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Text answer(s) for:

1 * What is your Blue River address?

This question is to help locate the issues, needs, and project ideas you identify in the next questions.

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Answer	Respondent
0221 Blue Grouse Trail	merrisiddons@hotmail.com
6337 HIGHWAY 9	bkadlec@gmail.com
184 Royal Drive	paul.e.huffman@gmail.com
330 Wilderness Dr	daveolszewski@yahoo.com
0023 Rustic Terrace	dcleary.cdc@gmail.com
130 Spruce Creek Rd.	robtheobald@yahoo.com
0361 Lakeshore Loop	dalyflax@comcast.net
106 regal circle	jblueriver@live.com
48 Nugget Lane	mgthomas1@mac.com
0051 Calle De Plata	wandacreen@gmail.com
0319 Blue River Rd	bowesjl@comcast.net
34 Royal Dr	huffhouse@yahoo.com
0023 Lodestone Trl	dgdaniels2@gmail.com
5625 Hwy 9, 80424	jbross@vladimirjones.com
0030 Timber Court	mpetty2k@hotmail.com
138 holly ln	julie@jjoinc.net
410 Rio Azul Rd.	angela@autumn creek.co
5681 Highway 9	bte6@hotmail.com
950 Whispering Pines Circle P.O. Box 134	tpilling@comcast.net
35 Burntwood Lane	jgreednc@comcast.net
0361 Lakeshore Loop	rickydaly@comcast.net
161 Hinterland Trail, Blue River CO 80424	varadarajansriram@yahoo.com
151 Starlit Ln	ryan@herrmans.com
196 spruce creek road	LRHitt2@msn.com
5809 Highway 9	h.bremer@comcast.net
292 Spruce Creek Road	justin.m.park@gmail.com
45 Pennsylvania Creek	evb1417@aol.com
112 starlit lane	jblock@westbrown.com

161 Sherwood Ln
142 Grey Squirrel LN
310 Whispering Pines Circle
220 whispering pines
195 97 Circle
650 Rio Azul Road
80 Grey Squirrel Dr
218 golden crown lane
124 Bonanza Trail
353 Blue River Road
133 Indiana Creek Road
71 Crown Drive
91 Twilight trail

jrcramer@me.com
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dusten.tornow@gmail.com
thesteins5@gmail.com
mark@sbrcolorado.com
bretthoward30@gmail.com
rjhamilton48@gmail.com
danf@oparch.com
mgwestwood@comcast.net
michael.dealy@gmail.com
aaronhodgin@gmail.com

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Answer	Respondent
Item #3: Sherwood Lane and Starlit Lane. Please see all of the comments by Martie and Paul Semmer, as well as by Sybil and Pete Turner. No need for me to repeat the same when they are so well expressed. We stand united. Blue Grouse Trail does not have a water drainage problem of its own. Please do not create one. Each and every property owner has responsibility, and a culvert, or culverts, can be installed off of Starlit Lane, as well as Sherwood Lane, for their benefit. Destroying Blue Grouse Trail with water collected from Starlit Lane, Sherwood Lane, Highway 9 and Red Mountain is just wrong. I know you will give this your prompt consideration.	merrisiddons@hotmail.com
Interested in building bike path access along Highway 9.	bkadlec@gmail.com
Yes definitely up for improving drainage and wilderness road itself. It gets extremely potholed and full of ponds in the spring due to lack of drainage. Also like the mountain bike trails and bike path ideas.	daveolszewski@yahoo.com
I can't read the map on the first page (it's blurry when zoomed) so I cannot comment on potential projects.	dcleary.cdc@gmail.com
Spruce Creek Road Improvements -- I think this is a very needed project on a heavily used portion of roadway. Utility undergrounding and improvements should be considered along with this project.	robtheobald@yahoo.com
i do not see any.	dalyflax@comcast.net
Email map was too small to read. I was able to download larger picture from website.	jblueriver@live.com
Email link to town website sent to "https://www.colorado.gov/townofblueriver." notice the dot. It should not have the trailing dot.	
1) Police building, no. Keep using office space in town hall. If you add new buildings or building space, add a satellite post office, then CDOT will recognize us as a town and put town name on highway signs. This is literally CDOT regs to get town name on highway sign is a post office.	
2) No to more road lighting. Studies show night lighting on roads encourages faster travel speeds.	
3) Burying power. I can help setting up bags of funding for this. jblueriver@live.com , jwarnick	

