



All I Want For Christmas Is A Downtown Public Restroom

New Year-Round 7th Street Restrooms Now Open Daily from 6am to 8pm

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-December 24, 2020-Yes, Virginia, there really is a downtown restroom now. It's been on the wish list for many individuals and organizations and in the works for the past several years, and now the new 7th Street Year-Round Public Restroom is officially open ahead of the Christmas holiday.

"This facility has been a missing element downtown and at the top of the list for improvements for some time," stated Project Manager Mike Beurskens. "While the restroom was the final component of the overall project, I know it will be the feature appreciated the most."

Located adjacent to the alley off 7th Street between Lincoln Avenue and Yampa Street near Eagle Scout Park, the secure and managed restrooms are open daily from 6am to 8pm. In addition, the sidewalk in front of the restrooms provides important ADA access as well as enhances drainage vital to the city's stormwater management plan.

A two-pitch butterfly-style roof line with a rather substantial overhang was integrated into the design to provide visual appeal. Multiple material types, steel cladding, board form concrete walls and glass blocks, were incorporated into the structure to define the building and break up sightlines.



The defining design element of the building is a creatively aligned steel post and rail façade, which also serves as a privacy screen for those entering and exiting the restroom. Exterior building lighting is provided via downcast LED sconce lighting fixtures.

"This amenity provided year-round heated, gender-neutral public restrooms near the core of the downtown area," continued Beurskens. "The new facility will be a huge benefit downtown and will also play a key role for several special events in this area."

The facility is part of the Butcherknife Creek Floodplain Improvements project that includes drainage and street scape improvements from Oak Street to the alley between Lincoln Ave and Yampa Street. The \$2.5M project was funded from \$1.61M in matching city funds and an \$800,000 DOLA and \$90,000 Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment's (CDPHE) Water Quality Improvement Fund grants.

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