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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **City Awarded \$7M Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant**

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO – The City of Glenwood Springs is pleased to announce that it is the recipient of a \$7 million Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant. The U.S. Department of Transportation announced the \$1.5 billion grant funding cycle in April to fund key regional and local transportation projects across the nation.

“I strongly advocated to the Department of Transportation how important this infrastructure funding would be for Glenwood Springs, and I’m thrilled to announce it will be coming soon to help this important project,” **said Senator Cory Gardner**. “As Colorado continues to grow we need to ensure our infrastructure is prepared to handle it. Going forward, I will continue to work with my colleagues and the Administration to help address infrastructure needs across our state.”

Through this project, the City will in 2019 reconstruct South Midland Avenue, replace and upgrade the waterline that serves all South Glenwood Springs, and add broadband infrastructure. The South Midland Reconstruction Project improves access to emergency services, shopping and dining, and Sopris Elementary School for the approximately 3,400 residents of the City and County who use the road daily. Safety issues at residential and business access points will be addressed through improvements to several road intersections along Midland Avenue.

“South Midland is a critical road for many city and county residents. Thanks to this generous BUILD grant, South Midland will be entirely rebuilt. The newly reconstructed road will be safer for commuters driving to work, safer for families driving their children to school, and will also allow us to make important utility and pedestrian improvements,” **Mayor Michael Gamba** said.

The City of Glenwood Springs has budgeted and approved a \$1.2 million cash match for the project, which will begin in 2019. City residents approved the renewal of the A&I sales tax in 2016. Matching funds will be paid for by A&I sales tax revenue.

“I congratulate the City of Glenwood Springs on receiving a \$7 million Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation,” said **Congressman Scott Tipton**. “This competitive grant will help reconstruct South Midland Avenue and make myriad improvements to the infrastructure in the area. I look forward to seeing this investment improve safety, create jobs and support the local economy.”

The City of Glenwood Springs City Council would like to thank Rep. Scott Tipton and Sens. Cory Gardner and Michael Bennet for their support of this project.

On Thursday, the City also received notification of a \$151,750 grant from the Department of Local Affairs funding rock fall mitigation, which is one component part of the larger 2019 South Midland project.

#### **BUILD Transportation Grant Program**

The highly competitive \$1.5 billion BUILD grant program was designed to fund vital local and regional transportation projects throughout the United States. More information about the BUILD grant program is available at: [www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants](http://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants)