BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES

MONDAY, September 22nd, 2025, at 7:00 PM
BOARD MEMBERS & MAYOR MEET IN PERSON AT TOWN HALL

I. **Call To Order:** Meeting called to order at 705pm by Mayor Lee Berenato.

II. **Roll Call:**
In Person: Board Members Lee Berenato, Martin Gitlin, Randall McDonald, Michael Frey, Tammy Frey, Mark Basham, Bryon Monseu, Town Clerk Chelsea Nihiser. Public Comment: Michael Winchell. Speakers on Agenda Item A: Lisa Rae, Sherri Wilson, Pete Mackelvie, Katherine Flecksing, Kazia Hart, Jose Acevedo, Nile McGlauchlin, Jessica Ballad-Culp. See Exhibit A for sign-in list of additional guests.
Via Zoom: Jessica Myklebust, CDOT Region 1 Transportation Director and Kayla Chenery, CDOT Property Management Program Architect

III. **Motion to Approve Agenda:** T. Frey motioned to approve the agenda. R. McDonald seconded motion. Motion passes with all in favor.

IV. **Bills for Approval:** T. Frey motioned to approve the bills as presented. R. McDonald seconded motion. Motion passes with all in favor.

V. **Approval of Minutes:** September 8th, 2025: ** No motion taken. Minutes from September 8th, 2025, will be up for approval during the October 13th, 2025, meeting. **

VI. **Public Comment:** Mike Winchell, owner of 510 Main Street, Silver Plume, CO, property formerly known as the Plume Saloon, now known as the Plume Saloon Apartments, joins the Board. Mike informs the Board of Trustees that he is experiencing an issue with an adjoining property owner that he feels the Board should act against. His neighbor owns a lot that is currently vacant, without any buildings or structures. This neighbor is listing the lot on a subscription service, BoonDockers, which allows travelers in RV's and Vans to use the lot for overnight parking and camping. Mike does not know more about the subscription-based service as he has not paid the $80 subscription fee, but he has concerns about having strangers staying in his backyard. He states there is no supervision on site, no one to ensure cleanliness or hygiene. Mike has investigated zoning regulations, and states zoning use restricts property uses, and a campground is not listed as an approved zoning use. He would like to formally ask the Town to assist with mitigating this issue. L. Berenato clarifies if the campers are accessing the lot in question by traveling across Mike's property, and Mike confirms they are. He states they can access the lot via Hancock Street as well. Mike can fence off his lot, but this will not prevent access to the lot from Hancock Street. L. Berenato agrees that this is a Zoning Violation. L. Berenato informs Mike Winchell that his request will be recorded in the Public Minutes and will be an Action Item for the Board to discuss during their next meeting. In the interim, Mike will pull easement information from the County Offices and will provide to the Board for their next discussion.

VII. **Administrative Items:**

a. **Mayor Report**

b. Town Clerk Update

VIII. New Business / Action Items

a. CDOT Proposal for Public Restroom Facility- Guest Kayla Chenery:

Jessica Myklebust, CDOT Region 1 Transportation Director, Shawn Smith, CDOT Operations and Maintenance, and Kayla Chenery, CDOT Property Management Program Architect, join the Board of Trustees with a proposal to place a CDOT Restroom facility within Silver Plume Town limits. ****Please refer to Exhibit A for slides from presentation and additional written public comment submitted***** Kayla Chenery begins presentation by introducing CDOT members and beginning the visual slideshow presentation. She states that Restrooms along I-70 are a challenging issue. No decisions have been made by CDOJT, although there is a definite need for additional restroom facilities. There are challenges surrounding the topic that need to be discussed, such as growing populations and increasing traffic, with decreasing restrooms along the I-70 corridor. CDOT spends a lot of money on Clear Creek and values the safety of the county's water quality. A few years back, in 2020, Jessica Myklebust was contacted by Clear Creek County representative Amy Saxon, who requested Jessica's help with the issue of restrooms. Jessica and Amy spent the afternoon driving around the county, talking about human generated waste. Amy requested assistance to solve this problem. CDOT's presentation tonight is the culmination of that discussion and Jessica's effort. Average Daily Traffic near the Eisenhower Tunnel is 32,000 vehicles, CMV's accounting for 8% of those vehicles, which is statistically significant. Georgetown's Visitor Center offers excellent amenities but is not open 24/7 and is not accessible to CMV's. Additional restroom facilities along the I-70 Corridor through Clear Creek County include Hurman's Gulch and the Clear Creek County Greenway Trailhead. Prior to 9/11 folks could also use the restrooms at the Eisenhower Tunnel. Now, this tunnel is treated as a secure national safety site, and due to this concern, those restrooms have been since closed to the public. In the recent past, Green Solution also offered public restrooms, and that facility has since closed. CDOT has received regular emails from Congressional members, county residents, and the US Forest Service. CMV's have requested reliable restroom facilities along the corridor. So Jessica went on a journey to find funding. She found Secure Freight Funds, and One Million dollars was allocated for site evaluations, corridor analysis, concept evaluation and site evaluation. She learned about different types of toilets: Vault, Pit, Port-a-let. CDOT feels there is potential opportunity in Silver Plume, and states that community effort is needed. Currently, statewide, there is not adequate CDOT Restroom Facility Inventory. CDOT has a site plan in place between Georgetown and the Eisenhower Tunnel. There is a State-owned lot in Silver Plume on Water Street that is the proposed location of this restroom facility, located in between the existing exits of I-70. This location is outside of the business district, and CDOT feels that the Town will not experience people coming further into Town limits to find additional restroom facilities. This facility could accommodate CMVs, and singular direction traffic in and out. There are Water and Sewer Mains that run along Water Street, so CDOT would look to hook up to water and sewer service through the Town of Silver Plume and install flushing toilets. CDOT expresses intention to work with the Town of Silver Plume on design of the facility and use of utilities. CDOT presents potential benefits to the Town such as relief of waste from the highway,

