

COMMUNITY REPORT

2024-2025



RESPONSIBLE GROWTH



RELIABLE INFRASTRUCTURE



PUBLIC SAFETY



FISCAL STABILITY



CONNECTED COMMUNITY



COMMUNITY REPORT

LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

As we reflect on our progress and look toward the future, we're excited to share the Mead Community Report for 2024-2025. As your Board of Trustees, we remain steadfast in fostering an open, engaged, and forward-thinking community. This report outlines our budget, achievements, and the ambitious plans that will shape our town in the years ahead.

Key milestones in 2024 reflect our dedication to building a vibrant and thriving community. The groundbreaking for the Community Center marked the beginning of a project that will soon become a central hub for residents of all ages. Downtown alley and parking lot improvements will enhance accessibility and strengthen local business support. Additionally, the Safe Routes to School design has underscored our commitment to the safety of our youngest residents. In 2024, we also implemented a new public records web portal, making access to records and services more accessible. We adopted ClearGov Budget software to provide greater transparency and clarity in our financial processes.

Looking ahead to 2025 and beyond, we focus on several transformative, multi-year projects defining Mead's future. The 3rd Street and Welker Avenue Intersection improvements will enhance safety and traffic efficiency. The High Plains Boulevard expansion will provide critical infrastructure to support Mead's growth. At Founders Park, the addition of the Gold Star Families Memorial will honor the sacrifices made by military families. We are also advancing plans for the pedestrian crossing at Highway 66 and County Road 7, ensuring the safety of residents and visitors while actively seeking funding opportunities to bring this project to fruition.

As our town evolves, we remain committed to securing the resources needed to support these major initiatives while staying true to our guiding principles: fostering responsible growth, delivering reliable infrastructure, prioritizing public safety, ensuring fiscal stability, and nurturing a connected community.

Sincerely,

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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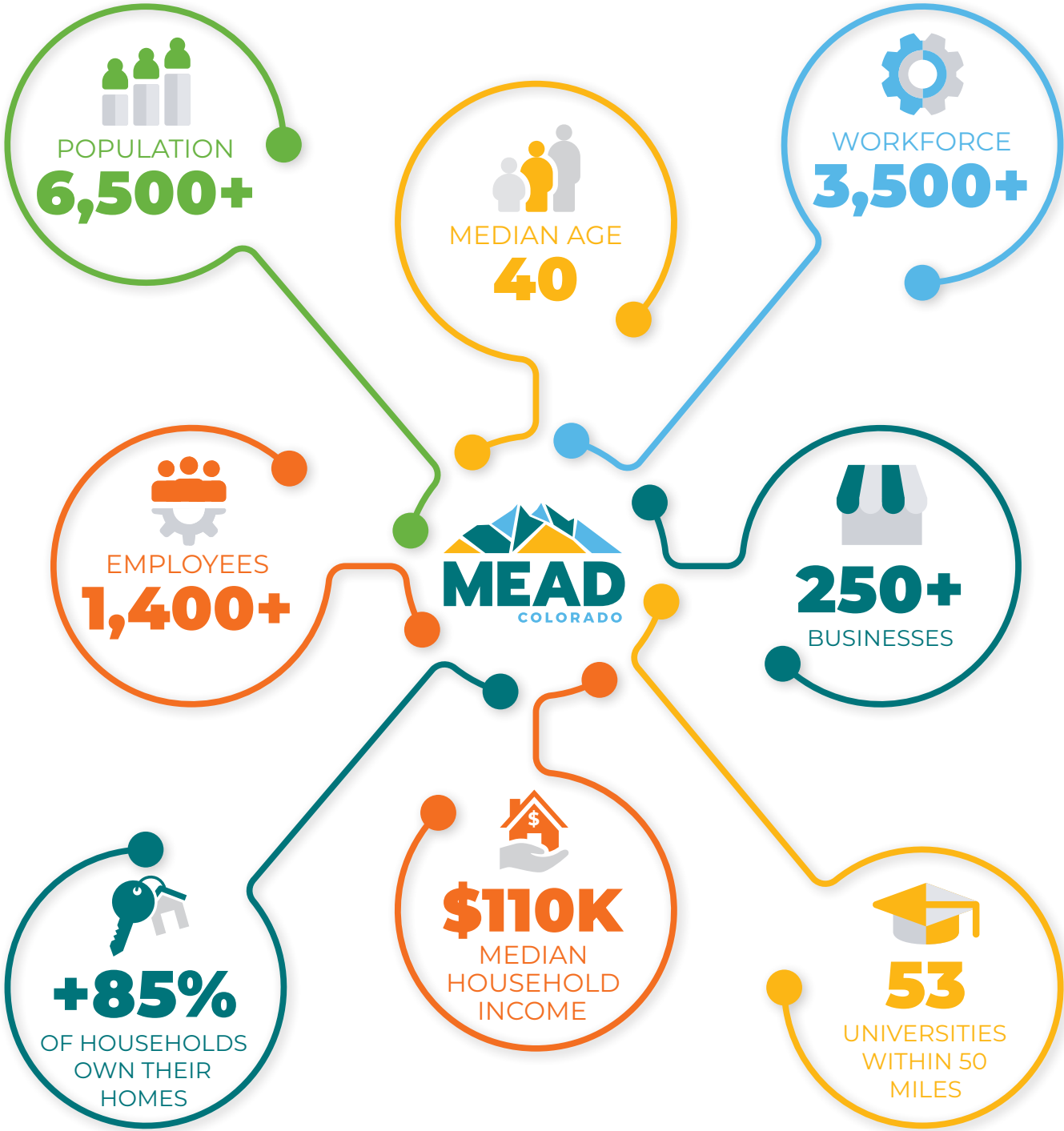
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Our regularly scheduled Board meetings are held at Town Hall on the second and last Monday of every month. Meetings start at 6 p.m. and are open to the public. Visit townofmead.org/meetings for more information. We would love to see you there!

