

To: Minturn Town Council
From: Michelle Metteer
Date: October 16, 2024
RE: Town Manager Update



Main Street Speed Limit Enforcement

Minturn continues to look for ways to improve the infrastructure on Main Street toward a corridor that naturally facilitates slower vehicular speeds. The bulb out infrastructure, in its presented form, was not conducive to Main Street businesses or parking in general, so all bulb outs have been removed and residents trying to enter Main Street from any side street are back to inching out onto Main Street from a side street, remaining hopeful not to be T-boned in the process. Complicating matters are Main Street drivers who speed.

One potential option for addressing speeding drivers on Main Street is the Local Agency Automated Vehicle Identification System (AVIS) program. I have included information on the VIS program as part of the Manager's report, but to summarize, the Town would work with CDOT and State Highway Patrol for approval to designate Main Street/HWY 24 as an AVI corridor which would require an Ordinance or Resolution of the Council. Upon approval, Minturn would work with CDOT for the implementation of the automated speed enforcement. Additionally, Minturn would secure a contract with a third-party vendor to manage the ticketing system. See the information flyer included for more information.

Water Fluoride Potable Water Additive

Not routinely, but has occurred, the State of Colorado inquires if Minturn's is interested in adding fluoride to our potable water system. I have rejected this concept but want to pass this along to the Council in the event I am not on the same page with the direct the leadership team would like to go regarding additives to the Town's potable water system. Please advise if Council feels otherwise and this can be added as a future Discussion/Direction agenda item.

Membrane Water treatment Plant Grant Funding

A review of all potential water treatment plant infrastructure grant applications by Sustainable Strategies has been submitted to the Town. Minturn has applied for one of the Bureau of Reclamation grants identified in the report and the grant application is included with this update for your review. The grant request is for \$3M toward membrane water treatment plant construction. The Town should have the application results by March of 2025.

Minturn North Updates

I met with the construction team this week to discuss the Minturn North Fall project schedule and next steps. We covered the following topics:

- **Security fence & Snow Removal Plan:** Taylor St residents already ignore the current restrictions and walk through the opening of the fence at the 4th Street intersection creating a very dangerous situation whereby the public and large machinery are coming into conflict. I say this to indicate that it's unlikely Taylor residents will voluntarily follow any requests to stay out of the construction area and with massive holes in the project now, the fence will need to remain over the winter season. I am working with public works on the snow removal plan for Taylor St which I expect will include the purchasing of a second large blade for the front loader Michael Martinez operates. This is a \$75k cost that will come out of the capital improvements line-item budget and was a long-term purchase needing to be made. I expect this purchase in the 2024 budget in preparation for this snow season.
- **Minturn Rd paving** – We have continued to wait on utility work in the road prior to paving the southern portion of Minturn Road. We are still waiting for Xcel Energy and Comcast. With this in

mind, direction has been given to pave in the spring of 2025. This includes the remainder of the county-paid portion of the ECO Trail.