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**From:** [dennis van valkenburgh](#)  
**To:** [Council Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Auto Traffic Downtown  
**Date:** Saturday, March 9, 2024 1:25:27 PM

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Dear City Council, I'm Dennis Van Valkenburgh, 811 Illinois St., with a question about traffic in my neighborhood. Several times a day I walk my dog on 8th Street and have the same experience, namely watching your 20 MPH speed limit signs as cars breeze past at speeds between 40-60. It is hard to miss the 20 MPH signs as a driver and my request is that you either take them down or find an effective way to get people to actually drive 20 MPH. My preference would be that you accomplish the latter. Public safety is the first responsibility of government which begs the question, why not take that responsibility seriously?

Some of you may remember the meetings before approval of the Eddy Hotel and new apartment units where the city blithely accepted the developers traffic impact assesment to the effect that there would be no traffic impact on 8th Street. My guess is that we can all agree that it has not turned out that way. the good news is that speeding is an easy problem to correct. Modern towns control speed by designing streets so that there is no alternative to safe driving. Speed bumps, traffic circles and photo radar are easy, cheap and instantly effective. So, I would love to have one of you explain why you haven't taken steps to make 8th Street safe by using one of those simple fixes?

Golden is not a static town. We are a great destination for for tourists and shoppers and getting busier by the day. Speeding is an easy fix. Cars rushing downhill on Washington from both directions to downtown are just as easy to correct as my problem on 8th street.

When you have that together you can look at yourselves and decide who has the wherewithall to get cars off of Washington Street between 11th and 14th altogether. Well, that will probably take a new council. Keeping those of us who live here safe from speeding cars in the meantime is your job, please get busy and do it.

Thank you,  
Dennis Van Valkenburgh

**From:** [Bryan Kelly](#)  
**To:** [Anne Beierle](#)  
**Cc:** [Council Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Mines  
**Date:** Thursday, March 7, 2024 5:08:40 PM

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Hi Anne,

Thanks for the info, I will take a closer look.

I did find a good amount of additional info on Golden's website, regarding the IGA Golden's position on how Golden believes that our codes do apply. When reviewing that information, it does not appear that the IGA is working as intended and unfortunately, it is time to get into an unfortunate legal battle with The School of Mines to get this sorted out once and for all.

No reply needed and by the way, besides my very pleasant experience with yourself, I have heard several other people mention good things about you.

Thanks,

Bryan Kelly



On Thu, Mar 7, 2024 at 4:36 PM Anne Beierle <[ABeierle@cityofgolden.net](mailto:ABeierle@cityofgolden.net)> wrote:  
Bryan,

Thanks for your feedback. I am not familiar with the exact statute that creates the State Buildings Program, but I do know that it falls under the Office of the State Architect and that they have a nice summary of their role with state agencies and higher education here: <https://osa.colorado.gov/>.

Anne

Anne Beierle | Director  
City of Golden - Public Works  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Bryan Kelly  
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2024 7:32 AM

To: Council Comments <[CouncilComments@cityofgolden.net](mailto:CouncilComments@cityofgolden.net)>  
Subject: Mines

Hi All,

I wanted to thank everyone for how the Mines meeting was handled. I thought everyone did a great job in a difficult situation.

Could someone please point me in the direction of the specific law, that allows Mines to get around our building codes?

I sensed a lot of frustration at the meeting. To me, it did seem like Mines was acting in bad faith, by presenting a finished project at the last minute and by withholding information until the last minute.

I know exactly how that feels, because it feels the same as many project that the City of Golden presents to us citizens.

Thanks,

Bryan Kelly

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Council Comments](#); [Public Comments](#)  
**Subject:** 5 March - City Council Meeting - comment on proposed School of Mines 8000 student dormitory  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 5, 2024 2:58:25 PM

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Last night, at a community meeting, I learned details about the proposed many storied 800 student sophomore dormitory planned for the southwest corner of 19th and Illinois Streets. Local residents - with important reasons, which will be heard tonight - are disturbed by the location and height of the building.

As I looked at the map of the Colorado School of Mines' land for the building and its parking, I wondered about the design.

1 - Why locate the dormitory on the east most part of the large property - rather than to the west nearer 6th Avenue - away from the local community and the problems it poses for the residents?

2 - Has parking under dormitories been considered? Could the dormitory be divided into two or more buildings with parking underneath? Living in smaller residences would be more congenial to students than living in the only highrise in town.

3 - Is a decision based on the initial cost estimates of a student walkway - above or below ground - to the north side of 19th Street justified compared to the continuous traffic problems, environmental degradation of cars stopping and starting and the endless inconvenience to local persons caused by a crosswalk?

4 - Why not *fully* protect the natural habitat (*importantly*

*protected from heavy construction equipment*) along Illinois Street as a *broad* greenway that will buffer the sounds of the student activity, car noise and large scale dusty construction. It would maintain the sense of community on Illinois Street. It would also offer students a small 'wild' visual respite to the controlled environment of parking lots and buildings.

The School of Mines has the right - as a state institution - to go beyond the zoning of the city of Golden. But, originally communicating with the affected community about the project would have given the residents the opportunity for input before designs and decisions are made. It would have inserted a creative process and respect for human beings that I assume is part of the education that the School of Mines is trying to provide its students.

Had there been a line of communication between the School of Mines and those neighbors affected by a construction plan, perhaps this controversy - and potential costs incurred - would not have occurred.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Niemela, [REDACTED], 1051 Cottonwood Circle, Golden, CO

**From:** [Anne Beierle](#)  
**To:** [Matthew Bauer](#); [Council Comments](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Support for Lookout Mountain Gate  
**Date:** Saturday, March 2, 2024 12:17:00 PM

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Matthew,

Thank you for sending the email in support of Lookout Mountain Road night closures . I will share it with Jefferson County as they will be the final decision makers and to make sure they have your contact information for future communication. In addition, Council and Golden staff will continue to support Jefferson County in this effort and will work with them to move it forward as quickly as possible.

