

# 2025 Major Projects Update

## Second Quarter

Each year, the Town undertakes a major projects work program to accomplish priority projects. Each quarter, Town staff prepares a status report regarding the projects for Town Council and community review. These reports are archived at [CRgov.com/MajorProjects](https://CRgov.com/MajorProjects).



Public input was sought, and multiple Town Council discussions occurred, before Town Council approved seven key priorities for 2025. Listed under each priority are key 2025 action items; the lines beneath each action item provide updates.

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## ENSURE OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SAFETY

### **Add 10 Fire and Rescue positions — nine firefighters and one apparatus mechanic**

Firefighters were hired in May, completed the lateral academy in June and went on line; the apparatus mechanic was hired in February. Complete

### **Add 11 Police positions — two school resources officers, one patrol sergeant and four patrol officers, a detective, an Animal Control supervisor, a traffic officer and a dispatcher**

All nine police officer positions have been hired, plus the Animal Welfare Supervisor. The Dispatch position is still pending

### **Finalize design, fund and begin construction on Fire Station 156 in northeastern Castle Rock, including a logistics facility**

Design is ongoing, along with work on replatting, rezoning and finalizing the project budget

### **Fund replacement AEDs for all Town facilities and Investigations office space at CRPD**

AEDs were delivered in May and swapped out for old units in June; the design and project costs for the Investigations office space is being updated



## PRESERVE COMMUNITY CHARACTER

### **Continue enhancements at Cantril School**

Renovation of the restroom in the 1960s addition is planned to begin in July, and an electrical upsize project is planned for fall

### **Place \$200,000 from any available Town revenues into the Public Art Fund annually, along with a one-time contribution of \$100,000 from Town lodging tax revenues, for the purpose of funding public art programs as approved by Town Council**

The funds have been transferred and are being used to support programs including Art Encounters, Tiny Art Quest, the Holiday Art Contest, Artfest activities, photography and Art and Culture Grants

### **Establish a Youth Commission for the Town with a paid staff position**

The Youth Commission Coordinator worked with Town Council to award the Town's first Rising Star youth scholarships in April; recruitment is underway for the first Youth Commission members



## SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### **Fulfill existing economic incentive agreements and allow capacity for new incentive agreements**

Staff continues to monitor existing economic incentive agreements while forecasting funds available for new opportunities





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## ENHANCE ROADS

**Continue construction on the Town's top infrastructure priority, a new interchange on Interstate 25 at Crystal Valley Parkway, with anticipated completion in summer 2027**

This project is currently progressing ahead of schedule

**Complete an aggressive annual Pavement Maintenance Program, focused in 2025 on central Castle Rock, with a budget of \$16.5 million**

All Pavement Maintenance Program contracts are progressing as scheduled

**Complete an annual Bridge Maintenance Program, focused on the Castle Rock Parkway bridge over U.S. Highway 85**

This contract is underway and progressing on schedule

**Begin construction widening Crowfoot Valley Road east of Knobcone Drive, including adding a sidewalk**

Construction is underway, with the new traffic signal at Sapphire Pointe Boulevard targeted for completion by summer's end

**Begin construction of the first of two phases of the Fifth Street improvement project – first phase improvements will include additional lanes between the Four Corners intersection and Valley Drive and a sidewalk between Four Corners and Woodlands Boulevard**

Construction is projected to begin this summer; staff is currently working through CDOT's process to obtain approval to advertise

**Acquire the right of way needed for the future widening of Wolfensberger Road**

All property acquisitions are projected to be completed by the end of 2025

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### SECURE WATER FUTURE

Continue projects, programs and policies to advance the goals of securing 75% renewable water by 2050; reducing per-capita water consumption to 100 gallons per day; and maintaining affordable rates and fees, including:

**Double the capacity of the Plum Creek Water Purification Facility (multiyear project into 2027)**

Construction is on schedule

**Continue progress in the long-term water plan on the WISE, Box Elder, Cherry Creek Water Project Authority and Chatfield Reallocation projects (multiyear projects past 2030)**

Full deliveries for the WISE project are coming online this year, as the Denver International Airport connection and the Binney Pump Station are substantially complete. The Box Elder project is continuing, with Phase 1 of the piping collection system almost complete. Other projects proceeding as planned

**Complete the new reservoirs north of Sedalia (multiyear project into 2026)**

The new reservoirs are on schedule for completion in spring 2026. Castle Rock Reservoir No. 2 has been in use since the beginning of 2025