5) NO to expanded trainee parking. town already over-run by non-residents.

6) Paving roads makes sense to discuss AFTER utilities are buried.

Burying power lines that run through all of our properties tops our list of potential improvements. They are unsightly and it would vastly improve the natural beauty of the area.

mgthomas1@mac.com

Improvements at the Tarn would benefit so many in the town. It's such a treasure and its current condition does not reflect the beauty elsewhere.

0051 Calle De Plata

wandacreen@gmail.com

Not only the culvert, but address and improve spring run off erosion at intersection of Calle De Plata and New Eldorado Ln.

yes.

bowesjl@comcast.net

I would need you to send me the map in a different format. I am unable to enlarge it without distorting the words

huffhouse@yahoo.com

Project of widening road doesn't seem necessary to us.

dgdaniels2@gmail.com

Yes, the projects are 1) Signage near Dead Man's Curve and 2) Planning study for the Local Bike Path from Breckenridge to Blue River/Fairplay. Yes, I think these are relevant issues and support progressing them.

jbross@vladimirjones.com

Timber Creek Estates - while I do believe improved monitoring of speed in the area is needed my experience with speed bumps, especially where there is snow plowing, is not effective. Plowing where there are speed bumps is problematic. Also I believe 15 MPH may be a bit low. 20 MPH may be more realistic yet still safe.

mpetty2k@hotmail.com

I have no idea as the image is too small to read, the link in the previous page doesn't work, and when I copy it to a JPEG I cannot expand it. From my best guess, it appears that maybe something is being done on Coronet.

julie@jjoinc.net

No

angela@autumncreek.co

The bicycle trail connection from Breckenridge to Blue River is the highest priority to support my needs / interests.

Improved signage and possible speed limit reduction through town on Highway 9 is 2nd most important to me.

Third most important to me is the minor improvements to the Tarn.

bte6@hotmail.com

Forth most important to me is increased bus access (more frequent)

I believe that the above projects will greatly improve the access and desirability of the area. This should ultimately spur further economic growth over time (greater tax revenues), and will generally improve quality of life for residents like myself.

Yes, speed bumps within the TCE residential area are needed.

tpilling@comcast.net

Vehicles moving at excessive speeds, particularly during the Spring, Summer & Fall months when numerous residents, visitors, renters, etc. are walking the roadbed with young children, pets, etc., present and create a serious life safety issue.

Bike path - believe the path could be phased over a number years to get it going

jgreednc@comcast.net

Two desired improvements: Paving of neighborhood roads with speed bumps where needed; and a bike path through Blue River to Hoosier Pass.

rickydaly@comcast.net

It does not affect my area. I am very interested in the bike trail connection from Breckenridge to Fairplay.

varadarajansriram@yahoo.com

I am strongly in favor of the construction repairs along Sherwood/Starlit Ln to help with drainage and the potholes. I would like to see the scope of the project include in entire stretch of Starlit Ln for continuity and function.

ryan@herrmans.com

No.

h.bremer@comcast.net

Yes and yes. Though I don't know if I totally understand what is being proposed on my road. But I know, since I was rear-ended by someone going 60mph there, that is a dangerous place to come on and off the highway.

justin.m.park@gmail.com

No it does not address my suggestion

evb1417@aol.com

The map is too small to read but please pave the road!

jblock@westbrown.com

Yes there is. I feel addressing the road and drainage issue on Sherwood Ln and the whole subdivision and the town of Blue River is paramount. I feel very strongly roads need to be widened, paved and drainage needs to be addressed. When it rains or snows it almost makes the roads undriveable. If an EMT/EMS vehicle has to get in our subdivision it could cause problems

jrcramer@me.com

I was extremely disappointed when I found out that the planned project a couple of years ago was postponed/cancelled. I am pleased the Town Board has brought it up again and addressing it.

