

## 5/29/25 Woody Creek Caucus Minutes

### Attendees:

Allen Jones

Marty Shlumberger

Ellen Anderson

Amber Kurkowski

Robert Oxenberg

Peg O'Brien

Chris Baroody, Project Engineer, Pitkin County

Chris Baroody, Pitkin County Engineer came to speak to us about the pending work on Lower River Road this summer:

- 7/7/25 is the official starting date of the project. 9/24/25 is the official ending date. The work will be done by Frontier Paving
- 25 new culverts will be placed under the road to control erosion
- The road lanes will be widened to 10 feet through the extent of the road from the intersection with Gerbaz to the intersection with Highway 82 at the old Conoco
- ADA compliant curb ramps will be installed at all the Rio Grande trail crossings
- Several utility poles will be moved and 12 overhanging trees will be removed
- The road will be raised by 1.2 feet in front of Phillips trailer park in the area of its RFTA bus stop. It is cost prohibitive for the county to straighten any of the blind curves around Phillips. Mr. Baroody has had no communication with the BOCC about the road improvements planned for Lower River Road as they might impact decisions on the redevelopment of the Phillips. The decision to improve the road was made by the county's annual survey of the conditions of its roads.
- Mr. Baroody will forward a full schedule in the next couple of weeks but the initial plan is that traffic on Lower River Road will be one way alternating during at various spots during the initial culvert work and that during the repaving it will be closed for up to a mile at a stretch for short periods, at any one point for up to fifteen minutes. The repaving he expected to go fairly quickly. Additionally two portions of the road, one near the turn leading to the bridge to the old Conoco intersection, and the other near the intersection of the road and the Rio Grande Trail west of Phillips, will be rebuilt which will require closing thru traffic on the road completely for a number of days, so residents will need to plan to drive out in the non closed direction, depending on where they live.
- The county will place a road construction ahead sign at the interaction with highway 82 to discourage commuting traffic during the project.

Allen Jones, Moderator