DEMOGRAPHICS



2024 HIGHLIGHTS



RESPONSIBLE GROWTH

Mead and Berthoud Collaboration: The Town of Mead and the Town of Berthoud have partnered to initiate the design process for paving County Road 7 between Mead and Berthoud. This design phase is the crucial first step in the project, laying the groundwork for future paving efforts. The ongoing expansion of I-25 has turned CR 7 into an unofficial detour route, leading to increased traffic and accelerated wear and tear on the road. Paving CR 7 will benefit both communities by improving travel safety, reducing dust and maintenance needs, and enhancing connectivity between the two communities. This collaboration reflects our commitment to addressing shared challenges and planning for regional growth.

ADDITIONAL SUCCESSES:

- Groundbreaking on the Community Center, downtown alley, and Main Street parking lot
- Established Renewable Energy Regulations
- Began construction of the 3rd Street and Welker Ave. Intersection Project



RELIABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

Pavement Management Program: The Town of Mead's Pavement Management Program, funded by the 1% Street Improvement Fund, ensures the maintenance and improvement of Mead's roadways. A Pavement Management Program is a systematic approach to maintaining and improving a community's roadway network. It involves assessing the condition of streets, prioritizing repairs, and using cost-effective methods to extend the lifespan of pavement. The goal is to maximize the value of the public investment by utilizing a combination of preventive maintenance, such as crack sealing and slurry sealing, and more extensive repairs, like full reconstruction for severely deteriorated roads. This year, \$2.2 million was invested in reconstructing roads in Feather Ridge and Lake Hollow Estates, along with additional crack seal and slurry seal work to extend pavement life.

ADDITIONAL SUCCESSES:

- Public EV Charging Stations
- Finalized design for Pedestrian Underpass at Hwy 66 & CR 7
- Completed design of the CR 34 Bridge over the Mead Lateral Canal



PUBLIC SAFETY

Mead Police Outreach: The Mead Police Department prioritizes outreach and engagement through education and community involvement. In 2024, the Police Department attended over 20 community events and hosted the second annual Citizens Police Academy, offering residents a hands-on opportunity to learn about police roles, responsibilities, and values. Public education is a cornerstone of community policing in Mead, fostering trust, transparency, and collaboration between the police and residents. Through these efforts, the Mead Police Department reinforces its commitment to building a safer, more connected community.

ADDITIONAL SUCCESSES:

- Received a grant to design a police facility
- Facilitating the new Mountain View Fire Rescue Fire Station at Hwy 66 by Liberty Ranch Park
- Completed design for Safe Routes to School



2024 HIGHLIGHTS



FISCAL STABILITY

Process Improvements: The Town of Mead is dedicated to improving efficiency, transparency, and fiscal stability through strategic investments in process improvements. This year, the Town implemented Laserfiche and its public web portal to streamline access to Town records, making government operations more accessible to residents. Additionally, the adoption of ClearGov Budget software enhances transparency in fiscal management by providing residents with clear, detailed insights into the Town's budget and spending. These tools improve communication with the community and help the Town manage resources more effectively, supporting long-term fiscal stability and responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars.



