

**TOWN OF LYONS, COLORADO
RESOLUTION 2021-06**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LYONS, COLORADO,
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR IMPROVED HIKE-AND-BIKE FEATURES
ALONG RECONSTRUCTED STATE HIGHWAY 7**

WHEREAS, the Town of Lyons (the "Town") is located near three popular Boulder County Open Space recreation areas: Hall Ranch, Heil Ranch and Rabbit Mountain/Ron Stewart Preserve; and

WHEREAS, the Town has acquired, constructed, and maintained an extensive local parks-and-trails system, including connections to Colorado Highway 7, that is vital to the Town's economic and cultural attributes; and

WHEREAS, as set out in Sections POSTR 1.1.7 – 1.1.10 of the Town Comprehensive Plan, connectivity of local Town parks and trails with the nearby Open Space areas has long been a high-priority goal of the Town, its citizens and the many out-of-town visitors who contribute to the Town's economy and its outdoor recreation culture; and

WHEREAS, tens of millions of federal, state, and local dollars, and tremendous amounts of time and effort, have been devoted to restoring Lyons-area infrastructure, including parks, open spaces and connections between them, since the September 2013 flood that devastated the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Transportation ("CDOT"), which has played a critical and much-appreciated role in Town flood recovery by repairing and improving roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure, is in the process of planning major repairs and improvements to Colorado Highway 7 south of the Town; and

WHEREAS, portions of roadways and trails along Highway 7 between the Town and the nearby Hall Ranch Open Space ("Hall Ranch") were severely damaged in the 2013 flood, including a section of trail constructed pursuant to a 2002 agreement between the Town and CDOT; and

WHEREAS, widening of Highway 7 shoulders between the Town and Hall Ranch was included in the Boulder County North Foothills Management Plan in 2006, and

WHEREAS, the Town has requested a Lyons/Hall Ranch connecting trail in its annual Open Space, Trail, and GIS to Boulder County; and

WHEREAS, the restoration and improvement of connections between the Town and Hall Ranch is an important part of the Town's long-term planning, economic vitality, and outdoor recreation culture, as well as promoting vehicle, bicyclist, and pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lyons Board of Trustees ("the Board of Trustees") desires to respectfully request that that CDOT include dedicated bicyclist and pedestrian connectivity features between the Town and Hall Ranch as part of the reconstruction and improvement of Colorado Highway 7 south of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF LYONS, COLORADO:

Section 1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated by reference.

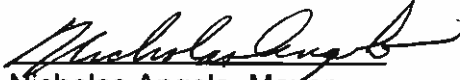
Section 2. The Board of Trustees respectfully requests that CDOT, in planning and implementing the reconstruction and improvement of Colorado Highway 7 south of the Town, include in the portion of such project between the intersection of Colorado Highway 36 and Hall Ranch, features that will enhance connectivity and safety for cyclists and pedestrians, such as dedicated bicycle lanes, widened road shoulders, and roadside paths.

Section 3. The Board of Trustees hereby directs Town staff and volunteer boards and commissions to communicate with and aid CDOT in its Highway 7 project to accomplish the goals of this Resolution.

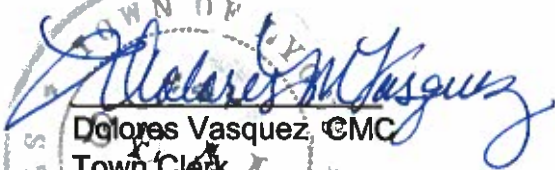
Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 19th day of January 2021.

TOWN OF LYONS


Nicholas Angelo, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dolores Vasquez, CMC
Town Clerk

