

Current Traffic & Transportation Efforts

The information below highlights projects the city has completed or is currently advancing alongside the Entrance to Aspen reevaluation to improve mobility, reduce congestion, and enhance safety along key corridors.

Reducing Vehicle Demand

- Zipcar program expansion to provide flexible, shared vehicle access for residents, businesses, and visitors to reduce the need for private car ownership.
- Pilot tourist trip reduction projects funded by STR revenues to decrease visitor vehicle trips.
- Continued support of RFTA service pilots, including fare-free initiatives and expanded transit options.

Traffic Flow & Congestion Management

- West End Traffic Congestion Project to address neighborhood impacts and cut-through traffic.
- Coordination with CDOT to optimize signal timing along the SH 82 corridor.
- Analysis of a p.m. peak restriction (no right turn from Mill Street onto E. Bleeker) to reduce westbound congestion.
- Exploration of one-way alley conversions to minimize cut-through traffic.
- Research into weight restrictions on Power Plant Road to limit large vehicle use.

Safety Improvements

- Increased enforcement of traffic violations.
- Installation of:
 - Additional speed limit signage
 - Stop bars for clearer intersection control
 - Traffic diverters on the Hallam Ped/Bikeway (at 1st, 3rd, and 5th Streets; planned for mid-April)
- Investigation of:
 - Enhanced school zone signage near the Yellow Brick
 - A potential signalized pedestrian crossing at 8th Street
 - Additional pedestrian walkways to improve access and safety

Neighborhood & Quality of Life Enhancements

- Development of a neighborhood signage plan to improve clarity and compliance.
- Review of noise code enforcement tools and methodologies to better address traffic-related impacts.
- Improvements to the Hallam Pedestrian/Bikeway to discourage vehicle use and prioritize active transportation.

Planning & Regional Coordination

- Active participation in regional and local planning efforts, including:
- Pitkin County Airport access and transportation planning
- Aspen Area Community Plan (AABC) multimodal initiatives
- Elected Officials Transportation Committee (EOTC)
- Independent Mobility & Transportation Planning Review (IMTPR)
- Coordination of the Lumberyard transit route with broader ABC neighborhood improvements.
- Updates to the Transportation Impact Analysis process to better evaluate and mitigate development-related traffic impacts.

These efforts aim to support improvements on how people travel into, out of, and within Aspen, while preserving community character and prioritizing safety.

