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RE: Request to Authorize the Release of the Destination 2040 Funds to the City to Support the South Bridge Project

Dear Dan,

The City of Glenwood Springs requests the release of the four million dollars in Destination 2040 Funds to support right of way acquisition for the South Bridge project. The city believes that this project is critical to the safety of south Glenwood. Without the additional funding, the project is at risk of stalling and being ineligible for upcoming grants. It is anticipated that the entire four million dollars will be needed for right of way acquisition, however, the city will only invoice RFTA for the actual amount expended for right of way for the South Bridge project up to the four million dollar amount.

We anticipate that this funding would be needed by March of 2022. If RFTA provides the City with the four million dollars as requested, it will fulfill RFTA's Destination 2040 commitment to the South Bridge project. The city will commit to continuing to design for the grade separation of the rail corridor/ Rio Grande Trail, and should the project be funded, we will construct the pedestrian underpass as designed at no additional cost to RFTA. The following page contains a current rendering of the underpass as designed.

We look forward to continuing to work out the remaining details of the project. Please let me know if this request raises questions with yourself or the RFTA Board.

We appreciate the Board's consideration.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Godes
Mayor of Glenwood Springs

RFTA Trail Underpass