We do not have plans to add a gate to the entrance of the Beverly Heights Park, but we will discuss that internally to see if that is a project we want to pursue.

Anne

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**From:** Matthew Bauer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 2, 2024 11:01 AM  
**To:** Council Comments <[CouncilComments@cityofgolden.net](mailto:CouncilComments@cityofgolden.net)>  
**Subject:** Support for Lookout Mountain Gate

Good Morning,

Wanted to write you all this morning to express my support for the night closure to vehicles for Lookout Mountain Road. The excessive speeds, alcohol related trash, drug paraphernalia, and gun shots in the middle of the night has been all to frequent living on Lookout Mountain Road. I hope that the gate installation is speedy and look forward to these events becoming an exception and not the normal. I do have concerns about Beverly Heights Park's parking lot becoming a gathering spot for illegal activity as the trouble makers are turned around after the gates installation. We appreciate the excellent service that Golden PD consistently provides keeping our community safe but I was curious if an engineered solution has been considered, even if temporary, to keep those human resources free?

Thank you for all your efforts,  
-Matthew Bauer

**From:** [Anne Beierle](#)  
**To:** [Jessica Bauer](#); [Council Comments](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Support for evening Closure of Lookout Mountain Rd  
**Date:** Saturday, March 2, 2024 9:45:25 AM

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Jessica,

Thank you for sending the email in support of Lookout Mountain Road night closures . I will share it with Jefferson County as they will be the final decision makers and to make sure they have your contact information for future communication. In addition, Council and Golden staff will continue to support Jefferson County in this effort and will work with them to move it forward as quickly as possible.

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**From:** Jessica Bauer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 2, 2024 9:10 AM  
**To:** Council Comments <[CouncilComments@cityofgolden.net](mailto:CouncilComments@cityofgolden.net)>; Lisa Vitry <[lvitry@cityofgolden.net](mailto:lvitry@cityofgolden.net)>; Paul Haseman <[PHaseman@cityofgolden.net](mailto:PHaseman@cityofgolden.net)>  
**Subject:** Support for evening Closure of Lookout Mountain Rd

Golden City Councilors,

I live on Lookout Mountain Rd right across the street from the Beverly Heights Park. We love our neighborhood and our home but have become increasingly concerned with the activity going on at night on Lookout Mountain.

It is our new normal to have cars and motorcycles speeding past our house going well over the 20mph speed limit, to hear the sound of gun shots, to see trash and drug paraphernalia being thrown out of cars onto the street and our front yards and to see overnight cars and campers in the Beverly Heights Park parking lot.

I know I am one of MANY neighbors here who would like to stress our support of the planned road closer for Lookout Mountain Rd between sunset and sunrise. I would also like to ask that you consider installing a gate at the entrance to the Beverly Heights Park.



Thank you for your time,

Jessica Bauer

**From:** [Anne Beierle](#)  
**To:** [Koshare Eagle](#); [Council Comments](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Support for nighttime closure of Lookout Mountain Rd; request for prevention plan for Beverly Heights Park parking lot  
**Date:** Saturday, March 2, 2024 9:39:07 AM

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Koshare,

Thank you for sending the in support of Lookout Mountain Road night closures . I will share it with Jefferson County as they will be the final decision makers and to make sure they have your contact information for future communication. In addition, Council and Golden staff will continue to support Jefferson County in this effort and will work with them to move it forward as quickly as possible.

We do not have plans to add a gate to the entrance of the Beverly Heights Park, but we will discuss that internally to see if that is a project we want to pursue.

Anne

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**From:** Koshare Eagle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 2, 2024 8:31 AM  
**To:** Council Comments <CouncilComments@cityofgolden.net>; Lisa Vitry <lvitry@cityofgolden.net>; Paul Haseman <PHaseman@cityofgolden.net>  
**Subject:** Support for nighttime closure of Lookout Mountain Rd; request for prevention plan for Beverly Heights Park parking lot

Hello Golden Councilors,

Please see attached letter of support for the proposed nighttime closure of Lookout Mountain Rd, with a request for an accompanying closure of Beverly Heights Park parking lot.

Thank you!

***Koshare***  
Koshare Eagle

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Golden City Council  
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March 2, 2024

Attn: District 1 Councilor Lisa Vitry [lvitry@cityofgolden.net](mailto:lvitry@cityofgolden.net)  
Ward 2 Councilor Paul Haseman [PHaseman@cityofgolden.net](mailto:PHaseman@cityofgolden.net)

**RE: Lookout Mountain Road proposed nighttime gate closure**

Dear Golden City Councilors,

JeffCo Open Space proposed a gate installation and nighttime closure of the park portion of Lookout Mountain Road. I am writing to you to express full support for this plan, and encourage you to work with Jefferson County officials to help this plan move from proposal to effectively implemented reality. If this could be completed in 2024, your citizens in the Beverly Heights neighborhood would be thrilled!

As you work with Jefferson County Open Space to plan for the traffic pattern change, **please consider adding a similarly timed gate to the entrance of the Beverly Heights Park parking lot.**

Golden Parks & Recreation regulations already state that parks are open 5am to 11pm. **Using a gate to enforce the closure at 11pm of the Beverly Heights Park parking lot** could substantially reduce the likely impacts to City of Golden resources once the road above is closed. Without a barrier to prevent nighttime access, the vandalism and illegal behavior currently impacting JeffCo Open Space is very likely to be transferred to City of Golden jurisdiction. The city is likely to spend money and city resources dealing with vandalism and frequent police response to problem behavior.

As residents of lower Lookout Mountain Road, we directly see and hear the intense level of nighttime activity on the road. While supporting the nighttime closure of the road above us, we don't want to see the vandalism and illicit behavior that currently impacts JeffCo Open Space to be transferred to City of Golden resources at the park and parking lot.

A small investment in a timed gate could prevent substantial future expenses to deal with vandalism and police response.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. You are welcome to contact me if you have any questions about this suggestion.