Thank you.

The map is very hard to see & read where projects are located, even with a magnifying glass. It looks like there is a project is at the end of Creekside and one on Wilderness.

craze4cows@aol.com

Yes

steve@breckgear.com

Plan and projects seem appropriate and well thought out with exception of investigation of "speed bumps". I would like strong urge you to reconsider the necessity of speed bumps. Contemporary wisdom now recognizes the shortcomings of and frustrations associated with speed bumps. Expensive to install, reduced property values, increased wear and tear, increases air pollution (Source: BBC.com, April 22, 2009), increased noise levels and most importantly interferes with response time of emergency vehicles. In lieu maybe consider driver feedback signs.

dan.steffy@intusurg.com

Yes, Dead Man's curve needs to be addressed, we've had several vehicles in our yard, at least one person died.

I would LOVE LOVE LOVE to see utilities buried coming into 97 Circle. The main lines pass through my property, I would GLADLY provide access and work with the town to help make that happen.

dusten.tornow@gmail.com

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thesteins5@gmail.com

Drainage on Creekside above me, and the drainage on Blue River Rd below is a needed location. Water runs across the intersections at Grey Squirrel and Wilderness. Then it runs down to Blue river Rd and across it into the open space area. Maybe getting the drainage under the intersection would be best. If large ditches on the side of the roads are considered, then the roads will need to be wider.

mark@sbrcolorado.com

N/A

bretthoward30@gmail.com

Improvements to Coronet Dr to improve drainage and 'washboarding' are needed.

rjhamilton48@gmail.com

No, the project that was supposed to be finished last year seems to have been canceled because my neighbors sued the town. Now the existing drainage situation still threatens to flood my front yard where my septic tanks are.

danf@oparch.com

I dont know. I cant read the map. When I enlarge it becomes distorted.

mgwestwood@comcast.net

Not sure. the picture of the map is too blurry and out of focus to read.

michael.dealy@gmail.com

Bus stops and safety improvements are very important. Currently, there is a bus stop on the west side of the highway 9 and none on the Lakshore loop side. This is very dangerous in terms of access and also the next stop on the east side is far down the road. there are no shoulders on Route 9 and walking or biking along the road is dangerous.

Improvements should be made on the safety around Route 9.

aaronhodgin@gmail.com

Bike path and connectivity for walking and biking would greatly improve the safety and enjoyment of our town. We have kids and don't feel safe letting them bike or walk beyond our little pocket cul de sac.

Bathroom facilities at the Tarn is a good idea, too.

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Include landmarks, intersections, or other indicators, along with the project idea or issue (for example, at Grey Squirrel and Wilderness, there are potholes from water crossing the road).

