SILVER PLUME ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE WORK SESSION MINUTES

Saturday, October 24th, 2026, at 10:00 AM

COMMISSION MEMBERS MEET IN PERSON AT TOWN HALL

I. **Call To Order:** The meeting of the Road and Bridge Committee is called to order at 10:05am by Chairman Nile McGlauchlin

II. **Roll Call:** Marty Gitlin, Mac McDonald, Mickey Frey, Clerk Chelsea Nihiser, Nile McGlauchlin. Lee Berenato arrives at 10:45am

III. **Motion to Approve Agenda:** M. Gitlin motions to approve the agenda as presented, M. Frey seconds, motion passes with all in favor.

IV. **Public Comment:** N/A

V. **New Business / Action Items**

A. Review of Road Grader Equipment Purchase Request:

Nile McGlauchlin states that he has found a small road grader, a 1956 Alice Chalmers in very good condition. It is10 foot wide, has no back bucket, with tractor weights on the back, gasoline fueled. It has a cab with heat, but no AC. Being sold in Ft. Collins for $13,500. Mac motions to approve the Road and Bridge Committee present this to the Board of Trustees for discussion and final approval, M. Frey seconds the motion, motion passes with all in favor. Nile and Mickey will go look at the equipment on Sunday Oct 25th, and this ideal approval will be on the Board of Trustees agenda for the 26th. Mac states that this equipment is beginning to become obsolete, but as long as the equipment is in good shape and is maintained, this should not be an issue. Nile agrees, but feels that based on the information he currently has he is not concerned about maintenance being much of an issue.

B. Review and Discussion of GT Loop-TOSP Mountain Street Maintenance Agreement:

Nile and Chelsea have put together a maintenance plan for Mountain/Woodward/Railroad Avenue Intersection. Mac states he would recommend setting up a meeting with Mark Graybill to discuss the plan as a draft first and then take Marks feedback to develop a final version for signing. Mac anticipates some friction with Loop management, but possibly not with Mark, so it will be best to walk through with him and try our damndest to keep things friendly. Nile and Chelsea will meet with Mark at the Loop to do a walk thorough. Loop complaints are drainage running into their fuel areas, and the Town's main complaint is the Loop cutting the surface of TOSP Roads and moving material into the ditch. This plan would mitigate both of these issues. Mac is unsure what the Loop will do with the snow storage provisions in the plan. He suggests allowing the Loop to carry the snow across Mountain Street to the I-70 Barrow Ditch. Nile states that CDOT might have an issue with the Loop storing snow in the ditch, as this is where they store their snow. Mickey states that historically, the Loop has plowed into the first parking lot spaces on the south side of their parking lot and stored stacked snow there. Clerk will also chat with the attorney about these issues. This agreement will also hold the Town to maintenance as well, which the Clerk does not think that by doing so we will be signing up to do something we cannot succeed in. Mickey reports that the past couple of weeks the Town of Georgetown has been having issues with the Loop removing the Safety Ballards that prevent vehicles from driving on the bike

paths. The Loop does have an easement to use the Bike Path to bring equipment up, as does the Town of Georgetown and the Town of Silver Plume. Clerk admits she has not ever read this easement, but she assumes it is for very specific uses. Mickey learned that they are not removing the Ballards to bring heavy equipment up, however, they are bringing side-by-sides up the bike path to try and sell photos to the train passengers. Apparently they take peoples pictures as folks are loading onto the Train in Georgetown, then they print them off and send someone in a side-by-side up the bike path to board the train in Silver Plume and sell those photos on the way back down. Clerk states this does not seem like an appropriate use of the Bike Path easement, certainly if the Loop is not putting them back and people are driving their cars on the bike path as a result. She states there are a few ways the Loop could figure out how to make the photo sales work without putting people at risk. Mickey will fix the hinges back on to the Ballards and will replace them as a short-term measure. Mac motions to allow Mickey to fix the Ballard, M. Gitlin seconds the motion, motion passes with all in favor. Mickey also states that when he was discussing this issue with the Loop, their security officer brought up to Micky the parking issue the Town has been having with the Loop allowing folks to park along the No Parking signs. This officer told Mickey that West Mountain Street is a County owned Road, and so the Town could not do anything to enforce No Parking here. Clerk states that per the assessor's office West Mountain Street is a Town of Silver Plume owned Road, with CDOT I-70 Right of Way overlap. Mac states that the people operating that railroad don't necessarily know what the right and wrong things to do are. He feels that if Mark Graybill knew about the Ballards being removed from the Bike Path, or the No Parking Issue, that he would have corrected these actions already. The R&B committee feels that collaboration is the best way to move forward as opposed to mutually moving material around, Nile and Chelsea will start at the top with Mark and work the way down, discuss the plan that they have put together and try to see what comes from this issue. Lee asks to be included in the conversation with Mark, Nile, and Chelsea. Mac will provide Mark's contact info with the Clerk, and she, Nile, and Lee will get together with him to begin to hash this out.

