



Public Works Update

September 9, 2025

1. Budget proposals for the Road & Bridge, Solid Waste, Community Development, Building Services, Water and Wastewater Departments were prepared and presented to the City Manager and Finance Department.
2. Trash clean-up in the Ridgeview area along Highway 40 near Vallarta's was completed with seasonal help from the Road & Bridge Department.
3. The Public Works Director met with Billy Mack to evaluate the drainage channel through his property next to 1st Street and to assess the trash and debris. The trash has since been cleaned up by seasonal help from the Road & Bridge Department. A survey has been ordered to stake the boundary of the permanent drainage easement on the property. Staff will be submitting a capital project request for 2026 to implement a permanent solution.
4. Graffiti clean-up and coordination with other utility providers is ongoing. Since the last report graffiti has been removed on most city owned traffic control signs and park areas. Yampa Valley Electric has removed more, and Century Link has been contacted to remove graffiti from its utility cabinets along Finley Lane. It seems that just as graffiti is removed it gets tagged again (in some cases within 24 hours).
5. The contractor hired to install the new access control system at City Hall has been unresponsive for nearly two months, forcing staff to seek an alternative vendor to install new security cameras and a keyless entry system.
6. The Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) that regulates water system pressure from the North and South Glen Erie water tanks has been replaced. The replacement parts were delayed and consequently was the likely cause of multiple water main breaks in the area. All the breaks have been repaired and it appears the PRV is doing its job to reduce the water pressure and alleviate water main breaks.
7. Thanks to help from the Parks & Rec Department the raised flower beds on 6th Street and Yampa Avenue next to the museum will be saved. The beds are made from bricks and will eventually need to be removed or replaced but they still have several years of life. The community group who helps install the planting material has been notified and they are elated with the decision.
8. An application was submitted to CDOT for Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Option Funding (MMOF) for a Rail Station Area Plan which will evaluate locations and the feasibility and economic impacts of creating a passenger and freight rail station near the downtown area. If awarded the City will receive \$150,000 of state funding with no required local match. No other communities applied. An award will be announced later in the year.

9. A solution to flooding at the golf course is coming into focus but staff still does not have enough information to present a recommendation to City Council. Two alternatives have been under evaluation by the engineering consultants. It appears the preferred alternative will not be feasible due to impacts it would have on endangered aquatic life in the Yampa River.
10. Obtaining permission to enter approval from private landowners to investigate lead service pipes continues to be a challenge. The engineering firm working for Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) would like to move forward with finalizing the work this fall for those properties who have authorized entry.
11. The waterline replacement on Marianna Way and Circle Drive is on schedule for completion by early October albeit there have been some changed conditions that have resulted in some minor change order work. The project is still within the approved budget.
12. The waterline replacement near 10th & Washington streets is wrapping up. Anson Excavating has done a great job working through several changed conditions and will deliver the project on schedule and within the approved budget.
13. Emergency generator and MCC panel replacement work at the water and wastewater treatment facilities is going according to plan but has required staff to juggle operations while work is being conducted. The new generators were installed at each facility on September 4.
14. The sewer service at the wastewater treatment facility became plugged and required an emergency repair. This has caused inconvenience for staff during work shifts but thanks to Fones Construction the repairs were made as quickly as possible.
15. Recoating the north clarifier at the wastewater treatment plant is now complete and was finished on schedule and under budget.
16. Work has begun at the South Glen Erie water tank. The lead paint on the exterior of the tank has been abated using ultra high-pressure technology. The interior of the tank will be blasted next.
17. Staff has recommended to award the Road Master Plan work to MDS Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$29,050. If approved the field data collection work will be completed in October and the analysis and report will be provided by February.
18. Curb and gutter replacements around the city are now 80% complete and the rest will be finished in the month of September. One citizen praised the Road & Bridge staff and the city's contractor for doing a great job near their residence.
19. Road & Bridge is coordinating with the street striping company to schedule work for September. Other pavement markings such as stop bars and crosswalks are in progress.
20. Public Works assisted the City Manager and Finance Department to draft a new Purchasing and Procurement Policy that will be presented to Council at an upcoming meeting.
21. RWE Clean Energy has requested a two-year option extension to use the city owned property near Craig Station for a solar field. Staff are also working with Tri-State who would like to use a portion of the property to install monitoring wells.

22. The Tunatua RV Park project has been stalled due to utility issues that the Public Works team has been assisting the developer's construction team with. A revised private sewer service plan has been reviewed and approved and staff has requested a water model to confirm water service sizing for the project.
23. The Building Department completed 120 building inspections in the month of August. Forty-seven of those were in the county and seventy-three were in the city.
24. Following approval of the site plan for the Meadows Apartments project negotiations resumed with Colorado Outdoors to enter into a public improvement agreement.
25. Public Works participated in a kickoff meeting with the Antero Group for the Industrial Park project.
26. CDOT has modified the traffic signal at the Highway 40 & Highway 13A intersection. The north and south movements now occur in separate phases and turn arrows have been added to the signal heads. Soon CDOT will be installing new signal heads for the left turn movements in the east and westbound directions.
27. The Public Works Director attended webinars for the CDOT Off-System Bridge Grant program and the CDPHE State Revolving Fund loan program.