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Taxes due today

Federal, state return deadline arrives; post office expects steady crowds

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Governor signs bill

Ritter approves Sunday liquor sales in state saying, 'Times have changed'

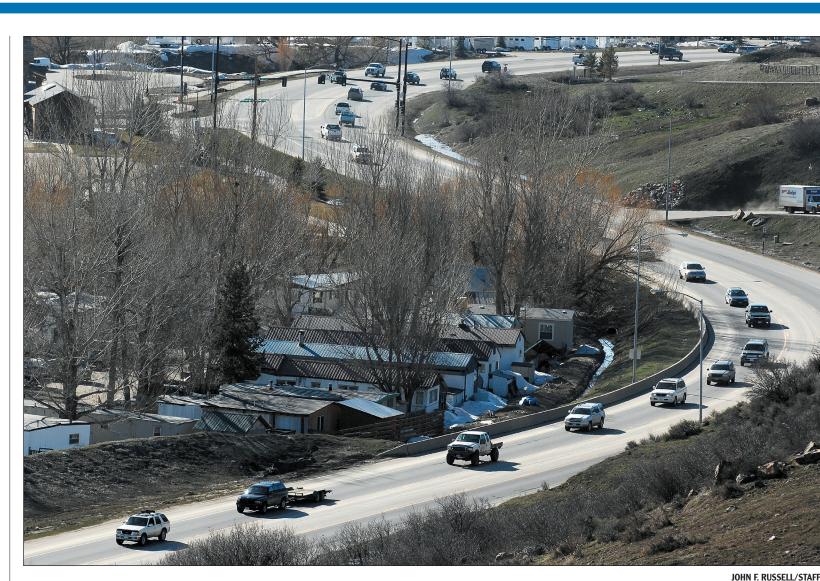
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Traffic flows along U.S. 40 in and out of downtown Steamboat Springs on Monday evening. A panel told the Steamboat Springs City Council on Monday to plan for long-term transportation needs, with a particular focus on mass transit.

Panel provides road map

Experts present transportation ideas, realities to City Council

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A panel of experts told the Steamboat Springs City Council on Monday to plan aggressively for its long-term transportation needs, with a particular focus on mass transit solutions to reduce traffic congestion.

Monday's transportation anel was the second in a series

Monday night's

Cash 5 numbers:

12-19-25-27-32

Drawings are held

Monday through Saturday.

LOTTO

hold as it prepares to negotiate never before. the annexation of Steamboat 700, the planned development west of city limits that proposes about 2,000 homes along with a commercial component and other features.

Dan Blankenship of the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority told council that factors such as climate change, gas prices and growth have made mass transit a priorof discussions the council will ity of planning strategies like had 4.6 million passengers in

"We're starting to get to that threshold where people who have traditionally avoided transit are considering using it," he said. "There are ways for people to get around that are much more efficient to the ways they are today."

The Roaring Fork Transportation Authority operates buses from Rifle to Aspen, through Glenwood Springs. It

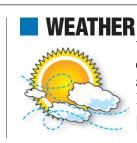
2007, Blankenship said.

Bill Fox of Boulder-based Fox Higgins Transportation Group said there are two strategies Steamboat could use to reduce congestion. It could improve traffic flow by widening roads, building new ones and improving congested intersections; it could discourage automobile trips by refusing to add capacity and managing

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