

# 2024 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 2024. Listed under each priority are key 2024 action items; the lines beneath each action item provide updates.

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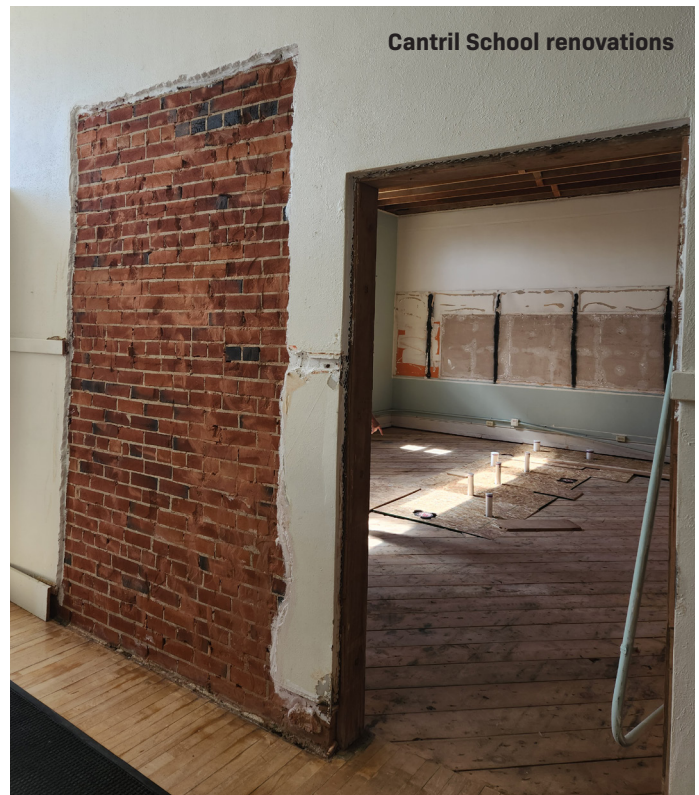
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### ENSURE OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Add three firefighter/EMT positions**  
These staff were hired in late 2023, graduated the academy and are now online; complete
- **Add three Police positions – a dispatcher, an Investigations sergeant and a Community Response Team officer**  
All three positions have been filled
- **Design Fire Station 156 in northeastern Castle Rock**  
An owner’s representative has been hired; staff requested and has received proposals for architectural services and plans to make a selection in July; staff is also working to replat and rezone the property on which the station will be located
- **Replace the Fire and Police departments’ emergency radios and fund other equipment and operational cost needs for the departments**  
Fire has completed evaluations of two different systems, selected Motorola and is working on a quote for third quarter purchase; Town Council in June approved the purchase of Motorola radios for CRPD

### PRESERVE OUR COMMUNITY CHARACTER

- **Continue improvements at Cantril School**  
Renovations are underway to add restrooms, an ADA lift and a check-in area, and to renovate the kitchen; planning is also in progress to upsize the building’s electrical supply and to make other improvements to the ’50s/’60s addition
- **Double funding for the Council Community Grant program for community-based projects by nonprofit organizations**  
Funding was increased to \$4,000 per quarter beginning in third quarter 2023; this increased funding level has continued into 2024



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### ENHANCE OUR ROADS

- **Obtain final approvals from CDOT and FHWA and begin construction on our top infrastructure priority, a new interchange on Interstate 25 at Crystal Valley Parkway**  
Package 1, on the east side of Interstate 25, is under construction and progressing on schedule — concrete for the east half of the roundabout is expected to be placed in July; the notice to proceed has been issued for Package 2, which includes the interchange itself
- **Complete a scaled-back annual Pavement Maintenance Program, focused in 2024 on western Castle Rock**  
Progress is continuing on schedule
- **Complete construction of the “Four Corners” intersection improvements**  
This project continues, with work mainly focused on the northwest and southwest quadrants; completion is still on track for this year
- **Begin improvements to Crowfoot Valley Road east of Knobcone Drive**  
Staff is continuing to make progress toward this project; schedule adjustment may be needed due to scope of work received by CORE to relocate their electric infrastructure
- **Union Pacific completes construction and Town staff works with authorities to finalize Downtown railroad quiet zone**  
Union Pacific should complete its construction in early July; then, notifications and approvals will have to occur for implementation of the quiet zone
- **Acquire the right of way needed for the future widening of Fifth Street and Wolfensberger Road**  
Appraisal and survey for property acquisitions are underway, with acquisitions expected to continue through summer
- **Update the Town’s Transportation Master Plan**  
Work continues on this item, which is expected to be completed in 2024
- **Add a signs and maintenance position**  
This position has been filled

### SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- **Fulfill existing economic incentive agreements and maintain capacity for new agreements**  
Staff continues to monitor existing economic incentive agreements while forecasting funds available for new opportunities

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### SECURE OUR 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:

- **Expand the Plum Creek Water Purification Facility**  
Awarded Work Packages 1 and 2, finalizing major equipment orders; designing final work package and reviewing equipment submittals; contractor Garney to mobilize for initial construction work in October
- **Upgrade piping and pumping and control system equipment for Downtown Castle Rock**  
Town Council approved the design of the Front Street connection to Downtown in May; completion of the design is expected by year end, with construction planned in 2025
- **Acquire additional water rights**  
Completed purchase of remaining Meadow Ditch water rights
- **Complete McMurdo Gulch stream stabilization and storm sewer rehabilitation projects**  
Design of the McMurdo Gulch Priority 3 project is complete, with bidding expected in July or August, for Town Council approval in October and construction in late fall/winter; construction of East Plum Creek Reach 6 is complete; point repair on storm sewer in The Meadows is in the planning stages
- **Continue purchase of Chatfield Reservoir storage and design of Chatfield pump back infrastructure**  
Council approved the purchase of 129 acre-feet of storage space in May, and closing is underway; preliminary design of the Chatfield Pump Back project continues
- **Complete water and sewer line rehabilitation in parts of the Young American area, along with an upsizing of the Plum Creek gravity sewer (interceptor)**  
Town Council awarded the sewer line rehabilitation contract to Inliner Solutions on July 2, with construction expected to start in August; water line rehabilitation has been rescheduled for 2025 to 2027; the Plum Creek Interceptor has been put on hold for several years, pending capacity needs
- **Install infrastructure within the Cherry Creek Basin and for the WISE project**  
Design of Cherry Creek Basin infrastructure is complete — construction bidding is on hold pending other priorities; WISE Parker midsection pipeline construction is complete; WISE Denver International Airport connection construction is underway
- **Add an instrumentation and controls superintendent (SCADA) position and a landscape designer**  
Hiring for the SCADA position is ongoing; the landscape designer position has been put on hold to save operating costs
- **Continue to implement advanced metering infrastructure**  
Software systems have all been installed and tested — advanced metering capabilities are now available for more than 50% of customers, including all of Cobblestone Ranch and Bell Mountain Ranch; Castle Rock Water will begin reading these meters remotely for the August or September billing cycle



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### MAINTAIN STRONG PARKS AND RECREATION

- **Complete construction on Mitchell Gulch and Emerald parks**  
Mitchell Gulch Park construction is complete; Emerald Park completion is scheduled for September
- **Complete repairs to the slide tower at the Recreation Center**  
The slide tower is complete, and the slides are expected to be fully operational by mid-July
- **If approved, make a \$10 million down payment on a new sports development center for the community**  
Construction documents for this potential facility are 30% complete; Town Council is tentatively scheduled to discuss the project's financing and related agreements on Aug. 20
- **Acquire Lost Canyon Ranch as open space**  
The Town closed on this property in April, and a celebration among the purchasing partners was held in June
- **Update the pool, flooring and toddler area at the MAC and the HVAC system at the Recreation Center**  
The flooring and toddler area improvements at the MAC have been deferred to accommodate updates to the pool there; HVAC updates at the Rec Center are now planned for 2028
- **Add a Parks Maintenance position using proceeds from the voter-approved lodging tax**  
This position has been filled
- **Fund new golf carts and maintenance equipment and clubhouse upgrades at Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course**  
Complete





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### MANAGE TOWN FINANCES CONSERVATIVELY

- **Study and present to Council recommendations for ensuring the Town’s fiscal sustainability — particularly with regard to public safety, roads and open space**

A potential fall 2024 ballot item to ask voters to approve a 0.2% sales tax increase has been presented to Council, with the final decision whether to proceed with an election occurring in August

- **Closely monitor the Town’s sales tax revenue relative to what is budgeted and adjust expenditures as may be required**

Staff continues to monitor sales tax monthly, which is tracking slightly above the budgeted 3% increase over 2023 year to date; staff will recommend adjustments as necessary as this trend merits

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

Staff is finalizing the 2023 audit and related information, including the TABOR calculation

- **To ensure maximum efficiency and accuracy of financial information, acquire new financial management software**

Staff is continuing preliminary discussions in this process and anticipates working with a Government Finance Officers Association consultant beginning in 2025 to prepare for this implementation