directed bathroom traffic, and free public restrooms. Further discussion of delegation of responsibility will need to be had, such as who will be responsible for maintenance, security, and parking enforcement. A prospective timeline is presented, with design approvals beginning October 2025, a contract signed by November 2025, and final completion November of 2026. CDOT reports it will take them 2 weeks to put up the building once the material is delivered. L. Berenato begins Board discussion by stating that there is no sewer plant in Silver Plume, we contract with the Town of Georgetown for Wastewater Treatment and therefore they would need to be a part of the discussion as well. It is noted that Kazia Hart, Assistant Administrator of Georgetown is attending this evening as well. M. Basham states he has concerns regarding access. Vehicles exiting the proposed facility will be impacted by Traffic along Water Street, so M. Basham inquires why CDOT has not designed this facility with direct access to the I-70 on ramp. Kayla with CDOT responds by stating that CDOT's standard operating procedures avoid using direct access to an on-ramp, and so that idea would have to go through a team of engineers to get approval for direct access to the on-ramp. M. Gitlin states he was part of the team that built the Eisenhower-Johnson Memorial Tunnels (EJMT), and so he has unique insight into the operations of CDOT. M. Gitlin's initial impression is that he feels it is an arrogant assumption to place this facility in the Town of Silver Plume, and this location specifically. M. Gitlin states he feels that CDOT and the Town need to back up and inquire if the citizens of this Town want or need this in their community. There are already issues and safety concerns with the intersection of Woodward Ave and Water Street, and this facility will only exacerbate those concerns. To present a timeline seems premature, unless CDOT has already decided to move forward with the project, regardless of what input they receive this evening. M. Gitlin informs CDOT that there is not any law enforcement on the Town level, only support provided by the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office and the Colorado State Patrol, which are both overburdened as it currently stands. A 24/7 facility will also exacerbate the issue of excessive speeding along Water Street. Historically, CDOT has not responded to any of the requests the Town of Silver Plume has made to mitigate speeding along Water Street, or to relocate the stop sign on East Water Street 20 feet. Having this facility cater to CMV's cannot alleviate these issues, only make them worse. M. Gitlin informs CDOT that there is a school bus stop also at the intersection of Woodward and Water Street. M. Gitlin states his biggest concerns are the fact that a timeline is already in place, and the fact that CDOT is catering to the traffic on I-70, and not to the Town of Silver Plume. He feels that CDOT will move forward with this project regardless of what the Town wants. The general assumption is that CDOT will place the facility no matter what. CDOT states that relocation of the proposed facility is not a foregone conclusion, this is only a preliminary discussion. Jessica with CDOT states that although this location may be their first choice of a site, it may end up not being the right site choice. Lisa Rae begins the public comment by stating that she can not picture more than 2 semi's fitting in the lot in question at the same time. Taking the building already existing in the lot into consideration, as well as the new facility, she does not think there is enough room to handle 24/7 CMV access. CDOT responds by confirming that their measurements will allow access for 2 semi's and 5-8 passenger vehicles at the same time. Lisa Rae follows up by stating that she feels that a facility of that size will not solve any

