

Minturn Traffic Mitigation Plans

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The proposed Battle Mountain development is expected to generate additional traffic that is expected to impact US 24, in and around Minturn, Colorado. As a result, the Town of Minturn has required a detailed review of all Applicant proposed traffic plans and has required the preparation of additional traffic plans to address town specific and regional concerns. The traffic management plans associated with the Battle Mountain development consists of four reports including a "Traffic Impact Analysis", a "Construction Traffic Management Plan", a "Resort Guest and Employee Traffic Management Plan", and a "Town Traffic Improvement Plan". These reports have been reviewed in detail by the Town of Minturn's traffic consultant (Jacobs Carter Burgess), and to varying degrees (depending upon specific involvement) by CDOT, and other 3rd party reviewers.

While the Applicant still needs to address minor outstanding issues, the plans have been determined by Town staff and other referral agencies to be substantially complete, and to provide enough information for Minturn's Town Council to consider the application for preliminary development plan and plat. The copy of the detailed reports are available at the Minturn Town Hall for review, however, a couple of key points are presented in this release.

It is important to note that due to regional development, traffic on US 24 will increase with or without the approval of the Battle Mountain development. The Minturn Town Council and the traffic reviewers have considered the traffic impacts from the proposed development in close association with the impacts from background traffic (traffic not related to the development). The town council meetings regarding traffic, and the extensive reviews that have been conducted by the traffic and transportation professionals, have been focused on requiring traffic mitigation strategies that minimize the impact of the Battle Mountain development on US 24, and improve existing local, adjacent, and regional traffic problems. Specific requirements of these strategies (such as how they are to be monitored and enforced, and when they are to be implemented) are the subject of the detailed plans. Some of the specific requirements in the plans are that the Applicant commit to not exceed specific vehicle counts associated with the development and commit to fund improvements to US 24 such as sidewalk construction, other pedestrian improvements, pavement reconstruction, passing lanes where appropriate, and other items that are intended to help reduce speed and improve side street access. The resulting traffic impact analysis and management plans are some of the most progressive in the nation and the cost of implementing these plans is to be borne completely by the development.

Traffic issues are very complex and the Town of Minturn has recognized the importance of traffic and transportation to the community. As a result, this issue has been one of the primary focal points of the hearings for the Battle Mountain Development.