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Answer	Respondent
No comment.	merrisiddons@hotmail.com
Interested in building bike path access along Highway 9.	bkadlec@gmail.com
There is a bridge over Pennsylvania Creek to a residence at the dead end off the intersection of Royal Drive and my property at 184 Royal. Last year the side guards fell off or were hit and now there are no guards to keep pedestrians or cars from knowing where the edges are and preventing them from going in the creek. I'm not sure who is supposed to maintain that bridge but it is a safety hazard and should be fixed.	paul.e.huffman@gmail.com
As long as I've lived here there's been a discrepancy between the road name on our sign and what is in everyone's database. I believe it says wilderness Road on our street signs but in everyone's database it's wilderness Drive. (US Postal, Google maps, DMV address database etc. all have it as Drive not Road)	daveolszewski@yahoo.com
Our rd is good	dcleary.cdc@gmail.com
Perhaps just a refresh on signage. Some signs go back to different times and different boards while some signs need a refresh as the Lakeshore neighborhood/Tarn is getting new pressures from short term rentals.	dalyflax@comcast.net
7) Election to allow town own/manage/support internet. Similar to election Silverthorne did in 2017.	jblueriver@live.com
The cup de sac at the end of Nugget Lane needs regrading. There is often standing water during the summer months - a mosquito breeding ground. Also, the road boundaries are poorly defined.	mgthomas1@mac.com
No	huffhouse@yahoo.com
None	dgdaniels2@gmail.com
Nothing to note, thanks.	jbross@vladimirjones.com
none	mpetty2k@hotmail.com
The Blue River that goes under our road often swells beyond the pipe capacity and pushes water over the top of the road creating erosion issues. Widening the culvert would be helpful down the road.	angela@autumncreek.co
Increased bus access (more times - e.g., 1 once an hour would be ideal. It seems during Winter this would be utilized well. It seems Summit Stage should give this serious consideration. Based on current population density, it would seem there would	bte6@hotmail.com

while I know this isn't a build for Blue River, it is an investment that would be ideally aggressively lobbied for by Blue River officials.

Paving Lakeshore roads is not in the plan and would help with multiple accidents on Lakeshore requiring towing

jgreednc@comcast.net

Please include fixing the drainage issues and potholes on the entire stretch of Starlit Ln if the Sherwood/Starlit Ln project is given the green light.

ryan@herrmans.com

We would like cost estimates to pave spruce creek road from highway 9 to the county road, about 1 mile or so.. we also would like to know cost of getting a natural gas line to our property.

LRHitt2@msn.com

I think that Highway 9 should be resurfaced and the shoulders improved. But that is a CDOT issue not Blue River.

h.bremer@comcast.net

I saw mentioned a few places some ideas about dealing with the traffic and parking issues caused by the trailhead. I realize the trailhead is probably USFS managed but the number of cars esp in summer is a big issue. People from out of town treat it like a race course and I've seen a number of people get driven off the road by crazy drivers since it's barely a two-lane road in many parts. One poor teen driver ended up flying off and going 50 yards down a steep hill into my neighbor's yard because he was trying to avoid some idiot speeding UP our road to the trailhead. Speed bumps aren't practical on a dirt road I'm guessing, but maybe the engineering company has some ideas.

justin.m.park@gmail.com

My suggestion is not specific to my neighborhood, but if adopted, it would be a good place to start.

evb1417@aol.com

Speed bumps throughout Timber Creek Estates.

sandypeif@comcast.net

Posting more 15 mph speed limit signs around curve of Circle

tcp74005@aol.com

I don't think the town really cares about issues in our area.

At the curve where Creekside joins Grey Squirrel there is poor drainage causing a huge rut making it difficult to cross further up Grey Squirrel to the 2 houses there. It is getting progressively worse each year to the point of cars bottom out when going very very slow.

craze4cows@aol.com

Paving 97 Circle.

dusten.tomow@gmail.com

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thesteins5@gmail.com

The yield sign at the intersection of Wilderness and Grey Squirrel is very rarely followed, and there seems to be a lot of close calls in this area. Not sure if a stop sign would help, or if some amount of re-alignment be done at the same time drainage is addressed. Some of the issue is line of sight, and it is hard to see anyone coming on either road until you are into the intersection.

mark@sbrcolorado.com

Culvert needed Crown Drive and Golden Crown Lane. Run off leaves a very deep groove in the road. Been getting deeper and deeper each year. Something changed as this was never there before?

bretthoward30@gmail.com

Drainage down Mariposa should be completed as planned.

danf@oparch.com

Crown subdivision should be paved. the dirt roads are extremely bumpy and dangerous. culverts and potholes deteriorate quickly.

michael.dealy@gmail.com

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Please be as specific as possible in regards to the location and issue.

