



Formal Request for a Joint Meeting on the 19th Street Corridor

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Dan,

Thank you for reaching out and sharing your concerns and suggestions for 19th Street improvements. I'd like to share the City's efforts to date and plans for 19th Street with you. I believe many of the current plans and projects address the concerns that you have raised.

Over the past 6–9 months, we've met with many Beverly Heights residents to discuss pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle traffic on 19th Street. These conversations have taken place in a variety of settings, including individual meetings, small group discussions organized with the help of Bud Rockhill, and formal meetings with organizations such as Cycle Golden. We've carefully considered the feedback shared, met with Mines staff and their engineers, and collaborated with our consulting traffic engineers to explore solutions.

Out of these conversations, the following physical changes have been implemented west of US 6:

- The city has removed the crosswalk on 19th west of Parfet Estates Drive
- The city has installed a raised crosswalk and flashing beacons on 19th east of Parfet Estates Drive
- Mines has installed a raised crosswalk on Moly Road south of 19th Street and a detached sidewalk between Moly Road and 19th Street. These improvements create a natural short route into and out of Mines Park that is intended to funnel students to the crosswalk.
- Mines has landscaped the buffer between 19th and the crosswalk to discourage cut through.
- Mines has removed and/or trimmed overgrown vegetation that impacts the line of sight from Tangent Drive to 19th Street.

The following operational changes have also been made by Mines to reduce vehicle and pedestrian traffic on 19th:

- The Ore Cart Silver line has increased stops and frequency in Mines Park to encourage students to use public transportation to get to campus.
- Students living at Mines Park with cars may only park them at Mines Park and are prohibited from parking on campus. This restriction has been implemented to reduce vehicle trips between Mines Park and Campus on 19th Street.

Additional projects still to be completed include:

- The remnant sidewalk at 19th and Moly will be removed during the first school break for Mines, weather dependent, on October 20th.

- The crosswalk on 19th at Smith Road is being monitored for use. It is not currently scheduled to be replaced with a raised crosswalk, but staff will make modifications based on use and resources.
- The city plans to lengthen the right turn queuing lane at the US 6 on ramp in 2026.

We have also been working with Mines on modifications east of US 6 as the new sophomore housing comes online. The current plans, developed by Mines and under review by staff, include:

- A HAWK signal (a pedestrian signal) at a raised crosswalk halfway between Elm and Illinois Streets on 19th.
- Elimination of the crosswalk at Elm with a physical barrier in the median to prevent crossing.
- Once the dorm is open, students living in the sophomore housing will park at the lot on 19th and be prohibited from parking on campus. The Ore Cart will have a stop at the new dorm.

City staff will be monitoring all the completed and planned improvements to see how they perform and making further changes or adjustments as needed. Mines is fully responsible for any planned or future modifications necessary east of US 6 because of the new dorm.

Staff agrees that the crosswalk at Elm Street causes traffic issues. While the parking lot located at the SW corner of US 6 and 19th Street continues to allow commuter parking, it is shifting to more residential parking and fewer commuters. Student parking has been reduced as part of the construction project or converted to contractor parking, so fewer students will be using that crosswalk this school year as we wait for the project to be completed. This won't solve the shortcomings of this crossing, but it will improve the overall flow of traffic.

In a related effort, we are requiring Mines to complete a comprehensive campus wide traffic study when the sophomore housing is complete. This study will be used as the basis of future changes not only on 19th Street but also for other streets near to or adjacent to campus.

We value community input and are committed to continuing conversations about 19th Street. At the same time, we also rely on the expertise of trained traffic engineers and transportation professionals to ensure that solutions are effective and safe. By combining resident feedback with technical expertise, we can make well-informed decisions that serve both the neighborhood and the broader Golden community. I am happy to discuss these completed and planned improvements with you and other residents further. Please share this information, and provide my contact information, with the group you met with a few weeks ago.

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