problems but will only lead to a worse problem of lined up semi-trucks on Plume Hill, waiting to use the restrooms. Sherrie Wilson provides public comment, stating she is a 20-year resident of the Town of Silver Plume, and owns a house on Water Street. She has served as witness to the East Bound I-70 traffic backup issues for a long time. She inquires if there is a reason why the EJMT cannot be provided for CMV only restroom users? CMV drivers are more easily identified and tracked, which could alleviate some of the safety concerns that opening the restrooms to the public might introduce. Sherrie Wilson also suggests placing the proposed restroom facility at the Bakerville Exit instead, and closing the Frontage Road to East Bound I-70 traffic. She suggests using Pheonix Composting Toilets as used on Berthoud Pass or Clivus Multrum Composting Toilets as an alternative to needing water and sewer access. Another alternative would be to use incinerating toilets at that facility, as people littering in the toilet pit may pose issues with composting toilets. Pete Mackelvie speaks next on behalf of the public and states he lives on the frontage road between Silver Plume and Bakerville. He would like to know if CDOT has done research on placing Porta-potties at the Bakerville exit during the summertime? He would also like to suggest the use of the bathrooms at the EJMT, and the use of the Loveland Ski Area Restroom Facilities. CDOT responds by stating they cannot open the restrooms at the EJMT to either CMV's only, or to any type of public access, as they have classified the EJMT as a high security facility and only allow authorized personnel. Additionally, that restroom facility at the EJMT is almost 50 years old and cannot handle the amount of use it would see if opened to the public. There are safety concerns and parking concerns with this idea. CDOT also states that porta-potties are unpleasant at best and can be pushed over which is also very unpleasant. They also need year-round access to be serviced, cleaned, and emptied. CDOT is looking for a more permanent position than porta-potties but will evaluate the frontage road at Bakerville as an alternate site location. The use of Loveland Ski Area facilities may be an interesting summer option that CDOT will investigate. CDOT states they are committed to being good teammates with the Town of Silver Plume, and no conclusions have been made regarding the location of the proposed restroom facility. R. McDonald states that he feels there has been a lack of research done. If everyone is on the same page, and is trying to find the same solution, then it should be apparent that East Bound Traffic will block Water Street, and no one will be able to access the proposed site. R. McDonald is adamantly opposed; he is concerned about the ability to treat sewage. The Town of Georgetown is currently doing a water study that is preliminarily showing that their water capacity is being reached, which will affect the Town of Silver Plume's sewer taps. Katherine Flecksing provides the next public comment, stating that she has been a resident of the County for over 40 years, and has cleaned public restrooms within the County for just as long. She states this facility will become an incredible criminal attraction to the whole County. Katherine states the concept of having a restroom facility here is threatening. Kids load on and off the school bus on that same intersection, this location will serve as a place for registered sex offenders to come in and out of the County, and CDOT will be handing our kids right over to them. Katherine is a landlord owning and renting lodging in Silver Plume and has not been able to find male tenants that can pass a background check. She states this facility will only make the criminals come. B. Monseu thanks CDOT for starting the dialogue and initiating the conversation to try and address the

issue. He states that how the solution will look two years from now may not be the same as how it looks now, from the starting point. Jose Acevedo joins and submits public comment. He states logistically speaking, Georgetown cannot handle the increase in sewer flow. The Town already has issues with semi's pulling off of the highway and blocking residential streets as they have no where else to go or park. Just last week Mountain Street was blocked at 3am by a semi and Jose's daughter could not go to work. This issue will only get worse if CDOT invites them into the Town. The porta-potty that the Georgetown Loop Railroad has placed for their patrons in their parking lot is constantly overflowing with trash and waste, and it is a private porta-potty for business use, not intended for public use and folks are using Water Street as a restroom. There is indeed an issue, but this proposed facility is not the answer. Every CDL holder knows what they should be doing when planning routes and bathroom breaks. Additionally, Silver Plume would become a chain station in addition to having a restroom facility, there would be semis lined up Water Street during the winter months. Violence from road rage incidents would bring danger to the Town and its residents. This restroom facility needs to go further up valley. Silver Valley Frontage Road and its intersections are not maintained adequately by CDOT as is, therefore, there is not much hope to think this facility would be maintained any better. Also, you cannot run as much weight as the constant CMV travel would provide on the road without constant damage being incurred. The CMV's will ruin the road, the pavement will move and roll, all local businesses will be affected. The contamination of Clear Creek will increase due to the CMV use of Water Street. Jose states that is this is about CMV drivers, then CDOT should add and additional chain/weight station at the EJMT. Increase in violence, vandalism, theft, with NO law enforcement in Town does not make sense. Jose would support CDOT going to Loveland and offering to pay for updates to their sewer system to accommodate the increase in use. The section of Town proposed for the facility gets minimal to zero sunlight in the winter months, ice and snow removal will also present major issues. All of these reasons, in addition to the fact there is a school bus stop right there make this presentation unacceptable. T. Frey states the most important issue for her is the high speeds of East Bound traffic along Water Street. Vehicles fly down this stretch of road and through the stop signs at the intersection with total disregard for the locals that live along the road. The Town has requested assistance from CDOT to help solve these issues, with no assistance given. This restroom facility will only make these issues worse, not better. Kazia Hart, Assistant Administrator to the Town of Georgetown speaks, and states that although the Town of Georgetown is just now learning of this issue and therefore will not be providing an official statement, cursory feedback is that it makes little sense to place a restroom facility 3 miles up the road from the Georgetown Visitor Center. L. Berenato states that the Town agrees there is an issue but feels that this may not be the best location. L. Berenato requests that CDOT contact Town Clerk Chelsea with their next steps. L. Berenato then addresses the assembled public, and states that the Board of Trustees is opposed to CDOT's proposal but is on board with finding a solution to the problem with CDOT. Nile McGlauchlin states that there are four chain up stations accommodating East and West Bound lanes already in place along the I-70 corridor within Clear Creek County and suggests placing porta-potties in all four to allow CMV's and passenger vehicles the option to use the restroom without leaving the highway at all. R.