**Koshare Eagle**

Resident, Golden District 1 Ward 2

**From:** [Anne Beierle](#)  
**To:** [Lone Bryan](#); [Council Comments](#)  
**Cc:** [Joe Puhr](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Traffic on Illinois Street (between 19th and 24th)  
**Date:** Monday, February 26, 2024 2:33:11 PM

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Lone,

Thank you for reaching out with your request for traffic calming on Illinois. Council adopted an updated speed control manual in late 2023 and Joe Puhr, Golden's City Engineer, administers the program to identify, evaluate and prioritize traffic calming projects. I've copied Joe on this email and he will reach out with more information. Joe worked with residents on East Street to install speed humps (actually replace humps that had been removed during a paving project) and will walk you through the process.

Anne

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**From:** Lone Bryan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2024 2:02 PM  
**To:** Council Comments <[CouncilComments@cityofgolden.net](mailto:CouncilComments@cityofgolden.net)>  
**Subject:** Traffic on Illinois Street (between 19th and 24th)

Hello,

It is my opinion that the city of Golden needs to install a speed bump in front of Discovery park. This park is a very popular, high traffic park that attracts families with small children and people with pets from all over Golden. Also, Illinois street is a gateway to the bike path that runs along 6th avenue, and there is a ton of cycling activity on this stretch of the street. Despite the wide sidewalk, all cyclists who ride on Illinois do so in the street. There is a lot of activity going on at all times of the day requiring motorists to share the street with others.

I have lived on the corner of 23rd and Illinois streets in Golden since 2012, and since 2020 I have been working from my home, in a room with a large window facing Discovery Park. Regardless of the recent speed limit reduction on this street, Illinois has consistently fast motor vehicle traffic. There should be physical barriers to going so fast on this street, not just modified speed limits or "traffic calming" road design.

Recently there were some beautiful speed humps installed on East street, a road that has NO public parks. I would like to know what the community on the other side of the valley did to receive this investment in public safety, and what those of us living on Illinois street need to do to draw attention to the vehicle speeds in our neighborhood.

Thank you,  
Lone

**Lone Bryan**

[REDACTED]

2301 Illinois Street

**From:** [Rick Muriby](#)  
**To:** [Rick Buitron](#); [Council Comments](#)  
**Subject:** RE: downtown corner street musicians  
**Date:** Thursday, February 22, 2024 8:34:56 AM

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Hello Mr. Buitron,

Thank you for informing City staff and Council of your concerns. With regard to street musicians performing on public sidewalks, there is nothing inherently illegal about this activity. However, as you point out, if an individual has exceeded the City's allowable noise level with amplification or is blocking travel along the sidewalk, this could be a violation of City code. In such situations, please contact code enforcement at 303-980-7300 when the potential violation is occurring and the officers will investigate.

With regard to the larger policy questions you raise about street musicians, you may want to contact individual Councilors to discuss your thoughts and ideas on this matter. You can find their contact information at <https://www.cityofgolden.net/government/city-council/council-members-commentaries/>

Thank you,

[Rick Muriby](#)  
Community Development Director  
City of Golden  
303-384-8098

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**From:** Rick Buitron [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 21, 2024 12:19 PM  
**To:** Terry Sanchez <[tsanchez@cityofgolden.net](mailto:tsanchez@cityofgolden.net)>  
**Cc:** Marcus Williams <[MWilliams@cityofgolden.net](mailto:MWilliams@cityofgolden.net)>  
**Subject:** downtown corner street musicians

Hi All,

Hope the holidays treated you all good and winter does bring the downtown residents a break from the summer. Now that spring is around the corner I wanted to bring attention to the growing issues with street musicians performing on the street corners along Washington Ave. The issues are that more musicians are showing up everyday. Especially on the weekends from 10:00am till 7:00pm. They are getting louder bringing in more equipment to have recorded drum and base accompaniments - creating a bigger sound. Also multiple musicians are setting up. On Feb 1st on the north west corner of 12th and Washington the street corner ensemble included 6 musicians and an upright full sized bass totally blocking the sidewalk.

Golden had a couple warm days in Nov 16th - 19th. One day in particular there was a musician on 11th, 12th and 13th along Washington Ave all playing at the same time. My wife has an office in armory I have an office across from buffalo rose above the golden goods store. I was at her office while a musician was playing and music echo's up from the street and because her office is facing Washington Ave - it wouldn't be possible to have the window open and conduct a teams meeting. She is paying \$1,800.00 a month for that office space. I have similar issues in my office space. I also have an mp3 file of a musician on the south/east corner of Washington and 12th that clearly demonstrates what we downtown residents are dealing with. I want to bring attention to volume and proximity of the speaker to corner where pedestrians have the music in their ears - also he's blocking the entrance to access the ADA street crossing. If I had a child waiting to cross the street in front of the amp - its very loud for their developing ears.

I'm pretty sure most of the musicians are using the power from the outlets on the street corners. If someone gets injured because of an electrical malfunction in the rain - the city of golden may be vulnerable to legal action. This could be one avenue to use to restrict a good portion by locking those outlets.

But there needs to be a comprehensive policy or an amendment to the current sound ordinance that includes the street musicians. I have some ideas, but would like to hear your suggestions and feedback. With your insight could we lay down a roadmap to navigate the city of golden to bring attention and change to this issue - I'm not sure what other departments or if this is a city council issue. I understand Patty Evans is the new city councilor for district 2. From her intro statement she seems to have the city residents in mind. I appreciate your time to help with this situation.

Thanks

Ric



**From:** [Anne Beierle](#)  
**To:** [Jason Sitchler](#)  
**Cc:** [Council Comments](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Lookout Mountain Road Closure  
**Date:** Friday, February 16, 2024 10:11:16 AM

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Jason and family,

Thank you for sending an email in support of Lookout Mountain Road night closures . I will share it with Jefferson County as they will be the final decision makers and to make sure they have your contact information for future communication. In addition, Council and Golden staff will continue to support Jefferson County in this effort and will work with them to move it forward as quickly as possible.

