

Main Street Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements – Phase 3

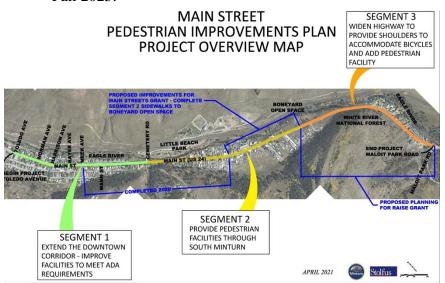
Minturn seeks \$1.6 million in DOT Congressional Directed Funds to Close the Gap in Main Street Pedestrian Infrastructure

The Town of Minturn, CO, (population 1,033) is underway with phased redesign and reconstruction of its main street corridor to address the lack of safe bike and pedestrian facilities. The Town of Minturn seeks \$1.6 million in US Department of Transportation (DOT) Highway Infrastructure Projects congressionally directed grant funds to complete the third and final phase of the Minturn Main Street (US 24) Bike/Ped Improvements project.

Restaurants, shops, and outdoor adventure opportunities in Minturn are concentrated around its Main Street. U.S. Route 24 (US 24) serves as Main Street in Minturn, extending from Interstate 70 (I-70) and US 6 in Minturn east to the Kansas state line where it continues concurrent with I-70. The segment of US 24 through Minturn was designed to serve only vehicles and lacks adequate pedestrian and bicycle facilities to safely allow residents and visitors to access nearby businesses and residences without a car. This portion of the highway is highly used by commuter traffic, tourist traffic, recreational traffic, and state-wide event traffic. Establishing active transportation facilities is needed, given Minturn's diverse population and changing transportation needs.

Phase 3 will advance efforts to improve safety, provide a safe route to school for area children, decrease pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, enhance quality of life, and connect affordable, local housing to jobs, education, services, and other key destinations. Since 2010, Minturn has been working to re-envision its Main Street as an eclectic, walkable, downtown corridor with thriving small businesses and safe opportunities for cycling and recreation. The Minturn Main Street (US 24) Bike/Ped Improvements project is proceeding in three phases:

- Phase 1 Toledo Avenue to Cemetery Road (MP 145.24 to MP 146.13) Completed with Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), and local match funds in Spring 2020.
- Phase 2 South Minturn to the Boneyard Open Space (MP 146.13 to MP 146.5) Underway
 with CDOT Revitalizing Mainstreet Large Safety grant funds with expected completion by
 Fall 2025.



Minturn now seeks \$1.6 million in FY2025 congressional grant funding to finish construction on phase 2 and complete the design and engineering work for phase 3. The third segment of improvements, when funding is available, will create a multi-use path from Boneyard Open Space to Maloit Park Road (MP 146.5 to 147.1) to connect the rest of the Town to this area as the last phase of the overall project.