



MEMORANDUM

P.O. Box 4100 ♦ FRISCO, COLORADO 80443

TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: JEFF GOBLE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
RE: GAP PROJECT ROUNDABOUT AND MEDIAN BEAUTIFICATION
DISCUSSION / DIRECTION.
DATE: OCTOBER 12, 2021

Summary and Background: CDOT began construction on phase 1 of the Gap project in 2020 which comprised of adding 1 through lane on each side of the roadway from Recreation Way to just west of Water Dance / County Commons where a new roundabout was added. Now in 2021, phase 2 construction is continuing on the project which will complete the addition of 1 through lane on each side, a new roundabout at 8th Avenue and intersection improvements at Main Street. The project is scheduled to be substantially completed by the end of October.

Analysis: With the completion of this project, there will be approximately 3,000 feet of center median area and two roundabouts that will basically be a blank canvas for the Town to beautify as it deems necessary and desired. The Town now has the opportunity to create a welcoming and aesthetically pleasing gateway entrance by determining what we would like to see in these new areas. In 2019, the Town commissioned Norris Designs to produce some conceptual designs for the area that included landscaping and hard surface features along with some artistic and lighting features as well. The Council at that time felt the project cost was too high (\$600,000 – \$2,000,000) and wanted to wait until the construction was finished to see what we actually ended up with as the conceptual design was based on 80% design plans from CDOT. The original concepts from 2019 are attached to this memo. Along with the 2019 conceptual plan, we have attached some photos of other roundabouts from communities along the I-70 corridor in order to possibly give Council some ideas to start with. Staff did reach out to the communities of Vail, Avon, Edwards and Eagle to get information on the costs of the pictured roundabouts but we only received a response from Avon by the time this memo was written. We will continue to try and gather that information and if we receive it we will report it to Council upon receipt.

Financial Impact: Based on Council's direction, this project is estimated to expend anywhere from \$500,000 to over \$1,000,000. These funds will be taken from the Capital Improvement Fund that has a preliminary budget of up to \$1,000,000 in the Gap Project line item.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Depending on what Council would like to see, this project could align with several of the sections of Strategic Plan.

Environmental Sustainability: The environmental sustainability of this project will be based on the concepts the Council settles on as the amount of landscaping desired will have an effect on this Council goal.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that Council discuss what they would like to see, with staff's assistance, and give direction to staff to bring back some conceptual designs based on the outcome of this discussion.

Approved By:

Tony O'Rourke, Town Manager
Bonnie Moinet, Finance Director

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – 2019 Norris Designs Concepts

Attachment 2 – Roundabouts on the I-70 Corridor.