McDonald asks for additional ideas on solutions. He states the negatives are clear, but solutions are not clear and are what is needed. R. McDonald requests that people submit their ideas in writing to the Town Clerk. Just as significant as the negative implications, the solutions need to be shared as well. Jess Ballard-Culp shares public comment by agreeing with the idea of using Loveland Ski Area in some capacity. The problem is the number of miles between Silverthorne and Georgetown, there are more centralized locations than Silver Plume, and there is more to consider than just placing restrooms somewhere. Jose states that another option could be incinerating toilets which have minimal impact and viable options as they run on solar and require no water.

b. Land Acquisition Update (Cindy Neely):

M. Basham motions to approve L. Berenato to sign the Authorization Form for the SHF Planning Grant. M. Gitlin seconds motion, motion passes with all in favor. Town Clerk reports that the Town received $50,000 from the Gates Family Foundation Grant this week. The Town has received $570,000 in Total pledges and donations thus far. We will learn if we have received the $300,000 GOCO grant in December, and if awarded, the Town will be within $5,000 of the contract sale price.

c. Review of Draft Letter of Support for CCC Recreation Department 2026 CPW Stewardship Grant (Lee Berenato):

Town Clerk reports to the Board that the CCC Recreation Department annually applies for a maintenance grant with CPW, and the Town historically writes the County a letter of support. This year the Recreation Department is applying for a stewardship grant as opposed to a maintenance grant, but otherwise the verbiage of the letter of support is the same as it has been in years past. T. Frey motions to approve supporting the CCC Recreation Department, and the draft letter of support for the CCC Recreation Department 2026 CPW Stewardship Grant. M. Frey seconds motion. Motion passes with all in favor.

d. Review of Resolution 2025-02; A Resolution Addressing Signing Authority (Lee Berenato):

L. Berenato shares that it has come to the Town's attention that there is no Ordinance or Resolution that grants signing authority to specific offices on behalf of the Town of Silver Plume. Resolution 2025-02 has been drafted to rectify this issue. Resolution 2025-02 grants signing authority on important documents to either the offices of Mayor, Mayor-Pro-Tem, or Town Clerk, with prior approval by majority vote by the Board at large. R. McDonald motions to adopt Resolution 2025-02. M. Frey seconds the motion, motion passes with all in favor.

e. Parking Issues and Towing Enforcement (Lee Berenato):

L. Berenato shares with the Board that the Town has been experiencing problems with parking illegally in Town: within Fire Lanes, on Roadways, and blocking Roadways. R. McDonald will place new signage on Woodward and Mountain Street for Fire Lane issues. Fire Hydrant on Silver and Main Street also needs signage. L. Berenato and R. McDonald will drive around and discuss issues with specific residents. Then we will begin by contracting Milos Speed Shop for Towing services. L. Berenato states that Chris Frey, owner/operator of Milos Speed Shop, has a radar sign that he would like to offer to sell to the Town. It needs two deep cycle marine batteries installed but otherwise it should work fine. Cost of materials

and labor was quoted to be $900. The sign is intended to be placed on Water Street. M. Gitlin motions to approve purchase of radar sign, cost not to exceed $900. T. Frey seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Public Hearing of the Silver Plume Liquor License Authority:

L. Berenato shares that the Methodist Church finally gets a new roof next week. Tim McDonough will provide the Town with a cost estimate for resealing the flat roof on the Museum as well. ADA Ramp at the Methodist Church will be placed prior to October 28th, when PFSP have their Soup Night Event scheduled. The ramp will go to the left of the door of the Church.

a. People for Silver Plume Special Event Liquor License Application Review (Lee Berenato):

At 827pm M. Gitlin motions to adjourn as the Silver Plume Board of Trustees and to reconvene as the Silver Plume Liquor License Authority. T. Frey seconds the motion. L. Berenato informs the Liquor License Authority that the Town has received an application from their sister organization, People for Silver Plume, to host PFSP's annual Soup Night at the Methodist Church. PFSP would like to serve beer and wine at the event. The event will be set up similarly to past years events, with liquor being stored in the same location as prior years. M. Gitlin motions to approve the Special Event Liquor License for PFSP's annual Soup Night. T. Frey seconds motion. Motion passes unanimously. At 829pm, M. Gitlin motions to adjourn as the Local Licensing Authority and reconvenes as the Silver Plume Board of Trustees. T. Frey seconds motion, motion passes with all in favor.