We have recently learned that the project will be discussed and the Jefferson County Commissioners meeting on February 27, 2024. You can find more about commissioner meetings and agendas at: <https://www.jeffco.us/2115/Meetings>

Anne

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**From:** Jason Sitchler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2024 9:55 AM  
**To:** tktharp@jeffco.us; akerr@jeffco.us; ldahlkem@jeffco.us; daten@co.jefferson.co.us; mbonnell@co.jefferson.co.us; thoby@co.jefferson.co.us; Scott Vargo <svargo@cityofgolden.net>; Lisa Vitry <lvitry@cityofgolden.net>; Marcus Williams <MWilliams@cityofgolden.net>; Anne Beierle <ABeierle@cityofgolden.net>; Council Comments <CouncilComments@cityofgolden.net>  
**Subject:** Lookout Mountain Road Closure

Dear Lookout Mountain Road Stakeholders,

My name is Jason Sitchler. I am a resident in the Beverly Heights neighborhood. My family of four **strongly supports rapid action to close Lookout Mountain Road** as part of an effort to prevent crimes and/or park violations that occur daily on the mountain between sunset and sunrise. We perceive "rapid" as meaning **as soon as humanly possible**, even if that means using temporary measures before design and construction of more permanent means.

Our friends and neighbors hear and report gunshots weekly, sometimes while kids are playing outside. Our neighbors find damaged bullets in their yards and on top of their roofs. We find bullet casings along the road. Signs are shot directly in front of home, including obviously aimed toward houses and ricocheting. Our latest 911 call was at around 9pm last night for shots fired nearby.

**Someone is going to get hurt or killed** if swift action is not taken to address this issue, beginning with closing of the

road, and continuing with enforcement.

I know many if not all of you wish for this effort to close the road to proceed. **You have our full support. Please take swift action.**

Thank you,  
Jason Sitchler, Alexis Sitchler, two children

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Golden, CO 80401

**From:** [Anne Beierle](#)  
**To:** [Kitten](#)  
**Cc:** [Council Comments](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Closure of Lookout Mtn Rd  
**Date:** Friday, February 16, 2024 9:52:33 AM

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Steve,

Thank you for sending an email in support of Lookout Mountain Road night closures . I will share it with Jefferson County as they will be the final decision makers and to make sure they have your contact information for future communication. In addition, Council and Golden staff will continue to support Jefferson County in this effort and will work with them to move it forward as quickly as possible.

Anne

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**From:** Kitten [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 14, 2024 1:01 PM  
**To:** tktharp@jeffco.us; akerr@jeffco.us; ldahlkem@jeffco.us; daten@co.jefferson.co.us; mbonnell@co.jefferson.co.us; thoby@co.jefferson.co.us; Scott Vargo <svargo@cityofgolden.net>; Lisa Vitry <lvitry@cityofgolden.net>; Marcus Williams <MWilliams@cityofgolden.net>; Anne Beierle <ABeierle@cityofgolden.net>; Council Comments <CouncilComments@cityofgolden.net>  
**Subject:** Proposed Closure of Lookout Mtn Rd

Dear Commissioners and Council Members,  
February 14, 2024

We are writing to you in support of the proposed pm road closure of Lariat Loop Road, **the sooner the better**. We have attended both community meetings and voiced our support.

We have been living on Bonvue Drive in the Beverly Heights neighborhood for over 30 years and have a front row seat to Lookout Mountain Road. Each year the traffic has become worse and worse, becoming completely intolerable.

On weekends the traffic is bumper to bumper and continues through most of the night. The gangs of screaming crotch rockets, rumbling/roaring Harleys, race cars with modified back firing devices, and screams/blaring audio systems out car windows, are deafening and nerve wracking. We have not been able to keep our windows open in the evenings for years and even with them closed we often can't have a conversation in our living room without frequent interruption. We no longer invite friends over on the weekends because there is so much noise from the street we can't hear ourselves talk. We have had to put subtitles on our TV because

of the constant noise interruption.

We used to be startled and alarmed when we heard gun shots at night. Now we just say: "Did you hear that? Was it a backfiring car or a gun shot? Do you think it was close? Shall we go down to the basement?" We have given up calling 911 because the problems happen so frequently. We see/hear the Police and Sheriffs' cars racing up the hill and appreciate their efforts, but what a waste of limited funds, time, and efforts! We, and all our neighbors are sooo tired of it all!

It is really sad that our increasingly frequent conversation over these years has been about selling and leaving our lovely home and friendly neighborhood of over 30 years, just to get away from this imported noise and tumult.

This modest proposal of just closing Lookout Mountain Road at night brings us a welcome prospect of at least some relief at night. It doesn't solve the problem of all the racing later in the day and early evenings and weekends, but it is a start.

We trust you can join in support for this proposal and, again, **the sooner the better**. It would be such a relief to get it done by this summer. Please respond via email if you have any questions or desire additional information.

Steve Grabowski

Katherine Sheridan

2141 Bonvue Drive

Golden, CO 80401

**From:** [Carly Lorentz](#)  
**To:** [Elizabeth & Mitchell Battilla](#); [Council Comments](#); [Public Comments](#); [Laura Weinberg](#); [Scott Vargo](#)  
**Subject:** RE: RFID data and grossly inaccurate tube counts please correct or retract  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 14, 2024 4:01:34 PM

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Hi,

We understand your concern and certainly do not feel like the data is complete. Every time we have listed some of the stats from the RFID since October we have explained the large gaps in data and the need for better data. Last night's focus was not on the data point so there wasn't the same amount of disclaimers issued but we understand your point. We will be careful with how we share/use that data moving forward.

As we all know, this is a very complicated issue and everything requires a lot of explaining especially data.

## Carly Lorentz

Deputy City Manager | City of Golden  
(pronouns: She/Her/Hers) [What's This?](#)  
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**From:** Elizabeth & Mitchell Battilla [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 14, 2024 11:10 AM  
**To:** Council Comments <CouncilComments@cityofgolden.net>; Public Comments <publiccomment@cityofgolden.net>; Laura Weinberg <lweinberg@cityofgolden.net>; Carly Lorentz <clorentz@cityofgolden.net>; Scott Vargo <svargo@cityofgolden.net>  
**Subject:** RFID data and grossly inaccurate tube counts please correct or retract

Dear Council, Laura, Carly, and Scott,

Please publish the following email.

