

To: Minturn Town Council
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RE: Town Manager Update



Minturn Bike Park Security Gate

Town staff met with VVMTA representatives and Strategic Fencing for the installation of a security gate at Little Beach Park. This gate has been requested for several years by VVMTA management and should be a good addition toward better securing Minturn's assets. The gate is expected to have the ability to automatically open and close on a timer basis.

Safe Streets for All (SS4A)

We held our second virtual stakeholder working group meeting on Tuesday, October 29th. This effort, funded by a federal Department of Transportation grant, is expected to culminate in a Safety Action Plan whereby Minturn can focus on needed safety improvements throughout town. If any Council members are interested in participating in the Stakeholder Working Group, please let me know. If you are interested in providing comments on the safety concerns of Minturn's side streets, please go to the Story Map at: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/94f6745fea5049db8ca5d0ab604fc248>

Eagle County Draft Open Space Plan

I attended a community open house held at Colorado Mountain College the evening of Monday, October 28th to review the draft Eagle County Draft Open Space Plan. This plan outlines the recommended efforts the County should adopt for the acquisition of parcels large and small. In the Plan, Minturn's geographic area is identified within the "Headwaters" area. It is acknowledged in the Plan, that given the cost for land in the Headwaters area, acquisition may need multiple support partners and creative strategies. For more information and a video overview of the Plan, go to <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/db60a76e06f14fcb98c2479c0bc3c043>.

Little Beach Park Grants

Minturn was awarded \$147,000 through a DOLA EIAF Tier 1 grant application. This is an exciting announcement as these funds will allow the town to repair the failing retaining wall in the playground area. This grant requires a 50% match and because Minturn was not awarded the larger GOCO grant application, the Town will request to match these funds with the installation of a new playground area. We are in the process now of determining approval for this request.

2024/25 Taylor St Snow Removal

Minturn staff is preparing informational flyers and will be taking those flyers door to door along Taylor St to communicate the upcoming seasonal snow removal efforts. This will be done in a positive way with an effort toward problem solving. Staff understands the residents of Taylor St are accustomed to pushing their snow across the street however adjustments will need to be made this season due to the safety fencing for the Minturn North project. We are hopeful that by going door to door and trying to talk to residents individually, this will be a smooth adjustment.

HWY 24/Main Street Speed Feedback Signs Installed

CDOT has donated two speed feedback signs that have been installed, programmed and are now operations. One sign is located heading southbound just before the "S" curve by Minturn Anglers and the second sign is facing northbound close to the Boneyard Open Space property. Special thanks for the donations from CDOT which we hope will help inform drivers of their speed. Minturn has been optimistic about this opportunity to help/assist drivers in being more aware of their vehicle speeds.

Main Street Bulb Outs

I have continued to talk with Jeff Spanel about finding ways to install permanent bulb outs. A permanent bulb out, although significantly more expensive, would be smaller in size and of a more “traditional” shape as the side street stop sign would be allowed to move into the Main Street right of way, increasing line of sight without eliminating excessive parking. The other complication to the permanent option is drainage. Intermountain Engineering has studied Minturn’s intersections and the permanent bulb outs would require moving the storm drains entirely or taking measures to allow the drainage through the bulb out. After review, it appears that allowing drainage through the bulb out comes with a variety of complications that would need addressing. We continue to study this option.

Nelson St Heat Exchange Opportunity

Jeff Spanel and I met with Eagle River Whisky representatives and discussed the opportunity to increase safety on Nelson Street and the hill on Nelson by adding a heat exchange option that would take the wasted heat generated by the distilling process and convert it to a snowmelt system for the road/hill. This is still in the exploratory phase, however given that the Town is considering the repaving of Nelson St, the timing would be appropriate as a combined project. Costs associated with such a project require more research and we will continue to provide the Council updates as more information becomes available.

Main Street Speed Limit Enforcement

Unless otherwise directed by the Town Council, Minturn is shelving the AVIS speed radar enforcement option for increasing safety on Main Street.