AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

AgendaTitle:
Letter of Support; Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Application; Mt. Crested Butte; Gothic Trail Project

Action Requested: Board of County Commissioners' Signature

Parties to the Agreement:

Term Begins: **Term Ends:** **Grant Contract #:**

Summary:
Attached is a draft letter of support for Mt. Crested Butte's Transportation Alternatives Program grant application. This is a competitive grant, and the Town will consider a support letter for our Gold Basin Trail project at their next meeting.

Fiscal Impact: None

Submitted by: Katherine Haase **Submitter's Email Address:** khaase@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: ○ Required ● Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date:

County Attorney Review: ○ Required ● Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date: Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes ○ No ○

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirnie Discharge Date: 7/10/2014

● Consent Agenda ○ Regular Agenda ○ Worksession Time Allotted:

Agenda Date: 7/15/2014 Follow Up Agenda Date:

Revised April 2013

July 15, 2014

Mark Rogers
CDOT Region 3
222 S. 6th Street, Room 317
Grand Junction, CO 81501

RE: Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Application
Gothic Trail Project

Dear Mr. Rogers,

The Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners supports the Town of Mt. Crested Butte's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant application for the extension of the Mt. Crested Butte Recreation Path, the "Gothic Trail Project". This project is located within the Town of Mt. Crested Butte, beginning at Marcellina Lane and continuing north to Winterset.

The project, approximately .6 miles in length, is an extension of the existing trail that begins in the Town of Crested Butte and will eventually connect to the National Forest on the north end of Mt. Crested Butte. In Crested Butte, the trail connects with other trail systems to the south and west, as well as connecting to our community's K-12 school. This trail system serves locals as well as our many visitors who come to our valley as part of our tourism-based economy.

The trail connects to Mountain Express transit stops, a free bus transportation system connecting Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte. Additionally, the trail connects to the Gunnison Valley Regional Transportation Authority's bus that provides free service to the City of Gunnison, the home of the Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport and additional trail systems.

The Gothic Trail Project is a "shovel ready" project that will parallel Gothic Road, the main road through Mt. Crested Butte. Currently pedestrians, runners, bicyclists, strollers, etc., all must share the edge of the asphalt and an unpaved shoulder with cars and trucks along a heavily traveled narrow two-lane road. Once completed, this project will solve a major health and safety issue.

Thank you for your full consideration of the Town of Mt. Crested Butte's TAP grant application for the Gothic Trail Project.

Sincerely,

Paula Swenson, Chairperson	Phil Chamberland, Commissioner	Jonathan Houck, Commissioner

cc: Joe Fitzpatrick, Town of Mt. Crested Butte

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