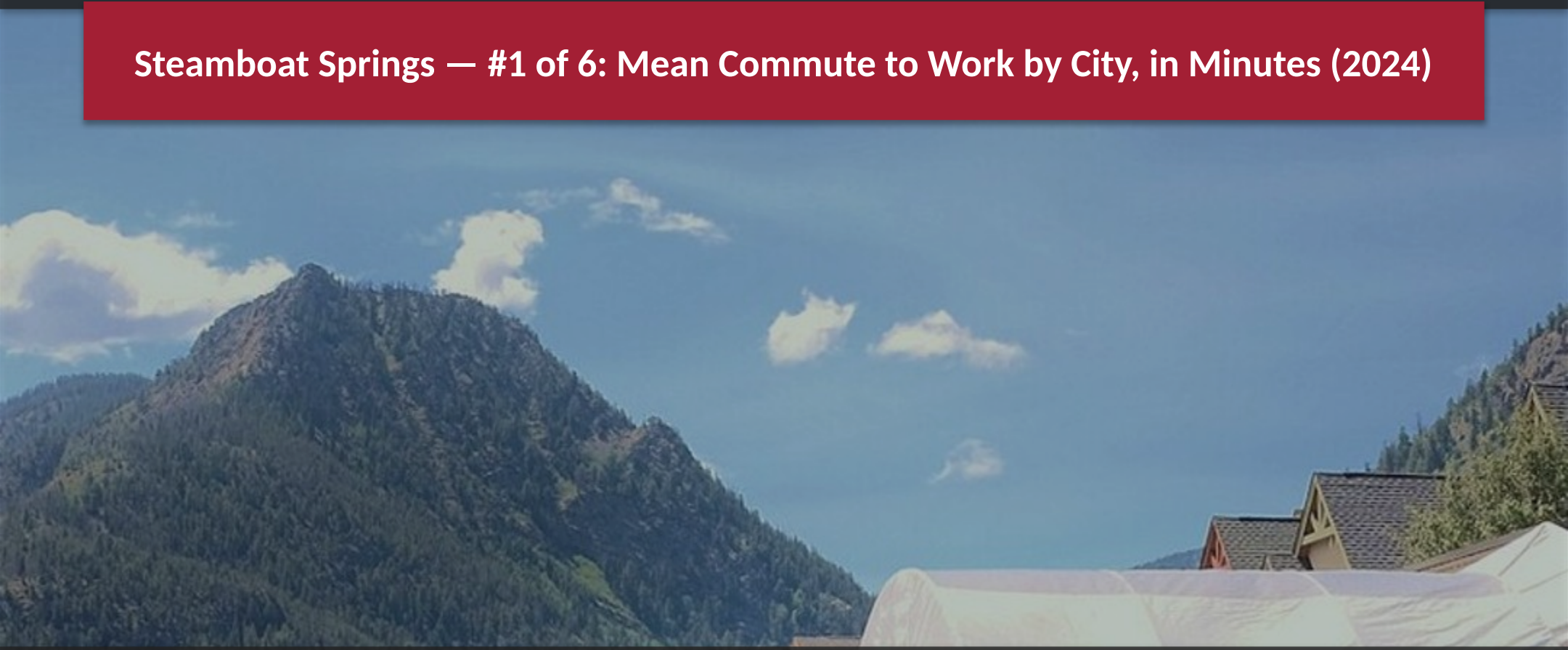
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Mean Commute to Work by City, in Minutes (2024)

Steamboat Springs leads the Colorado High Country in average commute time, with a mean of 14.3 minutes.

This figure, drawn from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2024 American Community Survey 5-year estimates, reflects a rare operational efficiency in a mountain resort economy where infrastructure is strained and housing is concentrated. The low average is not due to proximity to major employment hubs, but to compact urban form and a high share of remote and local work.

