be a major traffic generator in an already congested area Increases left turns from both Kearns Blvd and Deer Valley Dr which are typically detrimental to traffic flow
Other	Can be incorporated into redevelopment plans which are currently being developed	High functional class road seems to be inconsistent with development plans

Bonanza Park Redevelopment – Concept #2

This concept reroutes S.R. 224 around existing Park Avenue to Kearns Boulevard and Deer Valley Drive with a new arterial street around the Bonanza Park redevelopment area. This concept is similar to improvements on lower Main Street approximately 20 years ago where Deer Valley Drive was improved to serve as the main route into Old Town. This concept would move this connection further north on Kearns Boulevard. Cost estimates suggest a range between \$15 - \$20 million to implement.



Comments received during public outreach were divided, some believing it is a good idea while others were concerned that it does not help PCMR outload, it is too expensive with little benefit, and that it is not "bold enough."

Table 6-10: Bonanza Park Redevelopment #2 Connection Summary

Advantages		Disadvantages	
HOV	There is an opportunity to take HOV lanes farther south into city		
Transit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new transit hub located within the redeveloped area may offer better transit service within and from outside Park City May help reduce traffic congestion near Deer Valley, PCMR, Main Street 		
Non-motorized Travel	Bicycle/pedestrian trail issues from Park Avenue may be able to be accommodated here with good connections to transit		
Traffic Congestion	Relieves existing bottleneck on Park Ave by moving main route to a new facility with potentially larger right-of-way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates circuitous path and additional VMT to Old Town via S.R. 224 Major changes to circulation system between Kearns Blvd and Deer Valley Drive Unlikely to help PCMR outload 	
Other	Can be incorporated into redevelopment plans which are currently being developed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High functional class road may create eastern barrier to development Impacts recently reconstructed Bonanza Drive 	