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Answer	Respondent
No comment at this time.	merrisiddons@hotmail.com
Interested in building bike path access along Highway 9.	bkadlec@gmail.com
I'd love to see our roads paved someday.	daveolszewski@yahoo.com
Could also use expanded parking at the Pennsylvania Gulch trail head.	
It's not clear on the map, but ideally any projects that are being done by other agencies, like Upper Blue San, Xcel, etc would be ideal. I'd love to see a cross agency consolidated CIP.	dalyflax@comcast.net
8) UBSD should follow-through with their landscape plan on the pump house on Blue River road.	
9) UBSD should remove the massive rock pile at pump house on Blue River road.	jblueriver@live.com
Thank you.	
I think something needs to be done with the old "firehouse" A frame on the highway by Blue River Road. It at least needs to be repaired and painted, or maybe a new use could be found for it.	bowesjl@comcast.net
We have been homeowners since 1969.	
No	huffhouse@yahoo.com
Concrete boat ramp on highway side of tarn.	
Entrance road to tarn from hiway 9 may be too severe/steep for some vehicles.	dgdaniels2@gmail.com
Porta-potty during ice- free times would be nice.	
No, however, I'm unclear on the improvements planned at the Goose Pasture Tarn. I see there is a note of considering improvements, and/or a shelter or pavilion. I feel the tarn is a valuable asset and amenity for residents and would support improvements of this type.	jbross@vladimirjones.com
none	mpetty2k@hotmail.com
I would like to see most if not all roads paved. I have no idea if this is being considered (see response to question 2).	julie@jjoinc.net
No other projects.	angela@autumncreek.co

river many are 2nd home owners and not present all year long. My husband and I are both big gym supporters but would likely bypass the type of small facility Blue River could afford for the one in Breckenridge that has a full scale operation. I'd be very curious to know stats and research that support this decision.

Why wouldn't the town work out an agreement with the existing full scale operation in Breckenridge? Seems like a better arrangement than the overhead of tiny brick and mortar facility.

No.

I believe speed bumps on all paved, residential roads should be addressed. IE: TCE, SVR, Aspen View, etc.

Connecting Blue River to Breck with a rec/bike path is something that I would really like to see done. I would not be opposed to the city using the right of way on starlit ln to run the bike path much like they did in Frisco.

Bike trails on highway 9 into breck should be top priority. Canoe/small boat storage at tarn would be valuable

Not really.

Trail access to town comes up again and again. I would bike commute to work in summer but the road has no shoulder and is deadly for cyclists. So the only way I see forward is a trail system that allows residents on either side of the highway to get to town on foot or bike or even skis in winter via trails rather than highway.

I would like to see the roads paved.

My wife and I have considered moving to Breckenridge many times; for one reason, and that is paved roads.

I suspect property values would increase dramatically (Spruce Valley) thus increasing property taxes which may offset some of the paving costs. I believe that paved roads would put Blue River "on the map" as a much more desirable and "up and coming" place to live. It would be a legitimate alternative to Breckenridge.

Again, I can't read the map, but the only other thing Blue River needs is a bike path.

First, I'm not a big fan of bathrooms at the tarn. All of us live within 15 minutes of our home so with a little bit of planning we would not need a bathroom. But what we do need at the lake is a boat house or boat storage area. It would be nice to have a building with storage racks for SUP's, kayaks, canoes and boats under 12 feet to be stored. Maybe even lockers for required flotation devices, fishing gear, etc. Also, the ingress to the parking area needs to be reworked to make it safer and more accessible. Second, on the South side of the lake where Blue River comes in; Because of the low water a berm has formed and diverted the stream from entering the lake directly. This effects the forage, oxygen and current as it meets the lake and is detrimental to fish/ing. If the berm is knocked down the creek will once again flow directly into the lake. Last, it would be nice to provide some commercial area/buildings in town = city revenue wit a small store and community craft store.