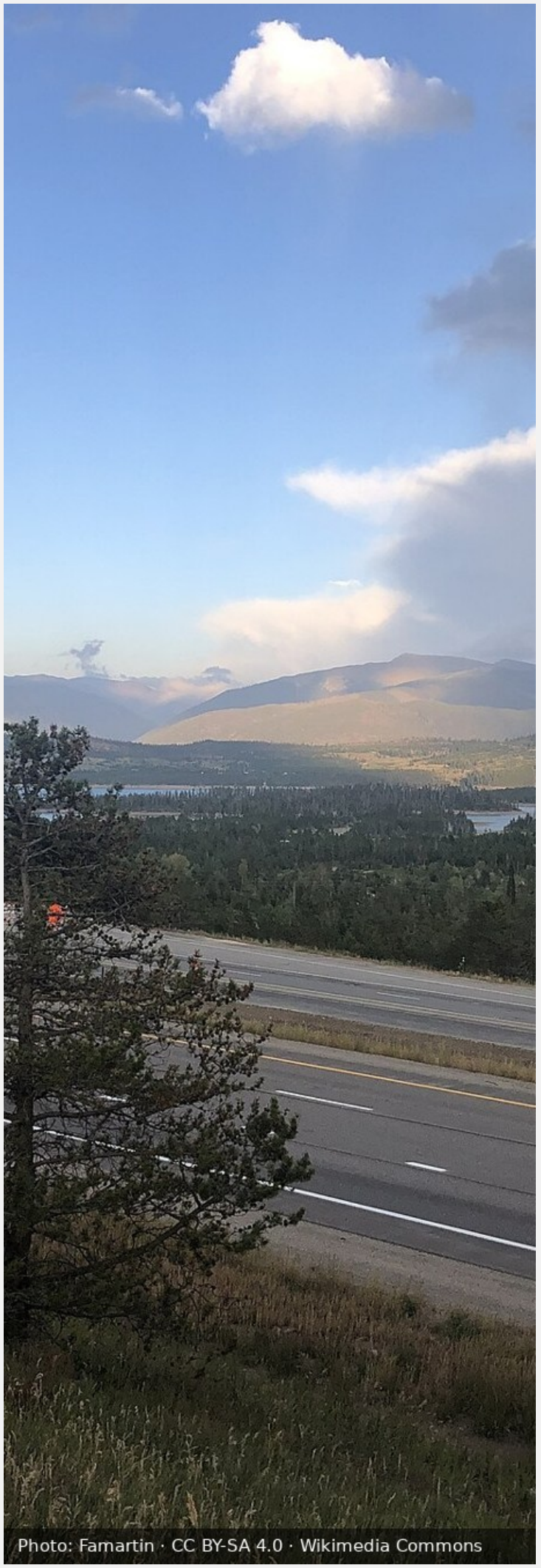


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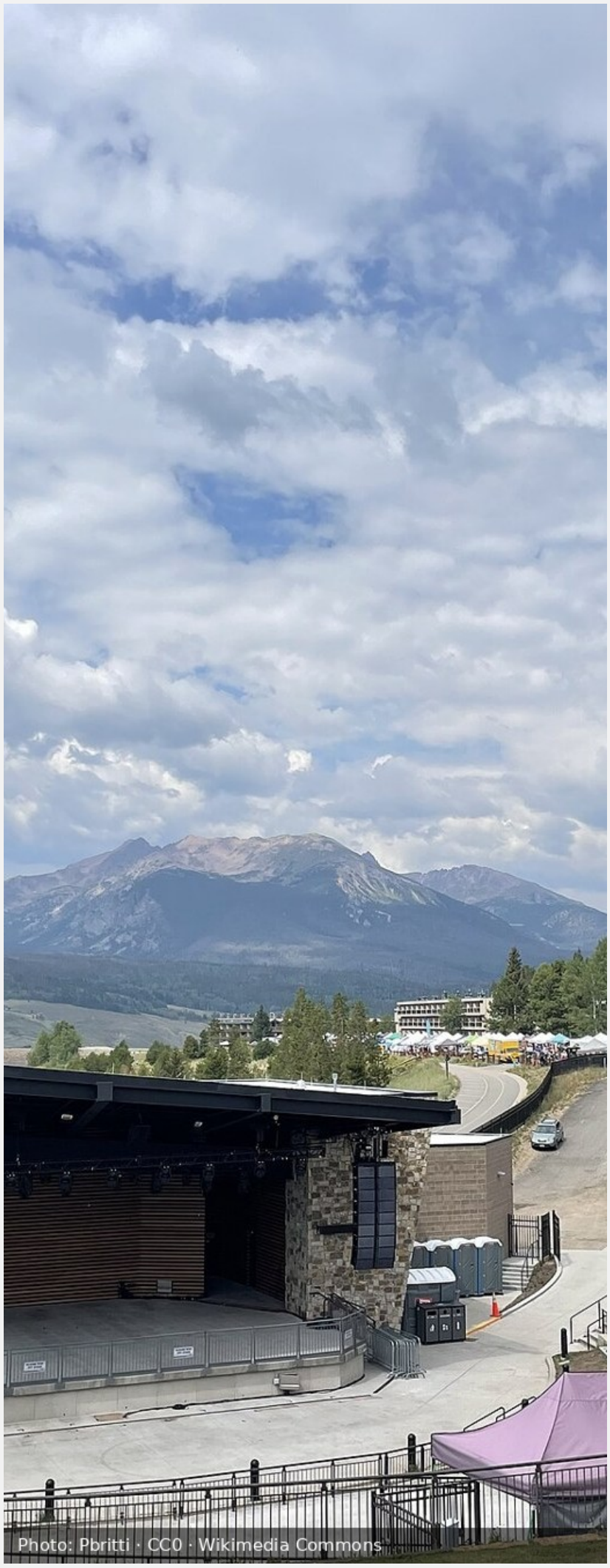
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Efficiency Is a Hidden Asset

The data suggests that transit infrastructure and urban design are not secondary to real estate value in the High Country — they are foundational. As climate resilience and energy efficiency become central to community planning, Steamboat's compact form may become a model for sustainable mountain development.

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Commuting Isn’t the Problem — It’s the Solution

This is a second-order effect: a city that prioritizes mobility and compactness may become a magnet for talent, even in a tight labor market. The 14.3-minute average is not just a number — it’s a signal of resilience, a feature of the local economy that supports long-term retention of skilled workers.

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