X. Updates:

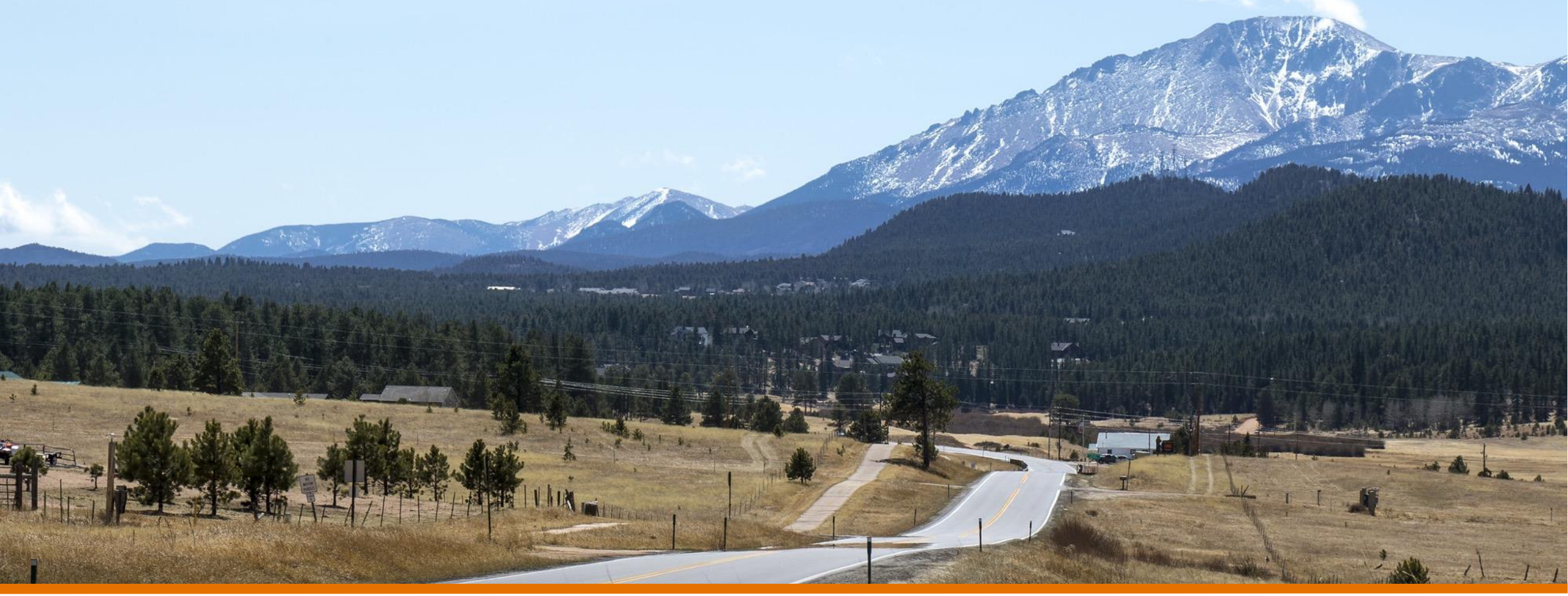
a. **Road and Bridge Committee:** N/A
b. **Budget Committee:** L. Berenato reports that the 2026 Budget is in good shape, waiting on some 2026 base numbers from a few vendors, will schedule a Budget Meeting once those numbers are received.
c. **Personnel Management Committee:** N/A
d. **Cemetery Committee:** Cemetery Committee is meeting on October 5th at 10am to plot out and measure Cemetery sections. Volunteers needed.
e. **Short Term Rental Committee:** N/A
f. **Silver Plume Mountain Park Commission :** N/A
g. **Miscellaneous Updates:**
    - R. McDonald spoke with Austin regarding the Caboose Restoration Project. Austin is looking to move the Caboose to the Railroad Museum by the end of the month. It cannot be drug across Town any longer, now it will need to be picked up and moved. R. McDonald will contact Milos Speed Shop to Tow to Railroad Museum. The Town shop will then be clear for Town owned vehicle storage.
    - HDPLC is finalizing the name change of the Notch Trail to the Frank Young Trail. They are requesting a letter of support of the name change and future change in signage. M. Basham motions to approve the Town Clerk to draft a letter of support of the Frank Young Trail, and to approve L. Berenato to sign the letter of support once drafted. T. Frey

seconds the motion. Motion passes with all in favor.

- M. Gitlin states that his neighbor, Andy Ulrich, thanks the Town for their participation of fire mitigation on the Methodist Church lot. Trees need to be removed from Dinger Park as part of fire mitigation as well. Mickey Frey volunteers to remove the dead trees from Dinger Park. T. Frey motions to approve M. Frey to remove the dead trees from Dinger Park. R. McDonald seconds the motion. Motion passes with all in favor.