C. 2026 Close Out of Projects, 2027 Goals and Priorities:

Nile reports that the electricity at the Town Shop is finished, he will be getting with Chad Miller to get the heaters going, then garage doors hopefully will be replaced this fall. There is road work to be done in the next few weeks prior to adverse weather. 2027 goals: Nile states that the "World is your oyster" to the R&B committee. Marty has a rock by the pump house, wants Nile to pull it out so that Marty can divert the water flow. Marty will also chat with Plume Saloon owner, will ask him not allow grass clippings to remain in the water, causing algae blooms. Mickey states Nile needs to take a look at the valve box for the shut off at the Green Solution, the entire box is at a 45-degree angle, this area is always wet, and Mickey can smell chlorine, he is concerned about a leak. Mickey chatted with John about a year ago, now the situation is worse. Clerk will contact John. Clerk shares that public feedback is always drainage on Mountain/Jefferson/Silver Street clerk reports. Mac asked if we could consider putting a correctly sized fourteen-inch Y shaped culvert at Paul and Mountain intersection. He suggests we go with a good quality culvert from Big R, spec culvert with 7 inch of coverage would be adequate for that area. Mac feels that the culvert worked really well, until it didn't. It was just too small for a long-term solution. Nile says that most of the driveways along Mountain Street abut to the Mountain Street drainage ditch, and the water erodes those driveways viscously. Jr. diverted the water in the middle of the street, which is not the

solution. Nile states that all those driveways really need culverts too, and suggests that the Town purchases the material, do the work, and then put the maintenance responsibilities of clearing out the culverts as needed on the property owners. Nile will build a water break on the high side of Mountain Street to funnel the drainage where we want, not into the Loop parking lot. Marty states that Hancock has some drainage issues. Nile states that once he has a grader he can cut and maintain ditches on both roads. Marty spoke with homeowner of home next to the museum, they will brace the aspen tree leaning over the road, so it does not fall onto Main Street. Parking is discussed; it is decided the lot at the bottom of Silver and Cherokee will be cleared and designated as official parking. Clerk will place a signage order for a Parking sign, Mickey suggests contacting Colorado Barricade, and Nile will move the Connex to the east end of Town. Mac states that cones are an issue, they are all around Town and Nile and Mac just pick them up. If the Town feels that these cones are really needed, we should remove cones and replace them with permanent signage or delineators. Mac also states we need to paint the Pipe Hydrant Yellow and place designated "No Parking, Fire Lane" signs 15 feet on both sides. Mickey raises another 2027 goal, which is to knock down the old water treatment plant and back fill that pit. Mickey needs to get cutting bits for the backhoe from Chris. Recycled asphalt received from Georgetown will go on Mountain Street and then will get capped with dirt, Nile will save some for the parking lot as well. Culverts also need to be placed on Silver Street in places to address the drainage issues there as well. Lee asks if these will just heave out, and Mac and Nile state that if they are laid in concrete and maintained appropriately that they can be successful. Clerk requests and is approved to get a quote for spray insulation/shockcrete for the inside wall of the Town Shop.

VI. **Adjournment:** At 11:14am M. Gitlin motioned for adjournment, M. Frey seconded, motion passes with all in favor

Respectfully Submitted

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Chelsea Nihiser, Silver Plume Town Clerk, 10.24.2026