



August 14, 2025

CDOT Mobility Section
4201 East Arkansas Avenue
Shumate Building
Denver, CO 80222

RE: Application to De-Designate Main Street as a Hazmat Route, Delta, Colorado

Dear CDOT,

Please accept the enclosed application as an official request to add an amendment to the previously submitted petition to de-designate Main Street as a Hazardous Materials Route within the City of Delta.

Background

Highway 50, a key connector along the western slope, is also Main Street for the City of Delta. This highway bisects our historic downtown, which is the heart and soul of our community. The City has attempted to address truck traffic on Main Street since at least 1947, and began discussing a through-traffic bypass in the 1970's. In 2008, City voters authorized bonding to allow the City to design and build an alternate truck route to address the significant impacts that truck traffic on Highway 50 creates which was completed in 2014.

Consideration of De-designation

In January 2025, Confluence Drive was officially designated as a Primary Hazardous Materials (Hazmat) Route. As part of the City's ongoing efforts to increase public safety on Delta's Main Street, the City is formally submitting this written request to permanently remove Main Street's designation as an official hazmat route. This request is based on several key considerations outlined below.

- **High Pedestrian and Local Traffic Volume**

Main Street serves as a central hub for local commerce, schools, community events, and pedestrian activity. The transport of hazardous materials through such a heavily populated area presents unacceptable risks to public safety. Traffic accidents on Main Street have had a larger impact on downtown

businesses and even emergency response due to the nature of Main Street. The chart below provides a snapshot of accidents that occurred from 1st Street to 12th Street.

Year	Total Accidents
2022	31
2023	26
2024	41

- **Proximity to Schools, Residences, and Businesses**

Numerous schools, homes, and small businesses line Main Street. A hazmat incident in this area could endanger lives, force evacuations, and severely disrupt the community.



Northbound Main Street, Delta, Colorado



Southbound Main Street, Delta, Colorado

- **Alternative Routes Are Available and More Appropriate**

Confluence Drive is designed to accommodate freight and hazardous materials, offering safer, less populated paths through industrial zones with better emergency response access. It also eliminates one at-grade rail crossing.

- **Environmental and Public Health Concerns**

The transport of hazardous materials on Main Street increases the risk of spills, leaks, or accidents, potentially affecting air quality, soil, and water sources in the heart of our community

As a primary point of contact, or for additional information or questions regarding this application, please contact Joe Gillman, Community Development Manager at 970-874-7909 or joe@cityofdeltanet.net.

Sincerely,

Elyse Ackerman-Casselberry

City Manager

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