CONNECTED COMMUNITY

Park Enhancements: The Town of Mead's park improvements reflect a commitment to fostering a better-connected and vibrant community. This year, the Town resurfaced the tennis courts and added fresh paint to the outdoor basketball courts at Liberty Ranch Park and Founders Park, enhancing recreational spaces for residents of all ages. Additionally, upgraded electricity at Mead Ponds supports more functional and enjoyable outdoor experiences for the community. These upgrades improve the quality of public amenities and create inviting spaces that encourage connection, activity, and community pride.

ADDITIONAL SUCCESSES:

- Grant for Land Use Code Amendments
- Received a grant for Trails and Open Space Master Plan
- Multiple commercial and residential developments

ADDITIONAL SUCCESSES:

- Second Annual Tree City, USA designation
- Reached Information Communication Technology Accessibility Compliance
- The Town continued its support of the Mead Area Chamber of Commerce, Mead Motorheads, and local businesses

2025 GOALS



RESPONSIBLE GROWTH

- Finalize design of CR 7 from Mead to Berthoud
- Initiate Trails Master Plan
- Begin Land Use Code Updates
- Oversee the I-25 Sewer Re-alignment Project
- Complete the Police Facility Design



RELIABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

- Complete the construction of 3rd & Welker Intersection Project
- Grand Opening of Mead Community Center
- Complete downtown alley improvements and parking lot on Main Street
- Pave Town Hall parking lot



PUBLIC SAFETY

- Complete two miles of paving on High Plains Boulevard
- Construction of Hwy 66 and CR 7 Pedestrian Underpass
- Complete the CR 34 Bridge construction over Mead Lateral Ditch
- Multijurisdictional Trail



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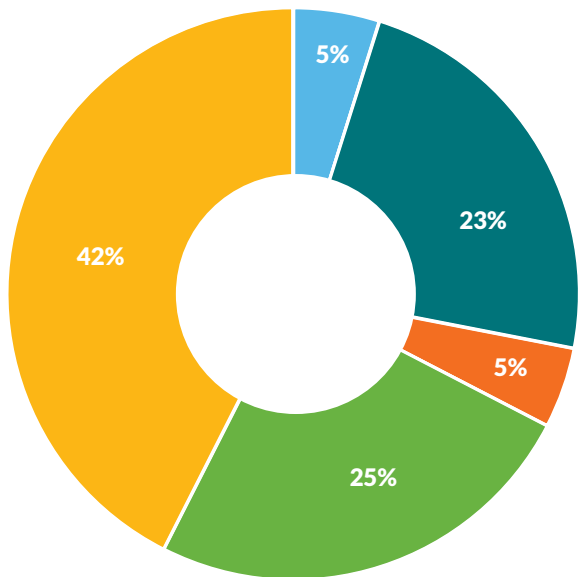
- Pursue innovative ways to grow revenues
- Multijurisdictional Intergovernmental Agreement with Firestone, Berthoud, St Vrain Valley School District, and the Johnstown/Milliken School District
- Identify funding strategies for Police
- Explore grant opportunities



CONNECTED COMMUNITY

- Complete the Gold Star Families Memorial at Founders Park
- Implement Phase Two Wayfinding Signage
- Expand economic development
- Complete the Liberty Ranch Park Restrooms and playground replacements at Founders Park and North Creek Park

