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**To:** [Michelle Metteer](#)  
**Subject:** Re: White Poles / Bulb Outs / Curb Extensions in Minturn  
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Thank you for the explanation and your well written email.

I am guessing your phone has been ringing off the hook since the installation of those barriers.

I completely understand the concept to provide better visibility for drivers turning from the side streets. But in my opinion those things look somewhere between unsightly and absolutely horrible. They take away from our small town ambiance and vibe. They are way too large and eye catching.

Questions I asked myself were:

1. How will snow removal work around those in the winter?
2. Why are they so darn tall?
3. Couldn't they just paint lines and then ticket people who disobey the law?
4. Who came up with the size? (Your email informed me that it was CDOT)
5. Couldn't they just curb those areas?

Anyway... I'm not a fan.

Lastly, I'm grateful that they are "temporary" and that residents will have some input at the next council meeting.

I'll plan on attending.

Best regards,  
Jay Mechling  
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Minturn, CO

On Aug 28, 2024, at 4:25 PM, Town of Minturn <[manager@minturn.org](mailto:manager@minturn.org)> wrote:

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## **White Poles / Bulb Outs / Curb Extensions on Main Street**

### **A Message from the Town Manager**

Although the Town has been publicly noticing the Main Street Safety Project for the past year, like many things, people are busy and don't always have the time to pay attention until it is right in front of them. This seems to be the case with the installation of the temporary bulb outs on Main Street, but rest assured, there is still time to discuss. A bulb out is a traffic calming measure that extends into the parking lane to narrow the street and provide additional visibility at key locations. The new (temporary) bulb outs

were added along Main Street based on feedback from residents during the updating of the town's Master Plan, [Imagine Minturn](#) and the [2024 Minturn Community Survey](#). Residents living on side streets had trouble seeing around parked cars when turning onto Main Street, so many requested increased visibility.

When the town announced the safety improvements via emails, the town website, the monthly newsletter and spring door hangers, residents asked for an extra intersection to be added. You can find the bulb outs plan on the [town's website](#).

[The bulb outs you see now](#) look different from the Imagine Minturn designs because of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) requirements. Main Street is a US HWY, and regulated by CDOT, so the town had to follow their regulations, leading to longer bulb outs than originally planned.

In 2018, due to space constraints, the Town Council had to choose between a parking lane or a bike lane for the new sidewalks project, and the Council opted for parking. The Council understands the need for parking. The temporary bulb outs are a way to test how they impact Main Street traffic speeds, visibility and parking without committing to the concept. Like most small communities, the Council is looking for a balance and now is still a great time to provide your comments.

**Bulb outs will be discussed at the Town Council meeting on Tuesday, September 3rd. Again, the Council values feedback from businesses and residents, so please send comments to [council@minturn.org](mailto:council@minturn.org) or attend the meeting in person.**

For questions you can call me at 970-445-2418. Thanks for being engaged community members. Minturn looks forward to continuing this discussion and finding what works best for the community.

Michelle Metteer  
Town Manager

## Questions?

For questions, please contact Town Manager Michelle Metteer at 970-445-2418, or via email at [manager@minturn.org](mailto:manager@minturn.org)



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