

TOWN MANAGER REPORT - Jan. 16th TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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Meeting with Eagle County

As a quick follow up to the last report regarding a joint meeting with Eagle County Board of Commissioners, we are tentatively scheduling this for the regular Vail Town Council session on February 20th. The discussion will occur during the afternoon work session and will likely comprise the entirety of the afternoon. We will plan on scheduling accordingly.

There are six proposed topics for discussion:

- Transit
- Housing
- Environmental Sustainability
- Open Space
- Airport
- Trails

Mayors / Managers Meeting

The bi-monthly meeting is occurring on January 12th in Eagle. The USFS will host a facilitated discussion about the Forest Service land in Minturn. Stay tuned for details and outcomes, which will be verbally provided during the Town Council meeting.

I-70 Coalition Meeting

The annual meeting is occurring on January 11th in Silverthorne. Again, we will provide details and outcomes during the regular Town Council meeting, but the agenda is posted below for your information. The membership will be asked to take action on the 2018-19 work plan and conduct annual elections for officers. Commissioner Dan Gibbs is the Chair.

| I-70 Mountain Corridor Coalition Meeting | | |
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| 1:00 p.m. | 1. | Call to Order & Introductions – Dan Gibbs, Chair |
| 1:05 p.m. | 2. | Approval of the 10/12/17 meeting summary |
| 1:10 p.m. | 3. | Board of Directors Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CE update, Tim Mauck & Dan Gibbs • Approve 2018-2019 Work Plan • Transportation Funding Coalition |
| 1:25 p.m. | 4. | Annual Meeting Elections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection of Tier 1, 2 & 3 representatives to Board of Directors • Election of Chair & Vice Chair |
| 1:40 p.m. | 5. | I-70 Record of Decision: Refresher Steve Harelson, Region 1 Program Engineer, CDOT |
| 2:10 p.m. | 6. | I-70 Coalition Travel Demand Management (TDM) 2017 Review Margaret Bowes, I-70 Coalition |
| 2:35 p.m. | 7. | Colorado State Patrol Update, Capt. Rich Duran |
| 2:45 p.m. | 8. | CDOT Update: Patrick Chavez, Martha Miller, Steve Harelson |
| 3:05 p.m. | 9. | New Business |
| 3:10 p.m. | 10. | Public Comment (3 minutes per speaker) |
| 3:15 p.m. | 11. | Adjourn |
| | | NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018 1:00-3:00 p.m. Silverthorne Library |

DOLA grant for MMJ

The TOV is the recipient of Marijuana Impact Grant funds from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). The funding of \$106,208, awarded through the efforts of Kris Cureau and others within the Vail Police Department, will be used to combat Vail's marijuana-related crimes and impact within the community, particularly upon young people. News of the grant was received on January 8th.

Services in Denver for a fallen officer

Vail Police Officers Erika Moir and Casey Ipema attended the funeral services for Douglas County Sheriff's Deputy Zackari Parrish on January 5th. Deputy Parrish was shot and killed while responding to a domestic call on December 31st in Highlands Ranch. Of note, Vail Officer Casey Ipema had previously attended the Police Academy with Deputy Parrish. The service was attended by thousands, quite appropriately. Deputy Parrish was remembered as a model police officer.

Assistance to Grand County



After a month of planning, the Communication Center deployed our Mobile Communications Unit (MCU) to support the Grand County Sheriff's Office while they mitigate fire and smoke damage to their communications facility. With the help of the IT Department and Dispatch Supervisor James Hubbard, Grand County IT staff relocated their network and dispatch systems into the MCU, creating two working dispatch consoles so that they could continue to provide emergency services, 911 service and radio communications throughout Grand County. The construction work is expected to continue until January 17th.

For the Town of Vail, this is a valuable opportunity to test the MCU's ability to serve as a stand alone communications center, fielding emergency 911 calls and dispatch services for an extended period of time.

Firefighting in California

A crew from Vail Fire was deployed to California from December 21st through December 28th to support the efforts related to the Thomas Fire (Ventura County) and other significant fires in the region. The crew consisted of Engine Boss Paul Cada, Engine Boss Trainee Josh Hebrew, and Squad Boss Trainee Dustin Elliot. The crew was assigned as an initial attack resource to fill in for resources deployed on the Thomas Fire. Due to the relative low frequency of fire assignments in our area, these out-of-area fire assignments are an important means to provide Fire Department personnel with valuable experience and qualifications. The Town of Vail is reimbursed for all costs.

Sandstone Underpass

The Town has completed two traffic counts at the Sandstone Underpass since it opened in October 2017. The first count was conducted immediately following the opening and showed an average daily traffic volume of 3,000 vehicles using the underpass with a peak hour volume of ~300 vehicles. A second count was conducted between Christmas and New Years and the average daily traffic volume increased to 3,500 vehicles with a peak hour volume of ~350 vehicles.

Each vehicle trip that traveled through the Sandstone Underpass is a direct reduction in the number of vehicles that would have normally used the Vail Town Center or West Vail interchange underpasses. For comparison, the Vail Town Center underpass normally carries about 1,550 vehicles in a peak hour and the West Vail underpass normally carries about 1,200 vehicles in a peak hour. The 350 vehicles that went through the Sandstone Underpass represent approximately a 10%-15% capacity increase to both the Vail Town Center and West Vail underpasses. The 350 vehicles per hour also represent ~44%, or almost half, of the design volume that is projected to occur in year 2040.

Retreat



The Council retreat with staff on January 9th was successful and well attended. Thank you. The facilitated meeting gave us an opportunity to structure an agenda that had a nice mix of training, self assessment, and visioning. There is much more to come, but in the near future you can expect a summary of the many outcomes and a check-in on the prioritized action items to guide us over the next several months.

It will, of course, be instructive to meet with the County and with Vail Resorts prior to refinement of Council's Action Plan. These meetings are in play. We may also have the opportunity, as discussed, to use our community survey to assist us with any needed input as we endeavor to finalize the Council 2018-20 Action Plan.

Joint Meeting with Vail Resorts

The initial round of proposed dates for a joint retreat did not work. It has been suggested to look at off-Tuesdays which we have mentioned to the team over at Vail Resorts. March 13th and March 27th are both available. We should take some time to discuss these possible dates during the regular Council meeting.