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Glenwood Springs Police Department to Issue Vanpool Permits for Grand Ave. Bridge Detour

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO – The Glenwood Springs Police Department has begun accepting applications from businesses for a permit that allows vanpools to access high-occupancy lanes. These restricted lanes will be open only to emergency vehicles, buses, and permitted vanpools, and will enable employees utilizing alternative transportation to commute to and from worksites much more quickly than those vehicles on the standard detour route. Permitted vehicles will be allowed access to Wulfsohn Road and the Grand Avenue 23rd Street to 8th Street high-occupancy/emergency traffic lanes.

The permits will be valid from August through November, 2017. Permit guidelines are as follows:

1. Permits will only be issued to businesses
2. Permits will only be issued on vehicles transporting 6 or more employees.
3. Vehicles must be presented at the Glenwood Springs Police Department for a safety check and registration and insurance viewing.
4. Permitted vehicles will be allowed access to Wulfsohn Road (Meadows above Target) and Grand Avenue 23rd Street to 8th Street high-occupancy/emergency traffic lanes.
5. **The designated lanes will be monitored and enforced.** Permitted vans seen repeatedly traveling in these lanes without at least 6 people will be contacted and asked to justify their travel.
6. Businesses/permitees who are found to NOT use their route access appropriately may have their permits revoked.
7. **Permits will not be issued for carpools/neighborhood sharing or parent school rides for students.**
8. Permitted vehicles using high-occupancy lanes must follow all normal traffic regulations (stop lights, crosswalks, speed limits etc.)
9. Permitted vehicles will be allowed to “travel empty” in designated lanes only for the purpose of reaching a pick-up point or transfer point to load employees.
10. Vehicles will display a mirror-hanger in the front windshield of the vehicle and a sticker in the rear window of the vehicle at all times.
11. Permits are assigned to specific vehicles and are not transferrable to other vehicles.

The City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado Department of Transportation, and the large partnership of stakeholders in the Grand Avenue Bridge Project, are committed to traffic mitigation measures as one of

the best ways to maintain a high quality of life during the project. Each vehicle that is reduced from our roads, particularly during peak hours, is helpful in keeping necessary traffic moving safely.

Anyone interested in obtaining a permit should visit the Glenwood Springs Police Department, located on the bottom floor of City Hall, at 101 W 8th Street. For additional information, call (970) 384-6500.