



To: Mayor and Town Council  
From: Clint Kinney, Town Manager  
Date: June 6, 2025  
Re: Info Update

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#### LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE FUNDING

The Mayor and Town Staff will be traveling to Grand Junction next week to make a presentation to the Energy Impact Advisory Board on our \$1 million request for Energy Impact Grant funds. While this project is right up the alley of this funding source, with the State raiding these funds for its operations, this is expected to be a very competitive grant cycle with lots of other strong competition. On a different note, we received good news from Senator Hickenlooper's office and our request for Fiscal Year 2026 Congressionally Directed Spending. Hickenlooper agreed to support our request. While this is only the first step, and funding is not guaranteed it is further than we have ever got before with this type of request. Next, the Appropriations Committee will review submissions from Senate offices and decide what projects to include in the funding bills. Once the bills are released, Congress still has to approve these bills before any organization is selected for funding. So, we have a ways to go in our fundraising efforts, but at least we have a couple of solid paths to be on.

#### BIG TRANSIT NEWS!!

The Transportation Team (soft) launched the new micro transit service this past week. The three vans (two white, one black) still don't have decals adhered to them yet, but that is all coming. On the first day, the new micro service moved about 80 passengers. For being in the depths of off-season, that is pretty good. Use the App and get on the Van, Man. Or the fixed route service is still operating as well, so you can get on the bus, Gus; as well.

#### TID BITS

- At the Wood Bridge Road culvert, the contractor has completed the excavation and removed the existing culvert. The contractor placed new box culvert sections on Thursday and Friday.
- Due to weather earlier in the week the paving the paving on Brush Creek trail will be pushed until next week.
- A new bike lane and bus stop on Brush Creek Road at Donny White curve are almost done.
- Progress continues to be made on the Melton Ranch Trail project. It is planned to be paved by the end of June.
- Our pilot bilingual program is making great strides. It is proving very helpful with hiring, customer service, and helping to train new staff.

- We are continuing to plan the Villas North exterior renovation with RUDD Construction.
- The Summer event season has started. RAGNAR is underway. I can't wait to report next week that the TOSV team took first place! The Thursday Night Summer Concert season starts next week on June 12. The first rodeo is on June 18.
- The Planning Commission met this week to consider a process change that would move the development process for workforce housing projects to a Special Review Process from a PUD process. It's my understanding they are going to continue their review/ discussion on June 18. Also on the 18<sup>th</sup>, they are expected to continue their consideration of the revised lighting ordinance.
- We continue to make progress on the development of the Destination Management Plan. Tourism will be giving an update on the plan at a Tourism Talk (at the Collective) next Wednesday, at the Tourism Board on Thursday and to the Town Council on June 16.

CC: Department Directors