

The Boulder Junction Town Road Improvement Project Summary

GOAL:

Develop a long-term road improvement plan to maintain, reconstruct where necessary, and guide the construction of new roads for the Town of Boulder Junction that is acceptable to the electorate.

BACKGROUND:

64 miles (71%) of the town's 93 total miles of roads have had little or no major reconstruction in recent history and are in need of repair.

Without a plan to properly reconstruct and maintain the town's roads, deterioration will continue and the costs of reconstruction will continue to rise.

MAJOR PROJECT STEPS:

1. Determine the investment level and type
2. Obtain approval by the electors to invest in the improvement of our roads
3. Develop road-by-road reconstruction plan to maximize the approved investment level

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

Grants and cost sharing by adjoining communities will be pursued to offset any approved investment level.

All bid documents will include the appropriate levels of engineering specifications to promote competition and cost effectiveness.

Proper drainage determines the longevity of any road surface making it a key driver in selecting the appropriate surface material for any given road.

Any road reconstruction plan needs to include an appropriate level of additional funding for long-term maintenance.

The final plan needs to include engineering and economic principles and practices that can be effectively and efficiently transferred from one administration to the next.

The top three key prioritization factors are occupancy, traffic level and road condition.

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