No

In our area, we really need a new, bigger culvert by the McCullough Gulch trailhead given we commonly get flooding in the springtime (from snow melt) that runs over the road and threatens nearby homes with flooding. We definitely consider this a "need" versus a "want". Thanks as always for your leadership.

Pete Stein

Additional paving of roads where possible.

Some streets do not get graded. I think residents would be happy to help fill holes if road basin could be dropped in certain areas for pick up.

Thank you for all the great work happening!

I bike path through town to Breckenridge would be great, but my neighbors would probably sue the town again and it will never happen!

Regular bus service. There would be far less traffic on Highway 9 if we had bus service, at least every 30 minutes. Having lived here 19 years I cannot believe we still dont have one

Invest capital in a clubhouse w/ a restaurant at the tarn for residents - this will be a large source of revenue & I'm certain BR residents will definitely support and chip-in donations to fund something like that - will also bring in good source of revenue

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jcramer@me.com

thesteins5@gmail.com

bretthoward30@gmail.com

danf@oparch.com

mgwestwood@comcast.net

michael.dealy@gmail.com

interested in that extending to our neighborhood as well. This is a lower priority than the safety, connectivity and infrastructure for pedestrians and bikers and bus riders along Route 9

aaronhodgin@gmail.com

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Name:

Blue River Address:

1.Project Review: Please Comment. Under the Response Box is Question: Are there any potential projects being considered as part of the Capital Improvement Plan in your area, as shown on the map? If so, does it address the issues, needs, or project ideas you can think of? Do the approximate project limits cover the correct area? Project descriptions for each potential project are available on the map, as well as the approximate project limits (the red lines along the roadway)

Sherwood Lane and Starlit water improvements. As property owners at 124 Sherwood Lane we are concerned about access during constructions and about the amount of property to be taken and value for that property.

2.Missing Projects: Under the Response Box is Question: If there isn't currently a project being considered in your area and you think there should be, please describe the location and project idea below, being as specific as possible. Include landmarks, intersections, or other indicators, along with the project idea or issue (for example, at Grey Squirrel and Wilderness, there are potholes from water crossing the road).

None

3.Any additional Projects: Under the Response Box is Question: Are there any other project ideas, needs or issues anywhere in the Town of Blue River that aren't currently shown on the map or incorporated within the project limits that you think the Town should consider addressing as part of the Capital improvement Plan? Please be as specific as possible in regards to the location and issue.

None

Name: Paul and Martie Semmer

Blue River Address: 0272 Blue Grouse Trail

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Proposed Project Number 3 Sherwood Lane and Starlit Lane – The currently proposed project using the 2016 design plans is one that invents more problems. Starlit and Sherwood Ln. are experiencing drainage issues which are exasperated with Highway 9 run-off and Red Mt. Road run-off. Also, the installation of sewer lines, gas lines, connections to the sewer lines when converting from septic tanks, improper driveways, etc. have changed the more natural diffused drainage. Since 2016 individual property owners working with Bob Wheeler and the Town Road Manager have addressed many of the site specific drainage issues on Blue Grouse Trail with re-grading the road, which was necessary when above mentioned projects changed the grading. This proposed project brings all the run-off from Starlit, Sherwood Ln., Highway 9, Red Mountain down Blue Grouse Trail. The easements proposed in the 2016 plans would negatively impact the environmental quality/integrity of the community. Substantial animal habitat would be negatively affected. Currently all options for drainage issues have not been explored. There are options for solutions in compliance with Colorado laws that allow for improved drainage at intervals along Starlit and Sherwood Lane. Paving the roads will increase drainage issues as the roads will absorb very little if any water. There are significant cons to paving which have not been taken into consideration by Town residents.