**Continue to implement advanced metering infrastructure (multiyear project into 2027)**

Advanced Metering Infrastructure installations are ahead of schedule and currently projected for completion in 2026. Already upgraded meters were read using AMI for May 2025 usage

**Upgrade pumping and control system equipment as part of the 10-year replacement plan**

Upgrades are generally on schedule, with the Miller Water Treatment Plant completed this quarter. Bidding of the design for upgrades to the Ray Waterman Regional Water Treatment Center is planned for third quarter

**Redesign and reconstruct the Plum Creek Diversion to maximize permitted capacity**

Council approved the final design contract with Dewberry in June 2025. Design is scheduled through 2026, with construction in winter 2026/2027

**Rehabilitate and replace aging water and sewer infrastructure on Front Street going into Downtown and the Young/American neighborhood**

The Front Street to Downtown connection project is currently in design, and staff is working through CDOT and railroad permitting; construction is anticipated to begin in fall 2025

**Implement the U.S. Highway 85 sewer project using Douglas County American Rescue Plan Act funds**

30% design is complete. An updated cost estimate has also been completed and indicated a potential funding shortfall. An amendment to the agreement with Douglas County is being prepared for Council consideration to cover the potential shortfall

**Stabilize stream segments in Sellars Gulch**

The East Plum Creek/Sellars Gulch confluence project is currently in design, with construction budgeted for 2027

**Develop and implement revised stormwater criteria to strengthen stormwater management, including a revised criteria manual**

Council approved changes to the Town's stormwater criteria in first quarter 2025. Additional revisions are being contemplated for potential Council consideration before year end

**Continue to implement ColoradoScape plan, including the new landscape criteria**

Roughly 187 designs for new residential homes have been approved under the new criteria



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### MAINTAIN STRONG PARKS AND RECREATION

**Pending Town Council approval, begin construction of a new sports development center; funding will require an amendment to the 2025 Budget**

Council has approved the budget amendment and development agreement; staff is working to issue the certificates of participation prior to closing in August

**Complete the master plan for and establish public trails at Lost Canyon Ranch Open Space**

Staff will soon seek Town Council approval of the master plan and associated management plan, once the Douglas Land Conservancy approves the management plan and trail work. Staff will then seek Town Council approval for a construction contract initiating trail development

**Complete renovations at Centennial Park, offering new tennis and basketball courts, improved accessibility and parking and expanded seating options**

Renovations are nearly complete; staff anticipates a July opening

**Complete construction drawings for a trail to connect Philip S. Miller Park to Downtown Castle Rock along Industrial Tributary**

Design is ongoing and slightly delayed due to coordination required with railroad on hydrology. Staff anticipates completing design this fall and seeking bids for construction soon thereafter

**Update the free weight equipment, along with the sand filters for the lap pool, at the Recreation Center**

Staff issued an RFP for free weight equipment, which has been ordered and will be installed this fall. Sand filters are still under evaluation and may be moved to next year

**Add an Administrative Assistant position, using proceeds of the Town's voter-approved lodging tax**

Complete

**Improve the irrigation system at Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course by replacing the main pump station and supporting border stations**

Staff will seek Town Council approval of an Equipment and Services Acquisition Agreement with Watertronics in July. Pending approval, work will begin this winter, once parts are received during the course's off season

**Present the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan to Town Council, and review and revise the Parks and Recreation Master Plan**

A public process is underway to obtain resident input on the draft strategic plan. Staff anticipates seeking Town Council approval of the plan and updating the master plan following that process





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### MANAGE TOWN FINANCES CONSERVATIVELY

**To ensure they are used only in the manner approved by voters, receive any “excess” TABOR revenues into a dedicated fund**

The 2024 TABOR calculation is anticipated to be completed in third quarter 2025

**To ensure it is used only in the manner approved by voters, receive the additional 0.2% sales and use tax authorized at the November 2024 election into the Public Safety Fund, to be expended solely for hiring 40 additional police and fire and rescue personnel through 2029 and, as Town Council determines, any additional necessary expenditures for police and fire and rescue services**

Staff has followed voters' direction and allocated these funds to be used solely for public safety personnel

**Continue monitoring revenues within the Development Services Enterprise Fund — which operates as a self-supporting enterprise, relying upon development fees to pay for associated Town costs — to ensure solvency amid lower levels of development**

Staff continues to monitor expenses within this fund to ensure solvency amid continued lower levels of development