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Comments: I'm writing in support of the paved bike path from Dowd junction to Minturn. My family and I have lived in south Minturn for 16 years, as avid bikers we have biked the section of highway 24 or the adjacent dirt roads countless times. Unfortunately that means we have had our share of close encounters with vehicles on the twists and turns of highway 24 as it leads into town.. As our kids are not at independent ages I find even more value in the bike path. Highway 24 is not a safe place to ride with children, nor is the dirt road.

In addition to offering a safer alternative to cycling on highway 24, the paved bike path to Minturn would increase economic value for the town of Minturn. The paved bike path would allow cycling traffic from the main paved corridor to safely venture to Minturn for lunch or a coffee.

Lastly increased access to the outdoors is a major benefit for our communities physical and mental health. Offering a safe way for people to recreate is a win for the whole community.