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NEWS RELEASE

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City Awarded \$500,000 Garfield County FMLD Grant for 27th Street Bridge Replacement

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO – The City of Glenwood Springs has received a \$500,000 grant from the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District for the construction of a new 27th Street Bridge. The 27th Street Bridge, also known as the Sunlight Bridge, provides access over the Roaring Fork River, between Midland Avenue and Grand Avenue, for approximately 3,500 city and county residents. The bridge was put into service in 1969 and was originally paid for jointly by the City and County. The total project estimate for the bridge replacement is \$8.8 million.

The 27th Street Bridge is considered structurally deficient and functionally obsolete, with a sufficiency rating of 42.4 (lower than Grand Avenue Bridge), making its replacement a top priority for infrastructure improvements. It is essential for vehicular circulation and access to Sunlight Mountain Resort. Improvements to emergency access and the ability to provide safe routes for evacuation make this bridge vital for all residents.

Glenwood Springs Mayor, Mike Gamba, expressed his appreciation for the grant award, saying “I am grateful to Garfield County and the GCFMLD for funding our request. The replacement of the 27th Street Bridge is of critical importance to our city, especially for those residents living along the South Midland corridor. The bridge planning process has been a comprehensive and cooperative effort involving many stakeholders. I thank everyone who has contributed for their hard work and commitment.”

The preferred alternative for the 27th Bridge Project was determined by a partnership between the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), project stakeholders, public input, and the consultant team. The selected alignment will improve safety and traffic operations, maintain the Atkinson Trail, and minimize impacts to traffic, pedestrians, utilities, the river, boaters, and adjacent land owners.

The bridge will be built using Accelerated Bridge Construction and the anticipated full-closure schedule is estimated to last about a week with round-the-clock construction. The start date for the bridge replacement has yet to be determined.

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