



Public Works Update

August 12, 2025

1. The CDOT traffic signal, sidewalk ramps, and crosswalk striping work at 9th Street and Yampa Avenue will be finished before school begins.
2. Danny Paul attended the quarterly Northwest Transportation Planning Region (NWTPR) meeting on July 10. Paul will replace Shane Baker on the committee as the staff representative. The Town of Hayden and Routt County were selected to receive Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Option Funding (MMOF) for transportation projects. CDOT will release another call for applications for MMOF funding. Applications are due by August 25. There is \$264,795 available and staff will present a project proposal to the council for consideration.
3. Most of the graffiti that has been observed around town has been removed. City staff and CDOT have worked to remove the spray paint from signs and utility boxes. Staff has contacted Yampa Valley Electric again to inquire about timeframe to remove graffiti from electric transformers.
4. Engineers are still working to evaluate the flooding that occurred at the golf course this spring and they are developing alternative mitigation solutions that will be flushed out and a preferred alternative will be presented to council at an upcoming meeting.
5. The Water Department continues its annual collaboration with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Colorado River Water Conservation District (CRWCD), Colorado Department of Natural Resources, and users of the Yampa River and its tributaries to manage releases from Elkhead Reservoir to increase water depth in the Yampa River and Elkhead Creek and to improve the aquatic habitat for several endangered fish species.
6. The Water Department is still trying to obtain permission to enter approval from property owners so that water services can be investigated for lead piping. Staff have been having a hard time obtaining permission from many owners which could delay completion of the work.
7. Work at the museum to replace the sanitary sewer service is nearly complete. Fones Construction finished trenching and backfill and reopened the alley behind the museum in time for a busy weekend.
8. The waterline replacement on Marianna Way and Circle Drive began the week of August 4. The project will be wrapped up by September 15. The work will require a closure of Mack Lane the week of August 11.
9. Emergency generator and MCC panel replacement work is underway at the water and wastewater treatment facilities. The project is progressing rapidly with multiple work areas occurring simultaneously.
10. Recoating the north clarifier at the wastewater treatment plant will be finished by the end of August.



11. A request for proposals has been advertised for the Road Master Plan which will seek to assess city street, sidewalks, and curb and gutter conditions and provide a recommended strategic plan for rehabilitation and associated costs. Proposals are due August 13 and will be reviewed by staff before a recommendation for the award is made to the council.
12. Staff have reviewed a request for vacating a portion of an alley near 455 E 7th Street in exchange for the owner granting a public easement along its front property line. Staff have completed their review of the request, and it will go to the Planning and Zoning Commission at its meeting on August 18 followed by City Council for consideration.
13. A revised site plan was submitted by the developer of the Meadows Apartments project. That plan will go to Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council at upcoming meetings.
14. The Colorado Energy Office has announced an Accelerator grant that makes funding available to communities to adopt new policy and implement a project related to building, land use, transportation, or solid waste. Communities are eligible to receive up to \$200k toward implementing a policy and up to \$1.8M for implementing a project related to the policy. Staff are evaluating candidates for application. The next round of applications deadline is in November.
15. The waterline replacement on 10th Street is progressing on schedule and under budget. A portion of the new waterline is in service, and street paving is approximately 60% complete. Two change orders have been issued due to a pipe material change and field modifications, but the project is still well within the appropriated budget.
16. The Water Department has been busy fixing watermain breaks in areas around the 10th Street watermain project. In some cases, breaks have occurred on the existing waterline that is getting replaced and in others the breaks are unrelated to the project. Notices have been issued when there have been disruptions to customer service.
17. Staff met with a developer who is interested in building a gas station near the intersection of Highways 13 and 40.
18. Shane Baker and Danny Paul attended CDOT's design scoping meeting for the SH 13B North resurfacing project. The project will include some sidewalk ramp replacement in town to upgrade for ADA compatibility and resurfacing SH 13B North. The project is not scheduled for construction until 2029.
19. Environmental work is ongoing for the South District waterline project (CDS-HUD funded). Field work has been completed, and an environmental assessment is being prepared.
20. Street chipseal was completed ahead of schedule on July 17. The following week sweeping crews worked early mornings to remove the chips.
21. Curb and gutter replacement around the city is more than 60% complete. Upcoming work areas include Taylor Street and will progress eastward toward Rose Street. A concrete valley pan was replaced and made wider on Taylor Street.



22. The gravel road of 3rd Street between Ranney and Taylor streets was paved with new asphalt.
23. Street striping will be completed toward the end of August or in early September. Crosswalk striping near the four schools will be completed before school begins.