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RE: Support for the Town of Avon's Main Street Revitalization grant application

Dear Main Street Revitalization Selection Committee,

Eagle County supports the Town of Avon's Main Street Revitalization grant application to improve pedestrian crossings. The proposed project would fund preliminary engineering, design, and construction of a roundabout at Stonebridge Drive and US Highway 6, as well as 2 to 3 mid-block crossings along a corridor with significant bike and pedestrian activity. These improvements will enhance safety for pedestrians and transit users in an area of significant need. Eagle County is prepared to allocate \$200,000 towards the local match for Avon's application.

The Main Street Revitalization program for Avon supports Eagle County's mission of creating a better Eagle County for all and the Eagle County Regional Transportation Authority's (ECO Transit) goals of providing safe access to transit stations by improving first and last mile connections. ECO Transit's 2019 First/Last Mile Strategy study noted poor bicycle and pedestrian connectivity and safety issues along State Highway 6. This project has the potential to significantly improve pedestrian safety for ECO Transit bus stops along the Highway 6 corridor by slowing prevailing traffic speeds and installing multiple mid-block crossings. Safety improvements in this area will help make public transit a more viable option, particularly for vulnerable users.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to the safety and improvement of our multi-modal transportation system in Eagle County.

Sincerely,

Matt Scherr
Chair

Jeanne McQueeney
Commissioner

Kathy Chandler-Henry
Commissioner