Mitch and I are very concerned and upset about the reported RFID data publicized last night at the meeting stating that 83% of tubers went through an outfitter and only 17% brought their own tube. We have had a few conversations voicing our concerns to the city and members of council and the city also shared concerns as well about the many problems encountered with sensor stickers repeatedly falling off tubes last year. Additionally, many many public tubers were getting missed as not all of them park in the one lot where stickers were being handed out. There was no one distributing stickers along the path, in all the other parking lots, at the most-used put-ins, or at the Gateway Trailhead. Weekly, last summer, Mitch talked with a creek ambassador as they walked by our business, and multiple times they shared that they were "out of stickers" so many folks were missed in the counts on those days as well. Outfitters were required to sticker tubes and resticker them if they fell off (which happened often) per our permits so we were very diligent about being sure every tube had one. The public was not held to this level of compliance, further skewing the

data.

If you eyeball the creek on any busy weekend, visibly at least half of the tubes going down are people that brought their own tube. Moreover, this data collected in 2021 supports this estimate.

In the Clear Creek Management Strategies report released in 2021, data on the % of tubers who rented vs. brought their own tube was published as follows:

46% of tubers rented from a Golden rental company

43% of tubers supplied their own tube

5.3% of tubers bought a tube in Golden (so also part of bring their own tube)

5.8% did not specify rented or brought their own tube

From this data in 2021, there were only 46% of tubers who rented and 48.3% total who brought their own tubes. As outfitters' daily tube rental limits were set in place according to 2021 numbers, then it stands to reason that the proportion of tubes rented vs. "bring your own" would show that there are even a greater percentage "bring their own" now as visitation increases yearly. The same number of people can rent from outfitters, but more people are coming, so they must be bringing their own tubes.

As we were leaving the meeting last night, we spoke with a local citizen who also spoke during public comment who said that they went tubing with their kids at least 15 times last year and did not receive a sticker for his tube any of those times.

We request that you amend all posted and published communications listing this statistic as it is grossly inaccurate.

We request that you clearly explain to the public why these numbers are not accurate and share your proactive plan for next year on how much more accurate data will be collected and replace this data. We also request to be included in planning for how public "bring your own tubers" trackers will be distributed and tracked so that this problem is not repeated this summer. Sharing this inaccurate data encourages the public to react and call for greater limits on tube rental companies, when this should not be the case as we are turning many customers away due to our limits and this just adds to public tubing numbers each summer (which should show in the data). Those public tuber numbers are much, much higher than reported...most likely more than half of tubers are public tubers at this point.

Thanks for your time and prompt consideration of our request to correct or retract this published data. We value our working relationship and this is why we are reaching out.

Best,

Beth and Mitch Battilla  
Adventure West

**From:** [Adam Bearup](#)  
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**Subject:** Lookout Mountain Road Closure  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 14, 2024 6:37:49 AM

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Dear County Commissioners

I am writing to you today in regards to the ongoing illicit activities occurring on Lookout Mountain Road (LMR). As a resident of the Beverley Heights Neighborhood here in Golden, I want to express my concern for what is becoming a chronic and increasingly dangerous situation for residents in our neighborhood and residents in the greater Golden community.

Gun fire from the LMR lookout is occurring multiple times a week now. This is disconcerting to say the least. Bullets are being found in our neighborhood on roof tops, in yards, on driveways, and in the streets. Neighbors are literally collecting baggies full of bullets as evidence, and would be happy to show you how this is a growing problem.

I speak for many other families in our neighborhood when I say, we do not feel safe in our homes at night. Imagine hearing and seeing gun fire regularly from your child's bedroom. Imagine this for yourself. Surely you would do something about it if you could. Therefore,

1. I am in favor of the closure of LMR at night and want the gates installed as soon as possible – waiting until next winter is not an acceptable timetable.
2. Gunshots are increasing and residents feel unsafe in their own homes.
3. I am comfortable reviewing the gate design online instead of having another meeting.

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*Here is an excerpt of our 911 calls log made in response to gun fire from LMR.*

*8/4/23 - called 911, 9 shots from look out, car racing down after shots. 3:10am*

*8/6/23 - called 911, four gunshots from Lookout Mountain Road 9:45 PM*

*8/18/23 - called 911, 6-4-1 gunshots from Lookout Mountain Road lookout, watched car drive down road, tracked it visually passed BV neighborhood described car progress down road to 911 operator hoping for police intercept. 2:27-2:35am*

*8/23/23 - called 911, 3-2 gunshots from lookout mountain road lookout. Dim lights at the lookout, like car head lights turned off, running lights still on. 2:47am*

*8/25/23 - called 911, 3 gun shots. Sounded close like cars on Lookout Mountain just above the neighborhood. see two vehicles now on lookout mountain Road. Red tail lights just below the M. 12:57am-1:03AM.*

*9/3/23 - 16 shots fired from lookout Mountain Road look out. Cars fleeing scene shortly after shots. 5 cars coming down the mountain. Called 911 to report. The incident. cars are racing down the mountain. 10:20pm*

*10/13/23*

*6 shots fired rapid succession. 2:30am*

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We hope that you will make the conscious choice to support our neighborhood and make Golden a safer

community by closing the road at night.

Best regards,

Adam Bearup



**From:** [Anne Beierle](#)  
**To:** [Chris Hawkes](#); [Katie Hawkes](#); [Wendy Prokosch](#)  
**Cc:** [Council Comments](#); [Marcus Williams](#)  
**Subject:** Lookout Mountain Road Nighttime Closures  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024 3:08:50 PM

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Chris, Katie, and Wendy,

Thank you for sending emails in support of Lookout Mountain Road night closures . I will share them with Jefferson County as they will be the final decision makers and to make sure they have your contact information for future communication. In addition, Council and Golden staff will continue to support Jefferson County in this effort and will work with them to move it forward as quickly as possible.

