

To: Minturn Town Council
From: Michelle Metteer
Date: February 05, 2025
RE: Town Manager Update



Main Street Phase II Sidewalks

This project is prepared to go to bid and will have an open bid period of three weeks. Postings will be placed in the Vail Daily, Town website, BidNet and CIP Information Service. In addition, the [RFQ for construction management services](#) will be published Feb 3rd. Jeff Spanel and Katie Sickles will oversee the RFP process. If any council members are interested in participating in the interview portion of the process, please let Katie know. Up to two council members can participate. Katie can be reached at interim@minturn.org.

Taylor Street Paving Project

Jeff Spanel and Cindy Krieg hosted an open house for Taylor Street residents to provide additional feedback for residents requesting improvements as part of the Taylor St repave project. This project has an estimated budget of \$750k and will need to address many deficiencies along the roadway including a variety of drainage issues, vehicle speed issues and parking. The Council directed NOT to take back any of the right of way already encroached upon, so the staff will work within the current [alignment](#) to find a balance of improvements that can be made within the confines of the budget.

Eagle River Quiet Title

Letters have been sent to property owners along the river within the Eagle River Restoration area notifying them of the Town's effort to quiet title the river bottom. The letters further indicate that no legally obtained private property will be affected by this effort. This has been an ongoing effort since the Council in 2018 approved of this process and the Council in 2024 confirmed the commitment to this undertaking. Rob Marsh is leading this work for the Town and Mike Sawyer can provide additional context as needed after my departure.

Trump Administration's Executive Orders, Directives & Guidance (Sustainable Strategies Update)

The change in the federal administration has led to uncertainty regarding project loan and funding opportunities (See M-25-13 below for reference). With President Trump pausing federal aid to many programs, Minturn was uncertain as to the \$3M in Congressionally Directed funding the Town plans to utilize for offsetting the cost of the water treatment plant. After listening to Sustainable Strategies analysis of the freeze, which has since been rescinded while the administration takes the next 90-days to review programming, it sounds as though CDS funds are unlikely to be affected as those funds were congressionally approved. More to come as this moves through the process.

[M-25-13: Temporary Pause of Agency Grant, Loan & Other Financial Assistance Programs](#)

[Rescinding of freeze order](#)

[Sustainable Strategies Federal Funding PowerPoint](#)

[Sustainable Strategies Full Presentation](#)

Department of Local Affairs (EIAF Grant Award)

DOLA has awarded Minturn funds toward the repair/replacement of the retaining wall at Little Beach Park. This work will also include a new access road from the small basketball court to the stage. As part of this project Minturn requested to utilize the Town's match dollars to purchase a new playground. DOLA has denied this request. Minturn is now looking at utilizing cash funds within the Little Beach Park escrow account to include a new playground as part of the summer 2025 construction work.