As evidenced by the public reactions to the proposed 2016 Sherwood Lane and Starlit Lane drainage as well as the Blue River Road and Mariposa drainage project, it is important to engage the affected property owners and immediate neighbors throughout the design process: beginning with the purpose and need for the project, identification of issues and concerns, development and evaluation of alternatives, recommended design criteria and implementation strategies.

Widening roads and increased signage are expensive solutions that are unnecessary. Drivers need to take responsibility for safe driving; it's clear that the speed limit is 15 mph on all town roads; on the more narrow roads, courteous driving which includes waiting for a car to pass is effective.

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Before turning issues into full-blown, invasive and costly road improvement projects as part of the CIP, it seems best to first work with appropriate staff (i.e. Public Works Official John McCormick), road contractors (i.e. Bob Wheeler), other specialists and property owners to address and to fix issues.

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- Road maintenance should be fully funded with reserves to ensure safe roads, even if it means increasing the budget for roads. This funding can allow for putting down road base more often, regrading roads to proper grade, etc. What does it take to maintain quality roads in Blue River? A road maintenance plan should be developed to maintain safe roads. Bob Wheeler and John McCormick are key to the development of a road maintenance plan. Town Residents need to hear these on-the-ground experts as well as engineers and other professionals.
- Research and identify all existing easements, platted and actual; these easements should be considered as the foundation for hiking and biking trails as well as any other uses beneficial for the residents of the Town in the present and future. Maps educating the community-at-large regarding Town easements and current legal public use trails within the Town and adjacent public lands should be easily accessible. Hopefully, this education would minimize trespassing and vandalism of private property including posted private property signs; also, appropriate use on trails need to be part of the information that Town residents can access.
- Public dumpster and recycling in vicinity of Town Hall
- Buried utilities—Let's get all overhead utilities buried. Consider a phased-in plan first requiring buried utilities for all new construction projects, and second, as overhead utility lines need to be upgraded/replaced that they be buried in roads and public easements.
- Incorporate recommendations of 2018 Summit County Wildlife Connectivity Report prepared by U.S. Forest Service and CDOT for wildlife crossings along Highway 9 within the Town of Blue River in all capital improvements projects envisioned as part of the current CIP process and in all future projects along the highway corridor.
- Kudos to the Board for appointing an ad hoc committee to study trails; there are many issues associated with trails; currently, there are issues associated with a number of proposals that negatively affect the "village" in which we live as well as negatively affect the Town as a whole. Specifically, many social trails illegally cross private lands, do not follow dedicated pedestrian access easements, and have been "built" without regard to long term sustainability all of which negatively impacts private property and the environment. This is one example of many issues that need to be addressed and resolved. We welcome the Board's recognition of these issues as the Town moves ahead to develop a trails plan in collaboration with other public land management agencies including Summit County, Town of Breckenridge and U.S. Forest Service.

Additional points to take into consideration re: the Capital Improvement Plan include:

- The criteria for selection of projects should also include 1) Does proposed project cause additional problems elsewhere? Maybe the project fixes one problem, but cause more for those directly and/or indirectly affected by the project? (i.e. drainage solution that fixes one area then causes immediate and/or future problems elsewhere.) and 2) increased maintenance costs should be considered a positive if project maintains or even improves the environmental integrity of the community. Or increased maintenance costs without a CIP project that maintains or even improves the environmental integrity of the community is positive.
- Some projects have emerged from Town residents as pie-in-the-sky projects. There is a major step missing in the CIP process of identifying the final CIP projects. This major step can still

happen before the Board of Trustees make a final decision of “yay” or “nay” to projects using the current criteria as the evaluation tool. This major step includes educating the Town residents of the pros and cons of each project; Town residents, staff, professionals such as water commissioner, and on-the-ground professionals (i.e. Bob Wheeler) contracted by the Town should identify the pros and cons of each proposed project. Town residents need to be invited to contribute to the pros and cons. These pros and cons can still be posted on the Town’s web site. With this information, residents can give better informed input re: the Capital Improvement Plan. All must remember that Muller Engineering can do anything the Town wants. The question is “At what cost are projects implemented as relates to the environment, negative impacts and the budget?” For example, should the Town be pursuing improvements on the land surrounding the Tarn when the owners of the land surrounding the Tarn do not want those improvements? Also, Tarn improvements are going to require significant maintenance. When roads need additional funding for maintenance, this funding would most likely go to ongoing maintenance of newly built Tarn improvements. There is still time to identify pros and cons for each potential project followed by a survey that elicits informed input before the Board makes the final decisions.