Anne

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**From:** [Chris Hawkes](#)  
**Subject:** Lookout Mountain Road Gates  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024 1:36:53 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to you to express my support for the proposed gates on Lookout Mountain road. We live in the Beverly Heights Neighborhood and can hear gunshots from people shooting above us every week in the summer and at least once a month in the winter. Our neighbors have found bullets in their yards and on their roofs. I am the father of small children. Being woken up to the sound of gunshots on a regular basis is not acceptable. Please support the gates to be installed as soon as possible.

I understand from the last meeting there is some planning on waiting to install the gates till next winter to not inconvenience users of the road. Summer is the time when gunshots are the most prevalent. Installing them in the summer will do the most good. Please help to keep our neighbors safe

Thank you,  
Chris Hawkes

**From:** [Katie Hawkes](#)  
**Subject:** Lookout Mountain Road Gate Timing  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024 1:35:29 PM

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Dear Commissioners, City Council Members, County Employees, and City Employees,

Thank you for your service to the Jefferson County and Golden communities. My name is Katie Hawkes and I am a resident of the Beverly Heights neighborhood in Golden. I am contacting you today to share my continued support for the proposed Lookout Mountain Road nighttime gate installation and to express urgency for installation timing.

Nighttime gunshots continue to take place and will only increase during the warmer months. Waiting until next winter is not an acceptable timetable.

I understand that community input is required to review the gate design. An online comment submission system - rather than an in-person meeting - would mitigate scheduling challenges while maintaining a timely installation schedule.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information. Thank you for your actions thus far on this issue, as nighttime closure will make a difference in community safety and quality of life.

With gratitude,  
Katie Hawkes

**From:** [Wendy Prokosch](#)  
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[Council Comments](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Nighttime Closure of Lookout Mountain Road  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024 12:54:25 PM

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Hello All,

I am writing to ask for the nighttime closure of Lookout Mountain Rd. I am a resident of Beverly Heights and I cannot stress enough how beneficial this would be for our neighborhood. Given it's proximity to Denver, I believe it has become a playground for unsavory activity. The noise coming off the mountain EVERY night is staggering. We hear vehicles with loud music speeding up the entire mountain when we are trying to sleep and are woken up to gunshots in the middle of the night. I have seen bullets on the side of the road, along with alcohol bottles, trash, and skid marks everywhere. I have had a man, who came down the mountain, running from the police go through my yard in the middle of the night after abandoning a stolen car.

I know there is talk about installing gates next winter. The biggest concern is having those bullets shot down into our neighborhood. The incidents accelerate during the summer months. Please consider installing the gates immediately. This neighborhood deserves better than having to wait to see how bad things will get.

Thank you for your consideration,

Wendy Prokosch  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Anne Beierle](#)  
**To:** [Lara Canham](#)  
**Cc:** [Council Comments](#); [Marcus Williams](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Lookout Mountain Road Closure  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024 8:06:25 AM

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Lara,

Thank you for sending an email in support of Lookout Mountain Road night closures . I will share it with Jefferson County as they will be the final decision makers and to make sure they have your contact information for future communication. In addition, Council and Golden staff will continue to support Jefferson County in this effort and will work with them to move it forward as quickly as possible.

Anne

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**From:** Lara Canham [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 12, 2024 4:48 PM  
**Subject:** Lookout Mountain Road Closure

To whom it may concern,

I'm a resident of Beverly Heights just below Lookout Mountain (at Smith Road and 19th/Lookout Mnt Road) and I'm writing because of my concern regarding the delayed installation of the proposed closure gate. Next winter is not soon enough for an installation!!

I understand that during summer traffic is highest, but that's also when we'll have the most volume of people causing vandalism, shooting guns and trashing the place. I hike with my dog during the spring, summer, and fall up Chimney Gulch to the Windy Saddle parking lot usually 2-3 days per week, and I often bring with me a trash bag to pick up broken glass, beer cans, fast food trash, etc in the parking lot. To be honest I'm really tired of picking up other people's trash in my own backyard, and I'm even more tired of hearing gun shots throughout the night and in the early morning. I should have a natural fear of mountain lions and wildlife on Lookout in the evening/early morning, not being shot by a gun!

Please consider installing the gates as soon as possible. Residents above and below the proposed closed region are in favor of this night time closure, and we'd rather it be done now.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

~Lara Canham

**From:** [debraecunningham@gmail.com](mailto:debraecunningham@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Council Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Clear Creek budget  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024 8:50:50 PM

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Golden City Counsel,

I was dismayed to see that the city is planning to spend \$500,000 to fix clear creek to reduce the number of entry points for tubers, widen the patch, remove the beach, etc.

I don't like this idea. I love going down to the creek to watch the tubers in the summer and see the excitement. I think there are enough fences and restrictions already and we don't need more. Half a million dollars could go towards something better like new bike paths. Don't spend money on this!!

Thank you,

Deb Cunningham



**From:** [ANTHONY KRISTIN DALLA](#)  
**To:** [Council Comments](#)  
**Subject:** LMR  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024 8:56:11 PM

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Hello,

My name is Kristin Dalla and I am in huge favor of installing a gate on LMR as soon possible. My husband and I, and our two daughters have been residents of Beverly Heights for 25 years. It is no longer acceptable to allow criminal activity to take place on that road at night.

That road is an integral part of our community. We are avid hikers and hike Chimney Gulch weekly. I bike LMR a lot during summer and my girls get with their friends and drive up near windy saddle AT NIGHT to hangout and listen to music.

Criminal activity is not only happening at night. I witnessed several people spray painting rocks on chimney gulch trail.

Now that Golden has a Marijuana dispensary it's only going to get worse.

Please do something sooner than later before someone gets killed. A gate at night is such a simple common sense solution.

Sincerely,  
Kristin Dalla

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone  
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**From:** [Bryan Kelly](#)  
**To:** [Council Comments](#)  
**Subject:** creek management  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2024 2:45:32 PM

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Hi All,

I would like to ask everyone on city council to take a minute and put yourselves in the shoes of the citizens of Golden.