2025 BUDGET OVERVIEW

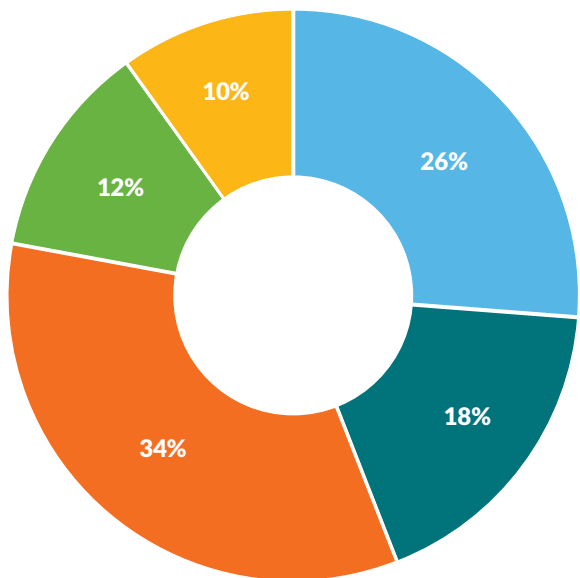


2025 GENERAL FUND REVENUE

TOTAL: \$10.5M

- License & Permits: \$510K
- Misc. Revenue & Grants: \$2.4M
- Services & Fees: \$477K
- Property Tax: \$2.6M
- Sales & Use Tax*: \$4.4M

*Does not include 1% Sales & Use Tax for street improvements.



GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

TOTAL: \$10.5M

- General Government: \$2.7M
- Public Works: \$1.8M
- Public Safety: \$3.5M
- Community Engagement & Recreation: \$1.2M
- Community Development: \$1M

2025 RESTRICTED FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS

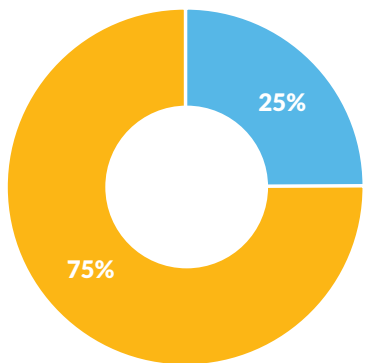
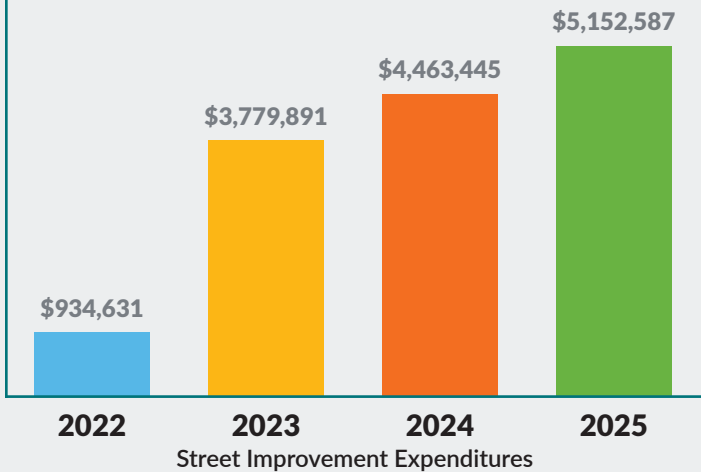
- Transportation Projects: \$18.35M
- Park & Open Space: \$1.3M
- Street Improvement Fund*: \$5.15M
- Municipal Facilities: \$7.47M
- Sewer Fund: \$2.76M

*1% Sales & Use Tax

STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND

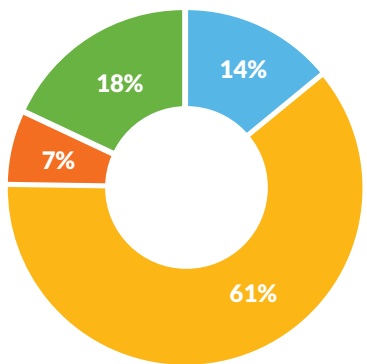
The Street Improvement Fund was established to collect the additional 1% sales and use tax approved by voters in November 2021. This fund can only be used to maintain and improve Mead's roadways. The 1% sales and use tax is collected annually and may be applied to the subsequent fiscal year.

1% SALES & USE TAX AT WORK



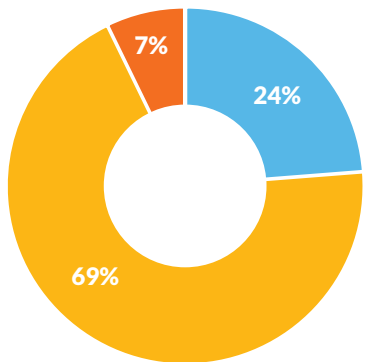
STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND EXPENDITURES 2024

- Operational Costs \$1,112,610
- Road Work: \$3,350,835
(Asphalt, Repairs, Concrete, Crack & Slurry, Maintenance)
- Total : \$4,463,445



STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND REVENUES 2025

- 2024 Carryover Revenue: \$779,524
- 2025 Projected Revenue \$3,398,362
- 2025 Transfer in from General Fund \$375,000
- 2025 Transfer in Capital Improvement Fund: \$1M
- Total \$5,552,886



STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND EXPENDITURES 2025

- Operational Costs \$1,319,087
- Road Work: \$3,833,500
(Asphalt, Repairs, Concrete, Crack & Slurry, Maintenance)
- 2025 Remaining Fund Balance: \$400,299
- Total \$5,552,886

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Multi-year projects primarily funded by Impact Fees

Development impact fees are one-time charges imposed by the Town of Mead on new development projects to help cover the costs of providing public services, such as roads, parks, and utilities to the new development. These fees are designed to reduce the economic burden on the Town as they address the demands created by growth in the area.

It's important to note that development impact fees cannot be used for general government operational costs or moved into the general fund. They are restricted by law to segregated accounts and must be spent solely on specific infrastructure improvements. This ensures that the fees collected from new development support the increased service demand rather than contributing to the Town's overall budget.

Impact Fund	Project	'22-'23 Expenditures	'24 Estimated Expenditures	'25 Budgeted Expenditures
POLICE FACILITIES	Police Modular Improvements	\$48,408	\$9,000	\$20,000
MUNICIPAL FACILITIES	Community Center	\$905,311	\$1,100,000	\$6,575,000
TRANSPORTATION	3rd and Welker Intersection	\$794,449	\$1,000,000	\$6,500,000
	Safe Routes to School	\$46,020	\$100,000	\$600,000
	Pedestrian Underpass- Hwy 66 & CR 7	\$425,756	\$100,000	\$1,600,000*
	Main St Parking Lot & Fairbairn Alley		\$50,000	\$450,000
	WCR 34 Bridge (over Mead Lateral Ditch) Design & Construction	\$73,106	\$175,000	\$1,982,000
	Segment 5 I-25 Enhancements (Mead contribution to CDOT expansion project)			\$1,000,000
PARKS & OPEN SPACE	Liberty Ranch Park & Restrooms	\$23,107	\$28,400	\$321,600
	Founders Park Gold Star Families Memorial	\$27,519	\$36,000	\$300,000

*Additional funds to be budgeted in 2026

AWARDS & GRANTS

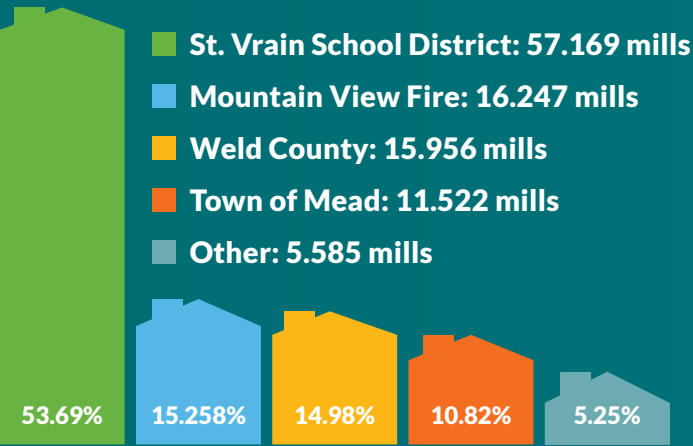
In addition to property and sales tax paid to the Town of Mead from residents and visitors, the Town consistently pursues additional funding sources to contribute to critical projects.

Colorado Department of Local Affairs Land Use Code Grant Funding to help with necessary Land Use Code Updates	\$100,000
Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program To help purchase protective vests for police officers	\$6,300
Colorado Peace Officers Standards & Training Grant For police officer training classes, equipment, and materials	\$5,765
Colorado Department of Local Affairs Impact Assistance Grant Funding to assist designing a police facility	\$150,000
United Way of Weld County Grant to provide recreation and program scholarships	\$2,500
Colorado Statewide Internet Portal Authority Accessibility Grant Facilitated the purchase of accessibility licenses to ensure compliance with statewide information and communication mandates	\$7,200

Total: **\$271,765**

PROPERTY TAX AND MILL RATES

Property tax is based on the property's assessed value; Weld County assesses property values at least every two years. The Town of Mead's mill levy is **11.52**, and the average net mill levy for a non-metro district property is **106.478**.





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TOWN OF MEAD 2024-2025 **COMMUNITY REPORT**

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