

To: Minturn Town Council
From: Michelle Metteer
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RE: Town Manager Update



Bellm Bridge Planning Grant

The Special Highway Committee has awarded Minturn \$297,823 for the design costs to begin the replacement of Bellm Bridge (award letter included). This is very exciting news! Minturn will now get underway on finalizing the review of a potential bridge replacement, including the review of the Dolores Bridge. Inter-Mountain Engineering has started evaluating the use of the Dolores bridge as a replacement option and although the length of the bridge is longer than the current span (map included), there may be options for a new bridge location if all parties are interested in evaluating such an option. Special thanks to Sustainable Strategies, SEH and Jeff Spanel for their work in submitting the grant application.

Taylor Street Paving Open House

The Open House for the Taylor Street repair and repaving project occurred on the evening of January 9th at Minturn town hall. Taylor Street residents attended and provided feedback on ways to improve drainage, slow traffic through the addition of dips in the road and other considerations. Jeff Spanel will now be compiling the feedback received and will provide an analysis to the Town Council prior to creating an RFP for construction services.

Eagle County Sheriff's Office

I met with Sheriff Van Beek, Undersheriff Loya and Seargent Mosness on Thursday, Jan 9th to review Minturn's current services. As always, the ECSO is a pleasure to have as a partner and willing to look for ways to ensure Minturn is receiving a value for services. With Deputy Peterson's resignation, there will be a rotation in ECSO Deputies servicing the Town moving forward. The goal remains community policing and education wherever possible. The Sheriff extended an offer to attend an upcoming Town Council meeting to provide additional updates.

Municipal Traffic Code (2024 Update)

Minturn staff will be working with Mike Sawyer and the ECSO toward adopting the 2024 Municipal Traffic Code (MTC). As a reminder, the hands-free legislation has gone into effect as of January 1, 2025, and it is therefore now against the law to have your phone in your hands while driving.

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.