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RE: Draft Mt Crested Butte Town Master Plan
Town of Crested Butte Referral Comments

Dear Mayor Kempin,

The Town of Crested Butte (Town) appreciates Mt Crested Butte providing the opportunity for the Town to comment on the draft Mt Crested Butte Master Plan. We applaud you and your staff's efforts to capture your community's vision and core values. Together these will help you guide the future of the community and make the more difficult community decisions going forward. Further, we appreciate Town Council's direction to staff to recalibrate and refine the first draft of the Master Plan to look more holistically at the entire community. Your staff's engagement efforts demonstrate the Council's commitment to hear from all aspects of the community and the region.

The Town of Crested Butte's comments below focus on the Master Plan's Action Plan outlined in Chapter 3. Specifically, our comments are related to the regional challenges facing all of Gunnison County: housing and transportation. Its only together that these challenges can be better managed.

Housing.

Goal 2 - *Increase affordable community housing and other land-efficient housing options to maintain a stable workforce, support year-round residents and families, and maintain a healthy balance of fulltime residents, part-time residents, and visitors within town.*

The Town of Crested Butte, shares Mt Crested Butte's concerns regarding housing security for the Valley and its work force. Your Goal #2, its associated policies, and recommended actions align with the Town of Crested Butte's strategic action plan documented in our recently published Community Compass. We applaud your Master Plan's recommendations to explore housing opportunities both within Mt Crested Butte and throughout the north valley. We understand and appreciate the challenge of looking for

housing opportunities with your own judgement. We are planning on doing the same internal discussion in the Town of Crested Butte with our Gentle Density and Infill Study. Similarly, we support the Master Plan's call for the development of a Regional Housing Strategy in (P.2.3.). We are stronger together when we work collaboratively to address the valley's most pressing challenges.

Transportation

Goal 6 - Enhance the multimodal transportation network - Improve mobility within town for all modes of travel and coordinate with regional partners to provide an enhanced multimodal transportation network that is convenient, reliable, intuitive, and efficient.

The Town of Crested Butte also shares Mt Crested Butte's goals of enhancing the Valley's multimodal transportation network. The Master Plan's 6th Goal, its associated policies, and recommended actions also align with the Town of Crested Butte's strategic action plan. Like Mt Crested Butte, the Town of Crested Butte is committed to exploring mobility for all travel modes both within Crested Butte and then separately, with our regional partners, throughout the north valley.

We have scheduled our internal Transportation Master Plan to start this winter. We hope to collaborate with Mt Crested Butte, Gunnison County, and the Crested Butte South Property Owners Association on a subsequent Integrated 3-mile Plan and Corridor Plan for Hwy 135 in the near future.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to participate with and comment on the draft Mt Crested Butte Master Plan. The Town looks forward to continuing to work with Mt Crested Butte as the regional projects identified in your Action Plan proceed.

Kind Regards,



Ian Billick, Mayor