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NEWS RELEASE

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City Awarded \$950,000 Grant from DOLA for Replacement of the 27th Street Bridge

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO – The City of Glenwood Springs has received a \$950,000 grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs' (DOLA) Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance funds for the replacement of the 27th Street Bridge and road improvements to the 27th Street and South Grand Avenue intersection. The DOLA funds are derived from taxes on oil, gas, carbon dioxide, coal, and metals extracted in Colorado. In addition to the DOLA grant, the City has received a \$500,000 grant from the Garfield County Federal Mineral Lease District (FMLD), has \$1.1 million remaining in a State/CML grant, and is pursuing other grant funding to help pay for this project in the near-term.

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 42.2 (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 DOLA for funding our grant request. The replacement of the 27th Street Bridge is of critical importance to our city, especially for those residents living along the South Midland and Four Mile Road corridors. 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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