



## MEDIA RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Mead Mayor Report-May

**Responsible Growth:** The Town of Mead recently organized a Community Open House, offering residents a way to engage in ongoing developments within and surrounding the town. Representatives from Mead, Weld County, and the Colorado Department of Transportation spoke with the community regarding facility and transportation projects, including the upcoming expansion of I-25 between Mead and Berthoud, the construction of High Plains Boulevard, and the development of a pedestrian crossing at Highway 66 and County Road 7.

**Reliable Infrastructure:** The County Road 38 Bridge Deck Replacement Project over the Farmers Extension Canal is complete and open to motorists. Looking ahead, Mead will reconstruct the County Road 34 Bridge later this year, located just west of County Road 5 and spanning the Mead Lateral Canal. Our commitment to strengthening bridge integrity and safeguarding the well-being of all travelers remains paramount.

**Public Safety:** The Mead Police Department was established in 2017 and has grown to provide 24/7 police services. Today, the department includes 16 sworn staff members: 10 officers who work three rotating shifts, two full-time School Resource Officers, two Sergeants, one Commander, and one Chief. The Town recently surveyed community members regarding the Mead Police Department, its services, and residents' willingness to support additional police resources. The survey findings showed substantial support for the department and its efforts in community policing.

**Fiscal Stability:** The Street Improvement Fund, established to collect the 1% sales and use tax approved by voters in November 2021, garnered \$3.1 million in revenue throughout 2023 and anticipates accruing \$2.8 million in 2024. The Board of Trustees greenlit \$4.7 million for street improvements in 2024. Any remaining funds can be rolled over and allocated to future budget cycles to support extensive street projects. This fund is solely earmarked for maintaining and enhancing Mead's roadways.

**Connected Community:** Mead Motorheads will host their 20<sup>th</sup> annual car show in Town Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Memorial Day. The car show is a free event and features classic automobiles, music, vendors, and food! Stay current on events, projects, and news by subscribing to our monthly Mead Messenger and signing up for email notifications: [www.townofmead.org/newsletter/subscriptions](http://www.townofmead.org/newsletter/subscriptions). If you are new to Mead, check out the Resident Information page at [bit.ly/47PocLg](http://bit.ly/47PocLg).

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