XI. Adjournment:

At 836, M. Gitlin motions to adjourn the meeting. T. Frey seconded the motion. Motion passes with all in favor.



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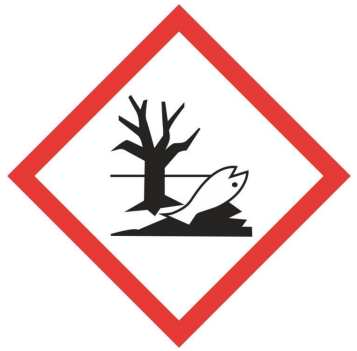
I-70 Restrooms at Silver Plume Proposal

Problem Statement

Growing populations and increasing traffic volumes combined with a lack of public facilities along the I-70 Corridor in Clear Creek County has led to an increased production of unmanaged human generated waste along the highway system.

Areas along I-70 in Clear Creek County are environmentally sensitive and critical to the state of Colorado.

Environmental Hazard



Health Hazard

Traffic Hazard

Context of I-70 Corridor

Approximately 32,000 AADT near the EJMT and increases up to 70,000 vehicles as you approach C-470 with truck percentage at 8.7.

<u>Existing Facilities</u>

Georgetown Visitor Center - 440,000 approximate annual visitors. Restrooms available when facility open.

Herman Gulch - port a lets.

Clear Creek Greenway Trailhead - one facility with two toilets.

History of restroom facilities

LOSS OF PREVIOUS RESTROOM OPTIONS

Before 9/11/2001, there were public restrooms available at the Eisenhower/Johnson Memorial Tunnel.

Previous public restrooms at the corner of Woodward and Water St in Silver Plume are also now closed.

CONSTITUENT COMPLAINTS

Colorado congress members
US Forest Service
Corridor Counties
Corridor Towns and municipalities

