

Boulder County commissioners award bids for subdivision roads rehab

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Boulder County commissioners on Tuesday approved bids totaling \$944,800 for resurfacing several of Niwot's and Gunbarrel's stretches of paved residential subdivision roads.

The roads to be rehabilitated include parts of Longview Drive in the Niwot area, work for which Denver-based Brannan Sand and Gravel Co. is to be paid \$121,033.80, and Clubhouse Road, Carter Trail and Idylwild Trail in the Gunbarrel area, work for which Asphalt Specialities Co. of Henderson is to be paid \$873,766.20.

Those are what the county officials call "community use" roads that give the general motoring public access to schools, churches, recreation areas and trailheads, and not just roads that primarily serve the unincorporated Boulder County homes alongside them.

The work will include some concrete sidewalk repairs and drainage improvements as well as resurfacing of the roadways themselves, said county Transportation Department director George Gerstle.

Gerstle told commissioners the stretches selected for attention in this year's community-use subdivision roads resurfacing program were chosen because of the volumes of traffic they're carrying, the amount of budget money available for the projects, and the decision that those roads' conditions should target them for rehabilitation now, before further deterioration of their pavement would make that even more expensive.

After Tuesday's meeting, Gerstle said that the resurfacing contracts are structured so that the work on any specific project can begin when the contractor has time this summer, but once started, work must happen continuously until it is completed.

Gerstle said residents are to be notified in advance of the work beginning, and will be assured of access during the work, although there will be times when construction delays will occur.

Commissioners Deb Gardner and Cindy Domenico approved the bid awards. Commissioner Elise Jones was absent from Tuesday morning's meeting.