

To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Michelle Metteer, Town Manager
Date: 05/01/2024
Agenda Item: West Vail Pass Letter of Support



REQUEST:

Approve the Mayor of Minturn to sign onto the West Vail Pass Letter of Support.

INTRODUCTION:

This letter is part of an ongoing effort to encourage CDOT to complete the West Val Pass Safety project in full. The Minturn Town Council has already supported a letter to this end, which was sent to CDOT Director Lew and Governor Polis, among others. Now, to show regional unity on this matter, an additional letter with a wide range of jurisdictions throughout the IMPTR (Intermountain Planning Transportation Region) are joining together to express our collective desire to see this project completed.

ANALYSIS:

The West Vail Pass Safety Project is a regional, and interstate safety need. To a lesser extent, it is also an economic development need for the State of Colorado. This project particularly impacts Minturn as US HWY 24, Minturn’s Main Street, is a common alternate route when Vail Pass closes – oftentimes due to accidents. For more details on Minturn’s specific concerns, please reference Minturn’s original letter to CDOT Director Lew and Governor Polis on this matter which can be found on electronic page 28 of the [March 20, 2024, Council Packet](#).

COMMUNITY INPUT: Ongoing

BUDGET / STAFF IMPACT: N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

- PRACTICE FAIR, TRANSPARENT AND COMMUNICATIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- LONG-TERM STEWARDSHIP OF THE NATURAL BEAUTY AND HEALTH OF MINTURN’S ENVIRONMENT
- SUSTAIN AND INVEST IN THE THINGS THAT DEFINE MINTURN AS A PROUD, STURDY MOUNTAIN TOWN TO “KEEP MINTURN MINTURN”
- ADVANCE DECISIONS/PROJECTS/INITIATIVES THAT EXPAND FUTURE OPPORTUNITY AND VIABILITY FOR MINTURN

RECOMMENDED ACTION OR PROPOSED MOTION:

Approve the mayor to sign onto the West Vail Pass letter of support.

ATTACHMENTS:

- West Vail Pass Letter of Support