

## Manager's Message

The Grand Avenue Sidewalk and Roadway Improvements Project will begin June 5th and is scheduled to be completed by August 4th. Mountain Constructors was awarded the contract to complete the improvements that will include new sidewalks on both sides of Grand Avenue and new asphalt from Highway 85 to Sterkel Blvd. A public meeting was held on May 17th at Town Hall to discuss the project but anyone with further questions can contact myself or David Brand, Public Works Director, as needed. A contract was also awarded to A-1 Chip Seal to complete street chip-sealing in all of Rodgers Farm and Old Homestead in late June or early July but several areas of asphalt patching needs to be completed before the chip-sealing begins. Other than normal street patching where needed throughout the community these are the two primary road improvement projects that are scheduled for this summer.

I've received calls and complaints about the poor condition of Main Street and Vasquez Blvd the past few months and the Mayor and I have met with CDOT officials recently to discuss these concerns. For over eight years I've tried to negotiate devolutions (ownership transfer) for Main Street and Vasquez Blvd but CDOT does not have the funds to complete the devolutions. The devolution process primarily involves a negotiation on what it will cost to complete long-term improvements (i.e., roadway, sidewalks, storm drainage, etc.) and then CDOT either completes those improvements or gives the funding to the Town to do the work. When I first began this process the Town Engineer provided a cost estimate of \$3.5 million dollars to repave all of Main Street including improved storm drainage, curb & gutters and sidewalks in various areas along with an estimate of \$750,000 to repave Vasquez Blvd. That proposal was submitted to the CDOT Region 4 Director for review and after a month a counter-offer of

\$1.2 million dollars was received for Main Street and \$0 for Vasquez Blvd. These offers were obviously not accepted by the Town and CDOT would not consider additional cost discussions. The past few years CDOT has advised that there are no funds available for devolution projects so even the previous offer is no longer available. I mention this only because I want our residents to know that improving Main Street and Vasquez Blvd remain top priorities but getting anything completed has been very difficult and the Town isn't willing to fund roadway improvements on a street we don't own or control. Mayor Sandoval and I are optimistic that recent discussions might lead to some asphalt or resurfacing improvements other than the normal "cold patching" that is typically done to fill-in the cracks and potholes.

Staying on the topic of road construction, which is always a focus during the summer months, CDOT has started the resurfacing of US 85 from Platteville to SH60 that also includes the extension of the turning lane at US85 & SH60 and modifying the full-access at US85 & Marion Avenue to a 3/4 access. The Marion access change will still allow access to Marion from both directions on US85 but only southbound access to US85 from Marion as the northbound access will be blocked. CDOT recently completed turning lane improvements at several intersections near Fort Lupton and the US85 & CR44 (Peckam) Interchange Project continues so there's plenty of road construction in the area to deal with so please be cautious.

I hope everyone has a good summer and always feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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### Public Works Dept.

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