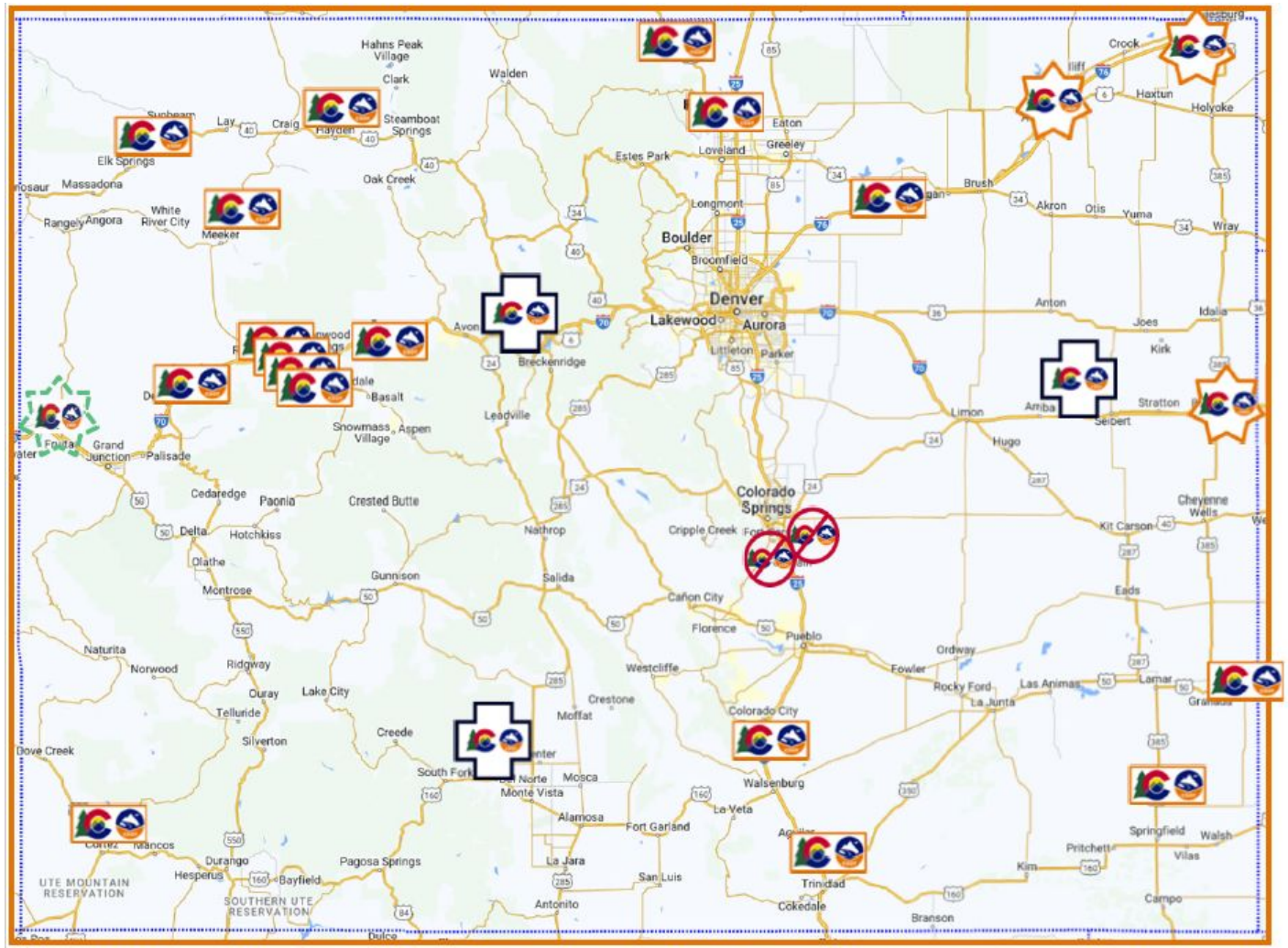
Proposal for facilities

Submitted request for Freight (FR8) funds and were awarded in FY 23.

$1 Million dollars were made available for corridor analysis, concept evaluation and site evaluation.

Evaluation of toilet types (e.g. vault, pit, port a lets etc.).

Current CDOT Rest Area Inventory



Open

Open - Welcome Center

Welcome Center - future closure for remodel

Closed - Replacement in Process

Closed - Under Construction

Proposed Silver Plume Site

ACCESS

- ➔ Site of existing node building on State Land
- ➔ On Water St., directly adjacent to westbound off ramp
- ➔ Vehicles do not need to go into town
- ➔ CMV Access
- ➔ Westbound entrance ramp immediately adjacent to exit from location
- ➔ Double entrance for pull in and outs

Integration with Silver Plume

INTEGRATION WITH TOWN

- Design approvals
- Programming
- Utilities - Water and Sewer
- Curb cuts

BENEFITS

- Relief of waste from highway and Silver Plume
- Directed bathroom traffic
- Free public restrooms

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Ongoing maintenance
- Site security
- Parking enforcement

Proposed Schedule

DESIGN

- ❑ Town approvals ..... Oct 2025
- ❑ Contracting with Design Team ..... Nov 2025
- ❑ 60% Document Review ..... Feb 2026
- ❑ Code Review ..... Mar 2026
- ❑ Project Advertisement ..... Apr 2026

CONSTRUCTION

- ❑ Bidding ..... Apr 2026
- ❑ Contracting ..... May 2026
- ❑ Notice to Proceed ..... Jun 2026
- ❑ Final Inspections ..... Oct 2026
- ❑ Substantial Completion ..... Nov 2026

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Thank you / Questions

- Jessica Myklebust – CDOT

Region 1 Transportation Director

- Kayla Chenery – CDOT

Property Management Program Architect

Town of Silver Plume
Board of Trustees Meeting
23 September 2025

RE: Reflections from resident and meeting attendee, Sarah K. Walen

First and foremost, thank you to the Town's Board of Trustees and representatives of CDOT for providing the residents of Silver Plume with the opportunity to hear about and comment on CDOT's preliminary conceptualization of a potential I70 rest stop in Town. The proposition of locating an admittedly needed rest stop along I70 at the Silver Plume location would clearly have many implications, most - if not all of which - I believe would be negative and/or unsolvable based on current circumstances. I fully support the Board in continuing to track on and actively engage in CDOT's well-meaning efforts.

I know the meeting was well documented and recorded, so the many questions and potential implications recognized by both Board members and members of the public are on record. I had many of the same questions and concerns when I arrived at the meeting and would have made many of the same comments. That said, and as requested by the Board, I will attempt to focus my limited additional comments and questions on ways to meet the need.

1. Establish whether and how CDOT's current effort to site a rest stop in this area fits into the longer-term plans for I70 improvements. Depending on the nature and timing of these improvements:
    a. Make sure the current CDOT resources align with these plans.
    b. Determine if it would make sense to delay acting in the near-term and instead integrate such improvements into the overall longer-term plans.
    c. Consider reallocating recent CDOT resources to accelerate and progress with the longer-term plans and the installation of longer-term rest stops.
    d. Determine whether short-term, less expensive rest-stop measures – both East and West bound – make better sense.
    e. As suggested by Lisa and Junior - research and identify temporary/portable toilets that are designed for year-round use in Colorado.
    f. As suggested by Nile - assess and potentially utilize existing truck stations on both West and East bound lanes for potential rest stops.
    g. If rest stations are to be utilized for the long-term, consider all factors (not just convenience, cost, presence and capacity of infrastructure – but also distance from other rest stops) when locating both West and East bound locations.
2. Install visible signage on I70 about the lack of restroom facilities.
3. Proceed with assessing the potential use of Loveland Ski area toilets for part of the year.

