

# RAMP UP RIDGWAY!

PROJECT FACTS: *updated June 2015*

## What:

The Colorado Department of Transportation and the Town of Ridgway are partnering on a project to improve the Highway 62 corridor through Town, and the downtown Historic Business District. CDOT is contributing \$10.5 million through its RAMP\* program, with Ridgway pledging a \$2.0M match, secured in 2014 through bonds and taxes. (\**Responsible Acceleration of Maintenance & Partnerships*)

The project includes hard-surfacing streets, pedestrian sidewalk, storm drainage, decorative lighting, landscaping, and furnishings (benches, artwork, trash/recycle receptacles, low-level lighting elements). Highway 62 will have a center turn lane from Laura Street to the Uncompahgre River Bridge.

## Where:

Ridgway's Historic Business District north of Highway 62, and the Highway 62 corridor through the Town from Amelia Street to U.S. Highway 550.

## Timeline:

2014/2015: Project design commenced in 2014 with 3 public meetings for local input, and the design is planned to be completed in summer 2015. Utility relocations, clearances and outreach are happening in 2015.

2016-2017: Construction is difficult to anticipate today but is currently planned to begin mid-March 2016 and continue through June 2017.

## Community Support (Why are we doing this?):

In 2005 the Ridgway community passed a 0.6% sales tax increase with an eye on downtown improvements. In 2006, the Town developed a plan that would enhance the downtown streetscape and pedestrian experience while preserving the local character, creating outdoor spaces, and improving circulation and parking. The Town's 2011 Land Use Plan identifies downtown investment as a priority for the community. In April 2014 the community approved a ballot question allowing the sale of municipal bonds and increasing property taxes. This question passed with 76% voting in favor.

## 2016 Downtown Investments



