

To: Mayor Kudron and the Grand Lake Board of Trustees

From: John Crone, Town Manager

Re: Workshop on One-Year Capital Plan

Date: February 12, 2024

Background

At the last Board of Trustees retreat, the Board identified several capital projects that can be completed over the next five years. These projects were broken down into one-, three-, and five-year schedules. Throughout the year we will readdress these lists to ensure that we have included everything that the Board wants to see done, and to work out the details of the Board's vision.

At the previous BOT workshop, the Board had significant discussions, primarily about Lake Avenue at the beachfront area. At this workshop we will discuss the remaining capital plans for this year.

Items Identified at the Retreat

Road Repair, Construction, and Maintenance – These items have a dedicated funding source from our 1% sales tax. Clearly, road repair is driven largely by the situation at the end of mud season. If there are obvious repairs needed to be made, we will make them. However, there are areas that may not rise to the level of necessary repair that would nonetheless benefit the Town if they were addressed before the need becomes obvious. Staff would like help in identifying these particular locations.

There are also a large number of dirt roads that exist in Town. We may benefit by scheduling some of these for paving. Last year we paved the alley by the Kauffman House. Staff would like guidance on other possible locations that would benefit by paving, and guidance on which roads should remain dirt roads. We are limited this year on the west side of Town that is subject to drainage repair.

Drainage Repair – We are using Windy Gap grant money to design a drainage plan for the area of Town west of the moraine. It is likely that we will not have funds to begin construction on the new drainage plan until 2025. However, now is the time to bring up any particular problem areas or any particular techniques that we would like to see incorporated into the plan.

Entry Sign (by the Chamber) - The current entry sign must be rebuilt or replaced. The first question is whether to rebuild it in the same general design or whether it would be better to design a new sign. The second question is whether to replace the message board with an electronic sign. AN electronic sign would provide much better options for communicating with residents and guests. It would also be much easier to post messages. However, it would be a new light at the entrance to Town. An electronic message board will cost between \$15,000 and \$35,000. It is likely that we would be able to get grant funding for at least a portion of the cost.



If we do get an electronic sign, should we get a full color animated board or a monochrome text board. The text board would be less impactful at night; however, it would not be very noticeable during the day. All LED signs can be dimmed.

Recycling / PAYT – The state is currently finalizing the mandatory recycling program that was passed by the voters several years ago. The final rules will not be released until 2025. At that time, there will be a significant amount of money available for infrastructure related to recycling. However, any work done on the PAYT facility this year would be the financial responsibility of the Town.

Dog Park – The Town has been considering a dog park for a long time. At the current time, we really only have two viable locations: Winters Pioneer Park and the Grand Lake Center. It would be possible to build a temporary enclosure at either of these places. The location of a permanent site should be put off until after the Town has made decisions about the Public Works facility.