To: Town Board of Trustees for Silver Plume

From: Susan Ballard

Re: Truck Stop on Water Street in Silver Plume

Thank you for hosting the meeting with CDOT to discuss the possibility of putting a truck stop in our town. Here are some suggestions for alternative locations as we all agree there is a need for facilities for truck drivers on I 70. However, CDOT doesn't seem to be considering others on the highway. There is also a great need for all vehicles to have a proper facility. I think they need to think much bigger than they are currently thinking. They are not looking long term not really addressing the problems.

I grew up on the east coast with highways full of rest stops to meet the needs of everyone on the road. How about considering a facility to meet everyone's needs? There already are several chain-up areas between Georgetown and Summit County which have ingress and egress in both directions. Can they not be improved to accommodate bathrooms, etc.? If this is not a possibility, how about the Bakerville area which also already has reasonable ingress and egress in both directions, or what about joining up with Loveland Ski area to provide facilities? The infrastructure is already there and so is the ingress and egress both ways.

CDOT would have to consider an alternative to traditional toilets as there is a moratorium on new water taps and I cannot think that sewer is far behind. Several suggestions were made at the meeting with CDOT and I hope you have heard from the people who made them so that a variety of alternatives to traditional toilets can be given to CDOT.

Putting this stop gap truck stop in Silver Plume barely begins to address the I-70 issues and I am hopeful CDOT will consider taking a much broader look at the situation and the various possibilities for a better solution.

I appreciate what the Board is trying to do to make sure the current plan is not executed. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan Ballard

Concerned Silver Plume Citizen

P.S. Just so you know.... I was driving home from Georgetown this past Tuesday and a VERY large truck managed to get around the roundabout with no difficulty, although I don't think it's a good idea to put this inadequate facility down there either.

September 29, 2025

RE: Request for Written Comment
CDOT Proposal for Public Restroom Facility, Board of Trustees Meeting, September 22, 2025

Dear Silver Plume Mayor and Board of Trustees,

At the referenced meeting, we heard from representatives of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), regarding the proposed construction of a 24 hour rest area/restroom facility on CDOT controlled property off of Water Street.

This proposal is in response to the need of restroom facilities located somewhere between Silverthorne and Georgetown on the I-70 corridor, roughly a 23 mile distance between existing facilities. While I understand this is the easiest and cheapest option for CDOT, this proposal raises many serious concerns for our community, while taking CDOT's problem and making it Silver Plume's problem. I will outline my concerns prior to providing alternative solutions so as to demonstrate how other solutions more appropriately address the problem statement.

Concerns:

- Of the 14 rest areas listed on cotrip.org for the I-70 corridor, none are located within residential areas. The one located in Georgetown is the current closest to private residences. This location in Silver Plume poses safety, security, and access concerns for private residences located across the street, and in town.
- The proposed location is across the street from the school bus stop, which most of the kids walk to. They are also dropped off in the dark most of the school year posing a significant safety concern.
- Many of the homes in town are not occupied full time. Should something happen it could be months before it is known. It would be worse if something were to happen in an occupied home.
- This town has no police force and access to emergency and enforcement services is limited on this end of the county.
- The proposed location is two miles from the next rest area, not addressing the 21 mile problem from Silverthorne to Georgetown.
- The proposed site is small and does not take eastbound frontage road traffic congestion. (As exemplified in Georgetown this weekend where people could not leave their driveway due to extreme congestion)
- Our infrastructure, and that of the water plant in Georgetown cannot accommodate the new additions as currently built.
- The representative from CDOT cited old infrastructure, staging and truck queueing causing congestion, and winter time traffic concerns for reasons the Eisenhower/Johnson Tunnel is not an appropriate alternative. All of these facts are true at the proposed Silver Plume site as well.

- The town should not be burdened with maintenance, snow removal, cleaning, enforcement, or trash removal. These should all remain CDOT's responsibility if the project moves forward.

Proposed Alternatives:

- Work with Loveland Ski Area, who already has access and infrastructure for trucks and large amounts of personal vehicles to provide a solution. The location, roughly halfway between Silverthorne and Georgetown, with Eastbound and Westbound access currently in place, can address more of the problem statement before it really becomes a problem.
- Place incinerating or composting toilets (or Port-o-lets) in a more permanent structure at Bakerville, again addressing the problem before it really becomes a problem and providing protection from weather. Also provides easy access to Eastbound and Westbound traffic.
- Add facilities to the pull off/chain area located between Loveland Ski Area and Bakerville, where the site already has access, safety lights, and is not in a residential area.
- CDOT could invest in their own infrastructure and find a new solution at the Eisenhower/Johnson Tunnel. Rather than opening the old facilities due to safety concerns, existing land could be utilized to install new facilities (composting, incinerating, Port-o-lets, or permanent facilities.
- CDOT could purchase the former Green Solutions building and continue to operate the two public toilets located in the building.
- CDOT could lease the toilet facilities from the former Green Solutions building (regardless of owner), providing long term continuity and operations of the facilities.

Thank you for your attention to this serious matter.

Sincerely,

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