How do you think it feels to the citizens of Golden, when there are 100+ comments against fences/gates, and no comments in support of fences/gates, and you all still move forward with the gates/fences?

I will tell you how it feels, it feels like the city council has already made the decision, it feels like citizens' feedback is not taken into consideration and it feels like the city council thinks that us citizens are not smart and that decisions need to be made for us. My understanding is that it is your job on city council to represent the citizens of Golden, which we can see is not happening in this case.

If the gates and fences really are a good idea, then the problem (yet again) is poor communication because it has not been properly explained to us citizens why it's a good idea, which is why there is no citizens support for the gates/fences. And it's not the citizens fault for just not getting it.

I'm tired of hearing about how poor the city is at communication, and how we have plans to improve communication, and how to date there has not been any improvements on communication. The first time that I heard a city council member mention how bad of a website Guiding Golden is...was 5 years ago. To date, I have personally heard 3 city council members mention how bad Guiding Golden is

I again ask you all to put yourself in the shoes of the citizens of Golden. The citizens of Golden have been told that communication is important and that the city is working on improving communications...but we haven't seen any improvements and we still have the same horrible Guiding Golden...5 years after the first city council member told me it is a horrible website. For the citizens of Golden, it does not look like communication is important. I know that we are finally getting a new Guiding Golden, but the timeline shows us citizens that improving Guiding Golden, and communications in general, is not important.

I'm not sure if you all have noticed, but the same people who were showing up to city council meetings, are not longer showing up...and the reason they are no longer showing up is because they have given up, which is a shame because with the amount of talent in Golden, we could really accomplish some amazing things...if you all on city council allowed us citizens to participate.

I know that all of this can be done and that the citizens can feel like their opinons matter and are taken into consideration, because Chief Harvey is already doing it.

Thanks,

Bryan Kelly

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [Erick Lord](#)  
**To:** [Council Comments](#)  
**Subject:** 2024 Creek Update Response  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024 2:40:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [2024 Creek Update Response.docx](#)

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Hi City & Council,

I hope the attached document provides an added perspective and helps to empower the council to have a more thoughtful and deliberate conversation around the City's proposed plan for 2024 Creek Management in tonight's Study Session.

I believe there is a significant gap in the public's awareness and understanding of what the city's plans are, specifics on how they will be executed, and opportunities for the public to weigh in on these, and would simply ask that the Council help ensure that the city further engage the community with more clarity and more meaningful dialog, prior to moving forward with any specific plans for 2024.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Erick Lord

Council & Staff,

As a response to the City's latest memo on creek management, Re: 2023 Creek Management Recap, I wanted to provide additional insights and questions that can help guide the conversation around some of the core topics being addressed by the City to help ensure a more well-rounded and informed conversation about the choices that have been presented.

I am hopeful this can provide an opportunity for further clarity and engagement for the community, and create additional pathways for feedback so the city can help better understand the communities feelings around Creek Management as a whole.

### **Calendar**

Based on the calendar being used, the city has had information about their plan for 2024 Creek Management since October, however the City did not hold a creek meeting until January. In this time the City proceeded with getting budget approval for items related to creek management.

This leads to the following questions:

- In determining what the appropriate creek budget should be, what public input was considered to determine if the substantive changes being proposed had widespread public support?
- If the city has information available in October, why wait until January to host the community for a discussion?
- With a budget already approved, was there any material opportunity for the community in the January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, to provide meaningful influence over the substantive changes being proposed to the creek corridor, such as adding gates & fencing, removing the beach, and widening the RV path?
- In the future can the calendar be adjusted to allow for public dialog prior to finalization of the budget for the following year?

### **Outreach**

While the city has demonstrated that it has utilized its social media platforms to announce the creek meetings, the city has not previously provided the same level of information to the public as they have provided to Council in this memo regarding their 2024 plans. Prior communications with the community have been incomplete or contradictory.

- The Guiding Golden Creek Management Page states "Add fencing and gates to 25 of the entrances", but the 2023 Creek Management Recap states, "About twenty-five different access points were identified with alternative solutions: fenced off (5), left as an access point year-round (10), and gated to limit access during summer (10)." How can the community assess this plan if it is unclear whether it's 15 or 25 closures?
- Prior to this memo, there was no document that stated the proposed gate closure schedule. In conversation with city staff at the meeting, it was stated that the different gate options would require different schedules, based on their ease of opening. This memo proposes a fixed schedule. If the ease of use of each gates, and the corresponding closure schedule has not been published, how would the community know the possible impacts?

- In this document, the City has multiple times over referred to the possibility of a reservation system, and that this future possibility is guiding some of the decision making that is being made today. Where can the public find out more about the city's plans for a reservation system, and how today's decisions support that?
- Has the city provided an opportunity for the public to weigh in on whether it's proposed reservation system has community support?

### **Complexity**

This is undoubtedly a complex situation with a high number of stakeholder groups, and a near infinite number of possible paths forward to address the challenges the City faces in managing the creek corridor and its use.

- If the City cannot explain it to the public, how is the public to be sure the City understands it themselves?
- When will the City share with the public its greater plans, and how this year's strategy aligns to that?
- When will the City provide visibility into what other options were considered and why they were deemed to not be viable.

### **RFID & Cameras**

In the April 2023 Study Session on the creek the city positioned with regard to the RFID solution, "Data we collect from Wristbands will be better than data we can collect elsewhere." It's clear the City has been able to collect data, however it is not clear that the integrity of the data or the usability of the data has exceed that of prior counting methods.

- Without trip data, what examples can be provided that demonstrate this data is more usable than previous years counts?
- The Council previously expressed skepticism on the reliability of outfitter data, but number of tubes rented is directly tied to the fees the city can collect. How is this data inferior to individual use data collected by RFID?
- Previously the city positioned RFID as a better option than cameras, but now is requesting funding to upgrade both. Why?

### **Why Gates?**

In different places in this document, different reasons are given for the same actions the city is planning to take, regarding gates. This makes the underlying reason the city is taking these actions not clear.

