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Responsible Growth: The project at the 3rd Street and Welker Avenue intersection is advancing through our competitive bid process. We plan to enhance the intersection by adding left and right turn lanes on all sides, installing medians, connecting sidewalks on all sides, upgrading drainage systems, addressing two railroad crossings, and implementing a new traffic signal. The intersection reconstruction is scheduled to start in 2024, and we expect significant traffic disruptions during construction. Our team is dedicated to keeping residents informed as we navigate this complex process.

Reliable Infrastructure: The bridge on CR 34, situated just west of CR 5 and spanning the Mead Lateral, was built in 1937 and has served the community for numerous years. Despite its ability to handle legal loads, noticeable signs of wear and tear have emerged. In a commitment to ongoing safety and reliable infrastructure, the Town has prioritized reconstructing the bridge. Successful grant applications have secured funding for the design, and the latest achievement is a grant of \$1.6 million earmarked for the construction of a new bridge.

Public Safety: Public safety in police departments involves various aspects that contribute to the well-being and security of communities. Critical public safety aspects include community policing, crime prevention, emergency response, mental health crisis intervention, use of technology, transparency and accountability, training and professional development, and collaboration with other agencies and local schools. By focusing on these aspects, the Mead Police Department aims to create a safer and more secure environment for the public while fostering positive relationships with the residents.

Fiscal Stability: The Department of Local Affairs Revitalize Main Street program awarded the Town of Mead \$250,000 to help complete the Safe Routes to School construction. The grant program supports downtown vitality and community access to public streets and multimodal transportation. Colorado Safe Routes to School (SRTS) uses a comprehensive approach to make school routes safe for children when walking and bicycling to school.

Connected Community: Explore the exciting activities tailored for our mature, active community this year! Engage in our FUNctional Fitness sessions, ages 60+, offered twice weekly at no charge. Additionally, we welcome registrations for our bingo and lunch programs. Discover the variety of inclusive programs and events Mead offers at bit.ly/MeadCivicRec. New to the community?? View the <u>Resident Information webpage</u>, and don't forget to subscribe to our monthly Mead Messenger and email notifications: https://bit.ly/2St4Ye7