To: Michelle Eddy, Town Administrator

Re: Town of Blue River Capital Improvement Plan

- 1) Mountain View Trail: No comment.
- 2) Wilderness Road: Not clear how the proposed swales get to the river.
- 3) Sherwood Lane and Starlit Lane: This project was considered last year and tabled as unnecessary. Why is it back? It was determined that there is no real drainage issue along Sherwood Lane and Blue Grouse Trail. There was some discussion of improvements on Starlit Lane that might well create some drainage issues. These issues should be dealt with as a part of the Starlit Lane improvements and not passed down to Sherwood Lane and Blue Grouse Trail. A culvert to drain to the river is no more difficult to install off of Starlit Lane than downstream. I would expect considerable resistance from the property owners along Sherwood Lane and Blue Grouse trail to the granting of an easement to benefit property owners along Starlit Lane. With respect to Red Mountain Trail the entrance to the highway should be closed. This closure was contemplated when Red Mountain Trail was put through to Starlit Lane in consideration of the serious safety hazard presented by the intersection being too close to Deadman's Curve. (Aptly named.) See item 12.
- 4) Spruce Creek Road: Much needed improvement from Crown Drive to the highway. There is nothing proposed about improving and stabilizing Spruce Creek Road upslope south to the Town limit. That section of roadway has been eroding for years and requires major work. The Town needs to pressure the County to participate in this project as the vast majority of traffic on this road is bound for county residences and trailheads unrelated to the Town of Blue River.
- 5) Royal Drive and Regal Circle (not Drive): No comment
- 6) Coronet Drive: Much needed improvement.
- 7) Blue River Road and Highway 9: Isn't this under the purview of CDOT?
- 8) Leap Year Trail, 9) Calle de Plata, 10) Crown Drive, 11) Creekside Drive: No comment.
- 12) Deadman's Curve (not corner): Absolutely. This is CDOT, however. Good luck. See item 3, Re: Closure of Red Mountain Trail entrance.
- 13) Timber Creek Estates, 14) Whispering Pines Entrance, 15) Blue River Road: No comment.

Additional Comments:

With regard to the numerous drainage improvements, how much consideration has been given to simply grading out the ditches to eliminate pooling? Has input from the road contractor (Wheeler) been solicited? No one understands the drainage issues better. Have the pros and cons of paving been presented to the affected homeowners as well as cost estimates? Project cost estimates are notably missing from the CIP list.

It is unclear how much citizen input was received in the compilation of the CIP list. Who might know better what the actual concerns would be. Has anyone formulated a cost/benefit ratio. Have the property owners along Starlit Lane (others?) been appraised of the impacts of paving, positive and negative. From my experience of 15-years as Road Manager, I can attest that these solutions are not simple. For instance: Before roads were graded I received complaints about the potholes. After the roads were graded, I received complains about the speed on the now-smooth roads.

Are there environmental impacts to be addressed and easements to secure before many of these projects can go forward? At what cost?

Would more frequent grading and mag application be a cost saving alternate to paving?

While there is certainly nothing wrong with creating a wish list of dream projects it must be transparently evaluated from a cost/benefit standpoint.

I have noticed through the years that there are some residents, mostly new and part time, that would like to see Blue River developed along the lines of Dallas. On the other hand, there are a substantial number of homeowners who moved to Blue River entirely because it was a far cry from Dallas. Let's be careful and not destroy the idea under which the Town was conceived.

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