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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Glenwood Springs' Grand Avenue Bridge Relocation Presents Opportunity to Transform 6<sup>th</sup> Street as a Pedestrian Corridor**

#### **Comment Period on Draft Master Plan Open through Nov. 11**

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo. - The City of Glenwood Springs' master planning study of the 6<sup>th</sup> Street corridor has reached its first milestone, with the draft document available for public comment. The goal of the planning effort, which kicked off in January 2016, is to anticipate public improvements that the Grand Avenue Bridge project will set in motion such as streetscape improvements, bike facilities, public parking, and neighborhood gathering areas. Construction of a new Grand Avenue Bridge and improvements to the adjacent I-70 interchange will dramatically change the character of north Glenwood Springs and 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

Denver-based StudioINSITE and a team of consultants are facilitating the 6<sup>th</sup> Street planning effort that will help set the stage to refocus 6<sup>th</sup> Street as a pedestrian zone and an extension of 7<sup>th</sup> Street/downtown via the new and improved pedestrian bridge. The draft plan envisions retaining the original character of surrounding neighborhoods, while changing the auto-dominated character of east 6<sup>th</sup> Street. It outlines the vision for property owners and anticipated future development along the corridor, and if adopted, would ultimately require revisions to the zoning ordinance to accommodate land use and height recommendations. Regional activity centers are identified, and future pedestrian and vehicular connections among downtown, north Glenwood Springs, Two Rivers Park, and Meadows Shopping Center are envisioned through trails, bridges and bike lanes. The draft plan also makes recommendations regarding parking facilities, wayfinding, and engaging the river.

The draft plan enforces Glenwood Springs as an outdoor recreation destination, with scenic and nationally renowned regional trails through Glenwood Canyon and the Roaring Fork Valley. 6<sup>th</sup> Street will host safe bike facilities to connect the trail systems, and improve the Glenwood Canyon trailhead.

Gathering spaces that include amenities such as a performance stage, promenade for pop-up vendors, art walk, children's play area, and water feature were explored during a community forum for the project.

The draft master plan is out for public review and the final draft is expected to be finalized in January 2017. The plan can be found at [www.cogs.us/6thStreet](http://www.cogs.us/6thStreet). Following the completion of the draft, the Planning and Zoning Commission will make a recommendation to City Council regarding the plan's adoption in early 2017.

The City is accepting written comments through **November 11, 2016**. Please send your comments via email to [Gretchen.Ricehill@cogs.us](mailto:Gretchen.Ricehill@cogs.us) or US Mail to:

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