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

Dear Main Street Revitalization Selection Committee,

Eagle County supports the Town of Minturn's Main Street Revitalization grant application. Minturn's project will significantly improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety and connectivity along State Highway 24 (Main Street) in the Town of Minturn. The project will add shared-use pedestrian and bicycle sidewalks where none currently exist, along the south side of town. These long-needed improvements will enhance safety and make walking and biking a more viable option for students to get to school, residents to get around town, and visitors enjoying this National Scenic Byway route.

The Main Street Revitalization program aligns with the interests of Minturn residents as expressed in the 2019 Minturn Community Survey. When asked to identify the most important projects for the town moving forward, 69% of survey respondents identified the continuation of sidewalks as their top priority. This was the highest response rate for any category of improvement.

The Main Street Revitalization program for Minturn also 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 along State Highway 24 in Minturn and identified the need for connections to both ECO Transit stops and the Eagle Valley Trail in this area. Among the ten highest priority stops identified for improvement in that study, two were located along the State Highway 24 corridor in Minturn. Improvements in this area will help make transit a more attractive option and support local economic development.

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