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Mayor Dan Shore
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I want to thank Town Council and Mayor Shore for listening to and addressing the issues of how the F Street closure effected the ambulatory challenged and handicapped members of our community.

In deciding to create a F Street parking committee with all the stakeholders represented is a huge step forward wherein a full evaluation of viable options can be thoroughly explored.

Notably, as of 2023, 23.7% of the population, in Salida, was 65 or older. As of the end of 2022 the Veteran population for Chaffee County is almost 10%. I wish we had numbers on how many of our community members are ambulatory challenged, however in lieu of that I can tell you, I alone, represent over 30 members of the ambulatory challenged local population.

By ambulatory challenged, I am referring to a vast array of handicaps. Such as people who use canes or walkers including those with invisible disabilities for whom every footstep shoots pain. As well as people who have to use wheelchairs.

My clients and I are thrilled to be part of finding a solution moving forward.

Sincerely,
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