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## Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony to Celebrate Opening of the New Bayfield Twin Bridges

*Bayfield Parkway and the new Twin Bridges will open to traffic on Nov. 21*

**BAYFIELD** - The Town of Bayfield invites the public to the grand opening of the new Twin Bridges, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 1 p.m. Following the event, Bayfield Parkway and the bridges will open to traffic for the first time since March 2017.

"This event serves as a great opportunity to thank the public for their patience during construction, and more importantly, to celebrate this new and enhanced traffic corridor in town," says Town Manager Chris La May.

While the bridges and the roadway will be open to traffic starting the afternoon of November 21, additional work may be necessary to finalize the project construction. If work is deemed necessary, it will take place after the Thanksgiving holiday, and while crews are on-site traffic will be placed in a single-lane configuration with traffic control.

The old Bayfield Twin Bridges, built in the 1930s, did not meet current traffic standards and were required to be replaced. The new bridges now offer one traffic lane in each direction, pedestrian access from County Road 516 to Mill Street, and a shared use pathway under the new structure, connecting Mill Street to Joe Stephenson Park and Eagle Park.

The contractor, SEMA Construction, was able to construct both bridges simultaneously contributing to the shortening of the project construction time. Work on this project has been completed ahead of the original schedule and under budget.

### Event Schedule - Tuesday, Nov. 21:

- 1 p.m. - Gathering at Eagle Park to meet and greet
- 1:30 p.m. - Tour of the project
- 2 p.m. - Ribbon-cutting ceremony and officially open to the public

### Project Background:

In March 2017 the Town of Bayfield began the project to replace the Bayfield Twin bridges and improve the roadway and pedestrian access of Bayfield Parkway. Work involved the placement of 750 cubic yards of concrete, 142,000 pounds of epoxy rebar and 400 linear feet of caissons.

SEMA Construction was the prime contractor for this \$4.5 million project. The project was funded through numerous sources, including \$260,120 from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and \$2,273,400 in Colorado Department of Transportation Off-System Bridge Funds. The Town of Bayfield covered the remainder utilizing funds from the CDOT transfer of US Highway 160 B to the Town.

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### Project Photos:



*November 2017: new bridges over Los Pinos River*



*August 2017: aerial view of bridge construction over Los Pinos River*



*August 2017: bridge construction over Los Pinos River*



*July 2017: construction of multi-use path*



*April 2017: crews working on old Twin Bridges*