On page 3 the City states:

- "Limiting access points with hardened boundaries to reduce environmental damage and improve data collection during peak periods of creek usage"

But on Page 5 the City states:

- "This proposal comes from the community feedback to limit the number of tubers allowed per hour on Clear Creek, "

These are simply not the same reasons, and while it could certainly be positioned to have multiple benefits, without understanding the primary reason for these decisions, how can the community judge whether these are the most appropriate actions?

Thanks for taking the time to consider these additional perspectives, and please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Thanks

Erick Lord  
1918 Mount Zion Drive

**From:** [Becky Luna](#)  
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[Council Comments](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Lookout Mountain Road Closure  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 14, 2024 6:11:17 AM

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Good morning,

My name is Becky Luna and I live in the Beverly Heights neighborhood. I am writing to express my support for nighttime closures of LMR. My husband and I regularly hear gunshots during the night, particularly in the summer months. We have two young children and live adjacent to the open space. As such, we are very unsettled by the sound of gunshots so close by. The frequency of incidents appears to be increasing over time, as LMR becomes an increasingly popular destination (both day and night). We are grateful to live in this community and welcome the daytime visitors who are enjoying the beautiful outdoors. However, having cars speeding up and down the road after dark and shooting firearms presents a significant safety hazard to themselves and our community.

We are interested in anything the County and City can do to speed up the process of installing a gate to close LMR at night. My husband and I are both civil engineers and would be very comfortable reviewing the gate design on-line and providing feedback rather than having another community meeting.

Thank you for your time,  
Becky Luna  
1930 Mt Zion Dr  
[REDACTED]

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[Council Comments](#)  
**Cc:** [ICE](#)  
**Subject:** Lookout mountain closure  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024 5:43:58 PM

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Hi, we live on the base of lookout mountain and our home backs up to lookout mountain road. We have been trying to have the road closed for over five years and it looks as though we are getting closer to seeing that happen. We are very much in favor of having the gates built asap rather than late this year.

Gun shots are increasing, and we sometimes feel unsafe in our home. We are comfortable reviewing the gate design online, so as to speed up the road closure.

Thank you!!

Lael and Terri Martin  
2047 crestvue circle  
Golden 80401

Sent from my iPad



**From:** [Anne Beierle](#)  
**To:** [Sara Molden](#)  
**Cc:** [Marcus Williams](#); [Council Comments](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Lookout Mountain Road night time closure  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2024 1:06:46 PM

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Sara,

Thank you for sending an email in support of Lookout Mountain Road night closures . I will share it with Jefferson County as they will be the final decision makers and to make sure they have your contact information for future communication. In addition, Council and Golden staff will continue to support Jefferson County in this effort and will work with them to move it forward as quickly as possible.

Anne

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**From:** Sara Molden [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Lookout Mountain Road night time closure

Dear Stakeholders,

Thank you for your time and the effort you have put in to work on this problem.

I live at 2075 Foothills Road in Beverly Heights and I attended the meeting last week.

I want to make sure that everyone involved knows that residents in our neighborhood are **STRONGLY** in favor of the closure, but that waiting until next winter is really not acceptable.

Gunshots are becoming increasingly common and are absolutely terrifying and dangerous. I don't feel safe in my home or being in my driveway or yard. In addition, the danger from fires, especially in the summer, that could arise is also terrifying. It just feels terrible to us to wait until next winter.

I am totally comfortable reviewing the gate design online instead of having to schedule another meeting and delay the closure further. Anything we can do to expedite the closure is really important.

Thanks for your time and attention,

Sincerely,

Sara Molden

**From:** [Anne Beierle](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Marcus Williams](#); [Council Comments](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Installation of gates to close Lookout Mountain Road at night  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2024 2:35:12 PM

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Bud,

Thank you for sending an email in support of Lookout Mountain Road night closures . I will share it with Jefferson County as they will be the final decision makers and to make sure they have your contact information for future communication. In addition, Council and Golden staff will continue to support Jefferson County in this effort and will work with them to move it forward as quickly as possible.

On an unrelated note, we have made some progress with Mines regarding construction parking in the neighborhood. They have established construction parking in Mines Park that should be more convenient and keep contractors out of the neighborhood. We will keep an eye on it to make sure it doesn't start up again. Please let me know if you see anything so that we can respond.

Anne

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**Subject:** Installation of gates to close Lookout Mountain Road at night

Hello from Beverly Heights –

I'm writing to **request your approval and support for an accelerated implementation timetable for the proposed installation of gates that close Lookout Mountain Road** to vehicles at night.

Over the last year, multiple county departments and other local officials have done an excellent job of working together to develop an effective plan to address the increasing frequency and dangers posed by gunshots on Lookout, as well as the other issues with vandalism, drug use, etc.

During the recent community meetings that were led by Mary Ann Bonnell (who did a great job), it has been very clear that resident support for the plan is overwhelmingly positive – and that there is a growing sense of urgency to take action sooner than later.

We hear **more gunshots now than ever**, and **residents continue to find bullets in their yards**. Some people who live next to Lookout Mountain Road are afraid to sleep in their bedrooms at night because their windows face the mountain.

At the most recent meeting, we were told that the schedule for installation would be sometime next winter. The exact reasons were unclear, but it sounded like there was hesitation to implement the change during peak usage season.

Unfortunately, **peak road usage season is also peak shooting season** – and it seems critical to move quickly now that community feedback has been obtained.

We realize that there is work to be done with design and technology testing, but there are existing gates in Jeffco and elsewhere that can provide learnings and best practices. If technical resources are needed, we can help find people in the community with relevant expertise or enlist our colleagues at the School of Mines. Residents will be happy to review the design online instead of requiring another meeting.

Now that “the people have spoken”, we need our county officials to take action. With your approval and a mandate to implement the plan, we would like to see a **90-day timetable that results in installation by June 1**.

We appreciate and respect the process and progress made over the last year – but **are asking for your help in taking action to approve and complete the project**.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bud Rockhill  
Beverly Heights Resident