

To: Minturn Town Council  
From: Michelle Metteer  
Date: October 2, 2024  
RE: Town Manager Update

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### **Bellm Bridge Feasibility Study & Grant Opportunity**

**9/18/2024:** Jeff Spanel, Inter-Mountain Engineering and I met with SEH Engineering who is conducting the Bellm Bridge Feasibility Study as well as Sarah Marin, with Sustainable Strategies who is tasked with Minturn's grant application for any bridge repairs. The group reviewed the current progress of the Feasibility Study along with the timeline for the CDOT Bridge grant application.

The above group has tentatively scheduled to bring this matter before the Council at the October 2, 2024, meeting for consideration of either a repair or replacement of the bridge. The grant application process is highly competitive and the costs for either repair or replacement will be extensive – meaning, at this point, Minturn will not be able to conduct the infrastructure improvements without a loan or a grant.

**10/2/2024:** SHE Engineers are not yet prepared to bring materials forward for discussion. The Town is hopeful these materials will be available by the October 16, 2024, Council meeting as the grant application is due by November 1, 2024. More to come.

### **HWY 24/Main Street Phase II Sidewalk Project Update**

CDOT engineers continue to add additional scope and material requirements to the project, further limiting the amount of sidewalk that can be installed with the limited funds available. Both Inter-Mountain Engineering and Stolfus Engineering will continue to work with CDOT representatives toward finding ways to thoughtfully address ongoing concerns while being a efficient and fiduciarly responsible with the public funds available.

### **Tank #2 (Steel Bolted Tank) Lining Project**

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has updated their tank permitting requirements. Jarod Limke with HDR, Inc. is now reviewing how these permitting updates impact the Town's ability to rehabilitate tank #2. A memo from HDR, Inc with an analysis of these impacts is forthcoming.

### **Public Utilities Commission (PUC) – Railroad Ave Pedestrian Improvements Application**

The application for installing a sidewalk over the rail line at Railroad Ave and Taylor St has been submitted to the PUC. Once approved, the Town can move forward with the pedestrian safety improvements awarded through the CDOT Revitalization grant, however this may not begin until the spring of 2025.

### **Membrane Water treatment Plant Funding Analysis**

I have begun the final analysis of all remaining funding opportunities toward the construction of a new membrane water treatment plant (WTP). Efforts underway include the consideration of the value a sale of the Highlands Parcels 1 & 2 for the purpose of a conservation easement would create financially for the Town. This work is being considered/analyzed by the Eagle Valley Land Trust and further discussions surrounding this option will be vetted with findings coming to Council by December.

An additional review of all potential grant applications is forthcoming with a detailed memo by Sustainable Strategies, Minturn's contracted grant writing and lobbying firm. This memo will also be provided to the Town Council for review.

**Minturn Market**

Staff continues to review the validity and value of the Minturn Market. There are extensive benefits that come with the annual summertime event, however the cost to the Market Fund remains uncertain and the bandwidth required of staff can stretch thin. Vendor recruitment remains a challenge, and much is dependent on acquiring sponsorships. We will keep the Council apprised of progress for the 2025 summer season.